

Kelli Maeshiro



Kelli Maeshiro's works are characterized as delicate and introspective, creating an inviting atmosphere that portrays themes of longing and ennui. She merges traditional and contemporary art-making techniques in forming images that examine how identity is constructed through migration and memory drawn from her experience as a Japan-born adoptee of an Okinawan-American family.

Maeshiro received her BA in Studio Art (Painting) from the Willamette University in Salem, Oregon, and completed artist residencies at the Vermont Studio Center (USA) and the Women's Studio Workshop (USA). In 2018, she received the George and Nobuko Azumano Award. Her works were featured in exhibitions at the National Museum of the Philippines, Hallie Ford Museum of Art, and the Honolulu Museum of Art. She lives and works in the cities of Manila and Honolulu.

EDUCATION

2011 B.A., Studio Art, Willamette University, Salem, Oregon

SOLO EXHIBITION

2024 Speak to me in a language I can hear – Drawing Room, Makati, Philippines
2023 oh my joy we're leaving tonight – West Gallery, Quezon City, Philippines
2022 tied to a night we never met, Blanc Gallery, Quezon City, Philippines
2022 One Heart for Thee, Art Fair Philippines Presentation – Monos Gallery, Manila, Philippines
2020 as we came close from far – Blanc Gallery, Quezon City, Philippines
2019 In the Rear View Mirror – Artery Art Space, Quezon City, Philippines
2019 Waving Goodbye to Me – Monos Gallery, Manila, Philippines
2018 Eternally up in the Air – West Gallery, Quezon City, Philippines
2017 As I wait for you – Vinyl on Vinyl Gallery, Makati, Philippines
2016 I don't know where to go, so I'm here – Vinyl on Vinyl Gallery, Makati, Philippines
2015 I wonder how you are – Vinyl on Vinyl Gallery, Makati, Philippines
2013 Onna – Art@Town, Honolulu, Hawaii, USA
2010 Mono no Aware – Willamette Art Gallery, Salem, Oregon, USA

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITION

2025 a fold in time, Monos Gallery, Manila

2024
Of Living Like You – Blanc Gallery, Manila, Philippines
equilibrium(s) – Monos Gallery, Makati, Philippines

2023
The Gallery – Samsung Performing Arts Theater, Makati, Philippines
metamorphosis: Art Amidst Change – Nexus Gallery, School of Design & the Arts, iAcademy, Makati, Philippines
Luwas – Curated by Eric Zamuco – Espasyo Art Pop-Up Gallery, Siargao, Philippines
Pale Blue Dot – Curated by Patrick De Veyra – White Walls Gallery, Makati City, Philippines
a world anew – Curated by Joyce Toh – S.E.A. Focus, Singapore, Singapore

2022
Visayas Art Fair – Monos Gallery, Cebu City, Philippines
Between a Rock and a Hard Place – Underground Gallery, Makati City, Philippines

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2021

Visayas Art Fair – Monos Gallery, Cebu City, Philippines
WSW Gala Benefit 2021 – Women's Studio Workshop, Kingston, New York, USA
Everything is Now Everything is Different – Artery Art Space, Quezon City, Philippines
All to the Present – Monos Gallery, Manila, Philippines
Three: curated by Leon Gallery, Caro Wilson, & Artery Art Space – Leon Gallery, Makati, Philippines
Art in the Park – Blanc Gallery & Artery Art Space Manila, Philippines

2020

Goodbye to all that – Monos Gallery, Manila, Philippines
Selected Works – Artery Art Space, Quezon City, Philippines
Superdomestic! – Asukal*Space, USA
WSW Gala Benefit 2020 – Women's Studio Workshop, Kingston, New York, USA
Week 6: Fidget – Stay Home Gallery, Paris, Tennessee, USA
Art in the Park, Monos Gallery, Manila, Philippines
Art Fair Philippines – Monos Gallery, Quezon City, Philippines
Ambient Traces – Artery Art Space, Quezon City, Philippines
The Art Show Reframed, ALT Philippines – Blanc Gallery, Taguig, Philippines

