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SADAMASA MOTONAGA (Japanese, 1922 - 2011)

Sadamasa Motonaga was born in Ueno City, Japan in 1922. He graduated from the Mie Prefecture Ueno School of Commerce in 1938 and later was a founding member of the Gutai Art Association in 1955 and remained with the group until 1971. Motonaga was the recipient of several prizes, including, the Prize for Excellence at the 6th Contemporary Art Exhibition of Japan, 1964; Grand Prix from the Shincho Foundation and the Grand Prix at the 4th International Biennale Exhibition of Prints, Seoul, 1983; Medal of Chevalier of the Order of Arts and Letters, 1988; Osaka Art Prize, 1992; Kobe Shimbun Peace Prize, 1996; and the Culture Merit Award from the Mie Prefecture, 2002. He died in Kobe, Japan in 2011.

Selected solo exhibitions:

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| 2021 | <i>Sadamasa Motonaga</i> , Peder Lund, Oslo, Norway
<i>Sadamasa Motonaga & Natsuyuki Nakanishi: Counterpoints of the Japanese Avant-Garde</i> , Fergus McCaffrey, New York
<i>Sadamasa Motonaga</i> , Whitestone Gallery, Taipei, Taiwan |
| 2020 | <i>Sadamasa Motonaga: Amida Da Da Da</i> , Fergus McCaffrey, Tokyo |
| 2018 | <i>Sadamasa Motonaga Change/Continuity: New York 1966-67</i> , Fergus McCaffrey, New York |
| 2009 | <i>Motonaga Sadamasa</i> , Mie Prefectural Art Museum, Tsu, Japan |
| 2006 | <i>Motonaga Sadamasa</i> , Nerima Museum of Arts, Tokyo, Japan |
| 2005 | <i>Motonaga Sadamasa</i> , Nagano Prefectural Shinano Art Museum, Nagano, Japan |
| 2003 | <i>Motonaga Sadamasa</i> , Hiroshima City Museum of Contemporary Art, Hiroshima, Japan |
| 2002 | <i>Motonaga Sadamasa</i> , Otani Memorial Art Museum, Nishinomiya, Japan |
| 1991 | <i>Motonaga Sadamasa</i> , Mie Prefectural Art Museum, Tsu, Japan |
| 1985 | Hyogo Prefectural Museum of Modern Art, Kobe, Japan |
| 1981 | Sakura Gallery, Nagoya, Japan |
| 1977 | Asaki Gallery, Kyoto, Japan
Ginza Wako Gallery, Tokyo, Japan |
| 1963 | Tokyo Gallery, Tokyo, Japan |
| 1961 | Martha Jackson Gallery, New York
Tokyo Gallery, Tokyo, Japan |

Selected group exhibitions

- 2021 *UNIQLO Tate Play*, Tate Modern, London
- 2021 *The Sky as a Studio: Yves Klein and His Contemporaries*, Centre Pompidou-Metz, France
Gutai, Hyogo Prefectural Museum of Art, Kobe
STEPS AHEAD: Recent Acquisitions, Artizon Museum, Tokyo
- 2020 *Tokyo Gallery 70th Anniversary (Part 1)*, Tokyo Gallery, Tokyo
Tokyo Gallery 70th Anniversary (Part 2), Tokyo Gallery, Tokyo
Light Profoundness: The Worldlet of East Asian Artists, Hive Center for Contemporary Art, Beijing
- 2018 *Modern Art Revisited: From the Collection of Fukuoka Art Museum*, Hiroshima MOCA, Japan
Primal Water, Bellagio Gallery of Fine Art, Las Vegas, Nevada
- 2018 *Gutai: L'Espace et Le Temps*, Musee Soulages, Rodez, France
- 2017 *Postwar: Art Between the Pacific and the Atlantic, 1945-1965*, Haus der Kunst, Munich, Germany
The Creative Act: Performance, Process, Presence, Minaret Al Saadiyat, Abu Dhabi, UAE
GUTAI - Our Spirit is FREE, AKI Gallery, Taipei, Taiwan
- 2015 *Between Action and the Unknown: The Art of Kazuo Shiraga and Sadamasa Motonaga*, Dallas Museum of Art, Texas
- 2012 *Gutai: The Spirit of an Era*, National Art Center, Tokyo, Japan
Explosion! Painting as Action, Moderna Museet, Stockholm, Sweden
- 2010 *Gutai: dipingere con il tempo e lo spazio*, Museo Cantonale d'Arte, Lugano, Switzerland
- 2009 *La Biennale di Venezia, 53a Esposizione Internazionale d'Arte*, Fare Mondi, Venice, Italy
"Under Each Other's Spell": Gutai and New York, Pollock-Krasner House and Study Center, New York NY (Travelling Exhibition)
- 2007 *Motonaga Sadamasa and Nakatsuji Etsuko: The World of Picture Books*, Itami City Museum of Art, Itami, Japan
- 2006 *Zero. Internationale Künstler-Avantgarde der 50er/60er Jahre*, Museum Kunst Palast, Düsseldorf, Germany (Travelling Exhibition)
- 2004 *GUTAI 1954-1972*, Hyogo Prefectural Museum of Modern Art, Kobe, Japan