2019

Xavier Art Fest – Monos Gallery, San Juan City, Philippines
ManilArt – Blanc Gallery, Taguig, Philippines
Art Market – Clear Gallery Tokyo & The Art Form, Quezon City, Philippines
WXXX – West Gallery, Quezon City, Philippines
Art in the Garden – Juvenal Sanso, San Juan City, Philippines
Same Spot, Art Fair Philippines – Blanc Gallery, Quezon City, Philippines

2018

Cloud Control – Artery Art Space, Quezon City, Philippines
World Memory – Artery Art Space, Makati, Philippines
In Place – Blanc Gallery, Quezon City, Philippines
Art Fair Philippines – Vinyl on Vinyl Gallery, Quezon City, Philippines
Between A Puddle And The Ocean – Galerie Roberto, Alabang, Philippines

2017

Just Add Water – Monos Gallery, Manila, Philippines
Extreme Present – Monos Gallery, Manila, Philippines
Art Fair Philippines – Blanc Gallery, Quezon City, Philippines
Art Fair Philippines – Vinyl on Vinyl Gallery, Makati, Philippines

2016

Continuum – Ayala Museum Artist Space, Manila, Philippines
When Lens meets Brush – National Museum of the Philippines, Philippines
The Anniversary Show – Vinyl on Vinyl Gallery, Makati, Philippines
Kunstpostelle – Gedok Berlin, Berlin, Germany
Art in the Park – Vinyl on Vinyl Gallery, Makati, Philippines
Art Fair Philippines – Vinyl on Vinyl Gallery, Makati, Philippines

2015

Art in the Park – Blanc Gallery, Quezon City, Philippines Love Show – Gallery Big, Makati, Philippines

2014

Continuum – Ayala Museum Artist Space, Makati, Philippines Salon Mode – Kissaten, Honolulu, Hawaii, USA

2013

August Moon – Honolulu Museum of Art, Honolulu, Hawaii, USA

2011

RED – Kathryn Schultz Gallery, Cambridge, Massachusetts, USA
Art Show – Articulation, Boston, Massachusetts, USA
SOWA Open Studios – SOWA Artist Guild, Boston, Massachusetts, USA
The 2011 Art Show – Hallie Ford Museum of Art, Salem, Oregon, USA

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RESIDENCIES, AWARDS, & GRANTS

2024 MAWA Artist In Residency, Winnipeg, Canada
2020 Women's Studio Workshop – Art-in-Education Workspace Residency, Kingston, NY, USA
2018 Vermont Studio Center Residency, Johnson, Vermont, USA Vermont Studio Center Merit Award, Johnson, Vermont, USA
2010 George and Nobuko Azumano Award, Salem, Oregon, USA
2009 Carson Research Grant – Art, Willamette University, Salem, Oregon, USA

PUBLIC COLLECTIONS AND ACQUISITIONS

Ayala Lands Inc.
Solaire Resorts & Casino
Women's Studio Workshop

CURATORIAL

2024 SEAFOCUS MONOS Presentation – Co-Curator, Monos Gallery, Singapore
2022 (not within or beyond) – Curator, Monos Gallery, San Juan City, Philippines
2021 Points of Intersection – Co-Curator, Monos Gallery, Manila, Philippines
2019 NEOGEO – Curator, Monos Gallery, Manila, Philippines
2018 Future Present – Curator, Monos Gallery, Manila, Philippines Just Add Water – Co-Curator, Monos Gallery, Manila, Philippines

LECTURES/WORKSHOPS

2024
"Diaspora Artists: Responding to Subcultures" Moderated by Stephanie Frondoso – ALTPhilippines, Manila, Philippines February 25, 2024
"metaphormosis" Artist Talk – Nexus Gallery, School of Design and the Arts, iAcademy, Makati, Philippines

2020
"Papermaking - Installation" Workshop – Women's Studio Workshop, Kingston, NY, USA, January 28 - Feb 20, 2020
"Kelli Maeshiro, Artist Talk" – Women's Studio Workshop, Kingston, NY, USA, February 11, 2020

2019
"In the Rear View Mirror - Artist Talk" – Artery Art Space, Quezon City, Philippines, June 8, 2019

2018
"Kelli Maeshiro Works" – Vermont Studio Center, Johnson, VT, USA, June 5, 2018

2017
"Kelli Maeshiro - An Artist Talk" – Vinyl on Vinyl Gallery, Makati, Philippines, October 18, 2017

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