- 2002 *Artists of Gutai Art Association*, Miyagi Museum of Art, Sendai, Japan
- 2001 *Le Tribù dell'Arte*, Galleria Civica d'Arte Moderna e Contemporanea, Rome, Italy
- 1999 *Gutai*, Galerie nationale du Jeu de Paume, Paris, France
- 1997 *Torino Parigi New York Osaka. Tapié. Un Art Autre*, Galleria Civica d'Arte Moderna e Contemporanea di Torino, Turin, Italy (Travelling Exhibition)
- 1994 *Japanese Art After 1945: Scream Against the Sky*, Guggenheim Museum, New York NY (Travelling Exhibition)
- 1993 *Gutai II: 1959-1965*, Ashiya City Museum of Art & History, Ashiya, Japan
Gutai III: 1965-1972, Ashiya City Museum of Art & History, Ashiya, Japan
La Biennale di Venezia, 45a Esposizione Internazionale d'Arte, Passagio ad Oriente, Venice, Italy
Challenge of Art After the War: Jiro Yoshihara and the Gutai Group, Ehime Museum of Art, Matsuyama, Japan
Gutai 1955/56: Restarting Point for Japanese Contemporary Art, Penrose Institute of Contemporary Arts, Tokyo, Japan (Travelling Exhibition)
- 1992 *Artists of Gutai Art Association*, Miyagi Museum of Art, Sendai, Japan
Gutai I: 1954-1958, Ashiya City Museum of Art & History, Ashiya, Japan
Outdoor Exhibition Revisited, Ashiya Park, Ashiya, Japan
- 1991 *Gutai Japanische Avantgarde 1954-1965*, Institut Mathildenhöhe, Darmstadt, Germany
Adventurers of Paintings "Gutai", Fukuoka Art Museum, Fukuoka, Japan
- 1990 *Gutai: The Avant-Garde Group Unfinished*, Shoto Museum of Art, Tokyo, Japan
Giappone all'avanguardia. Il Gruppo Gutai negli anni Cinquanta, Galleria Nazionale d'Arte Moderna, Rome, Italy
- 1986 *Japon des Avant-Gardes 1910-1970*, Centre Pompidou, Paris, France
- 1985 *Jiro Yoshihara and Gutai*, Ashiya Civic Center, Ashiya, Japan
Action and Emotion, Paintings of the '50s, Informel, Gutai, Cobra, National Museum of Art, Osaka, Japan
Grupo Gutai: Pintura y Acción, Museo Español de Arte Contemporáneo, Madrid, Spain (Travelling Exhibition)
- 1984 *Series of Kansai Artists: Motonaga Sadamasa and Shiraga Kazuo*, Museum of Modern Art, Wakayama, Japan
- 1980 *Artists Today 2: Takamatsu Jiro and Motonaga Sadamasa*,

- National Museum of Art, Osaka, Japan
- 1979 *Jiro Yoshihara and Today's Aspects of Gutai*, Hyogo Prefectural Museum of Modern Art, Kobe, Japan
- 1978 *Beauty of Space*, Tochigi Prefectural Museum of Fine Arts, Utsunomiya, Japan
- 1976 *Eighteen Years of Gutai Art*, Osaka Prefectural Gallery, Osaka, Japan
- 1975 *Four Abstract Artists*, Hyogo Prefectural Museum of Modern Art, Kobe, Japan
- 1971 *Aspetti dell'Informale. Mostra storica Internazionale*, Pinacoteca Provinciale, Bari, Italy
- 1970 *Exhibition at the entrance of Expo '70 Midori Pavilion by the Gutai Group*, Midori Pavilion, Osaka, Japan
An Exhibition of Prints by Eight Gutai Artists, Gallery Iteza, Kyoto, Japan (Travelling Exhibition)
- 1969 *Spazi astratti. Dall'intuizione alla concettualizzazione*, Galleria d'Arte Cortina, Milan, Italy
1st Hiroshima Renaissance Art Exhibition, Hiroshima Prefectural Art Museum, Hiroshima, Japan
- 1968 *20th Gutai Art Exhibition*, Gutai Pinacotheca, Osaka, Japan
21st Gutai Art Exhibition, Gutai Pinacotheca, Osaka, Japan
Contemporary Art Exhibition Only in the Night, Miyazaki Kanko Hotel, Miyazaki, Japan
- 1967 *Gutai Group Exhibition*, Heide Hildebrand Gallery, Klagenfurt, Austria
19th Gutai Art Exhibition, Gutai Pinacotheca, Osaka, Japan (Travelling Exhibition)
- 1966 *1st Japan Art Festival*, Union Carbide Building, New York NY
NUL 1966 Art Exhibition (Nul Negentienhonderd zesenzestig), International Gallery Orez, The Hague, Netherlands
2ème Salon International des Galeries Pilotes Lausanne, Musée Cantonal des Beaux-Art Palais de Rumine, Lausanne, Switzerland
17th Gutai Art Exhibition, Takashimaya Department Store, Yokohama, Japan (Travelling Exhibition)
- 1965 *Moderne Malerei aus Japan*, Kunsthau, Zurich, Switzerland
NUL 1965 Art Exhibition (Nul Negentienhonderd vijffenzestig), Stedelijk Museum, Amsterdam, Netherlands
The New Japanese Painters and Sculptures, Museum of Modern Art, New York (Travelling Exhibition)
15th Gutai Art Exhibition, Gutai Pinacotheca, Osaka, Japan
16th Gutai Art Exhibition, Keio Department Store, Tokyo, Japan
Groupe Gutai, Galerie Stadler, Paris, France (Travelling Exhibition)

- 1964 *14th Gutai Art Exhibition*, Takashimaya Department Store, Osaka, Japan
Contemporary Japanese Painting and Sculpture, Corcoran Gallery, Washington D.C.
- 1963 *12th Gutai Art Exhibition*, Takashimaya Department Store, Tokyo, Japan
13th Gutai Art Exhibition, Takashimaya Department Store, Osaka, Japan
Exposition d'Art Moderne, Grand Palais, Paris, France
- 1962 *11th Gutai Art Exhibition*, Takashimaya Department Store, Osaka, Japan
Strutture e Stile, Galleria Civica d'Arte Moderna, Turin, Italy
Don't Worry, the Moon Won't Fall Down: Gutai Art and Morita Modern Dance, Sankei Hall, Osaka, Japan
- 1961 *The Continuité et Avant-garde au Japon*, International Center of Aesthetic Research, Turin, Italy
10th Gutai Art Exhibition, Takashimaya Department Store, Osaka, Japan (Travelling Exhibition)
XII Premio Lissone internazionale per la pittura, Palazzo del Centro del Mobile, Lissone, Italy
- 1960 *The International Sky Festival*, Takashimaya Department Store, Osaka, Japan
'9th Gutai Art Exhibition, Takashimaya Department Store, Osaka, Japan
Four Japanese Artists, Martha Jackson Gallery, New York NY
- 1959 *Arte Nuova, Esposizione Internazionale di pittura e scultura*, Circolo degli Artisti in Palazzo Graneri, Turin, Italy
8th Gutai Art Exhibition, Kyoto Municipal Museum of Art, Kyoto, Japan (Travelling Exhibition)
The Fifteen Japanese Contemporary Artists Recommended by Tapié, Gendai Gallery, Tokyo, Japan
XI Premio Lissone internazionale per la pittura, Palazzo del Centro del Mobile, Lissone, Italy
- 1958 *2nd Gutai Art on the Stage*, Asahi Hall, Osaka, Japan
International Art of a New Era: Informel and Gutai, Takashimaya Department Store, Osaka, Japan (Travelling Exhibition)
Gutai Small Works Exhibition (later known as 5th Gutai Art Exhibition), Ohara Hall, Tokyo, Japan
The Gutai Group Exhibition (later known as 6th Gutai Art Exhibition), Martha Jackson Gallery, New York NY (Travelling Exhibition)
- 1957 *3rd Gutai Art Exhibition*, Kyoto Municipal Museum of Art, Kyoto, Japan
Gutai Art on the Stage, Sankei Hall, Osaka, Japan (Travelling Exhibition)
4th Gutai Art Exhibition, Ohara Hall, Tokyo, Japan
- 1956 *One Day Only Outdoor Exhibition* (also known as the *Ruins*)

Exhibition), Mukogawa River, Amagasaki, Japan
Outdoor Gutai Art Exhibition, Ashiya Park, Ashiya, Japan
2nd Gutai Art Exhibition, Ohara Hall, Tokyo, Japan

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*Experimental Outdoor Exhibition of Modern Art to Challenge
the Midsummer Su'*, Ashiya Park, Ashiya, Japan
1st Gutai Art Exhibition, Ohara Hall, Tokyo, Japan