

Hideki Kimura Exhibition

— Street Art for Adult —

His first large solo exhibition, opening on June 16 (Fri)



The POLA MUSEUM ANNEX (Ginza, Chuo-ku, Tokyo) is proud to present the first large solo exhibition of artist Hideki Kimura: Street Art for Adult, opening on June 16, 2023 (Fri) and running until July 30 (Sun).

Hideki Kimura worked as a producer in the budding Japanese rock music era. In 2002, at the age of 60, he took up the brush and began work as a painter. Those works have adorned everything from sliding screens in the Kacho-den of Shoren-in Temple in Kyoto, to Kansai International Airport, Kyoto City Zoo, and even in many cities (hence Street Art), as wall paintings in various retail facilities. The motifs of koi carp, tree peonies and peafowl, common to traditional Japanese art, are depicted with rich expressions in vivid colors that truly stir the senses. The dynamic compositions, which make no clear division between wall and ceiling, are surely a result of his spending half a lifetime in the world of rock, granting a rhythm to his expression and energy.

Kimura is particular about where he paints: "Rather than standing at a canvas in my studio, I prefer to go out into the street and paint live" which makes this exhibition at a gallery an even more rare opportunity. Over 50 new pieces will be on display along with older, large-scale works such as painted sliding screens. Additionally, a piece commissioned by actress Kirin Kiki, a painted wooden door titled "Lotus revives," will be displayed publicly for the first time. And for the first five days of the exhibition, Kimura plans to perform a live painting of a mural over three meters in size. Don't miss this opportunity to witness Hideki Kimura's unrestricted, playful, rock 'n' roll visions at the POLA MUSEUM ANNEX.

|| General Information ||

Title	Hideki Kimura Exhibition: Street Art for Adult
Term	June 16, 2023 (Fri) to June 30 (Sun)
Hours	11:00 - 19:00 (Last entry by 18:30) *Open every day of exhibition period
Admission	Free
Venue	POLA MUSEUM ANNEX https://www.po-holdings.co.jp/m-annex/
Address	POLA Ginza Building 3F, 1-7-7 Ginza, Chuo-ku, Tokyo 104-0061
Organizer	POLA ORBIS HOLDINGS INC.
General inquiries	050-5541-8600 (Hello Dial, only within Japan)
Live painting	Planned for June 16 (Fri) to June 20 (Tue) 13:00-15:00 each day
*Further details will be announced on the website at a later date.	

Top Image/ Left: "Carp is Dragon in Heaven" 2023, Acrylic on linen wrapped canvas, 2000×700mm
Right: Portrait of Hideki Kimura

|| Artist's Statement ||

An 81-year-old street artist
Graffiti, tattoos or art?

A 5-year-old was drawing on the side of the road with chalk and soapstone.

"It's great. It's great!"

His older sisters' words of encouragement cause a crowd to gather around him.

The boy just keeps on enthusiastically drawing life-size pictures. He even takes requests.

The boy grows up to become a lecturer at an art college. Then a producer of rock-music events.

At the age of 60, he returns to street art.

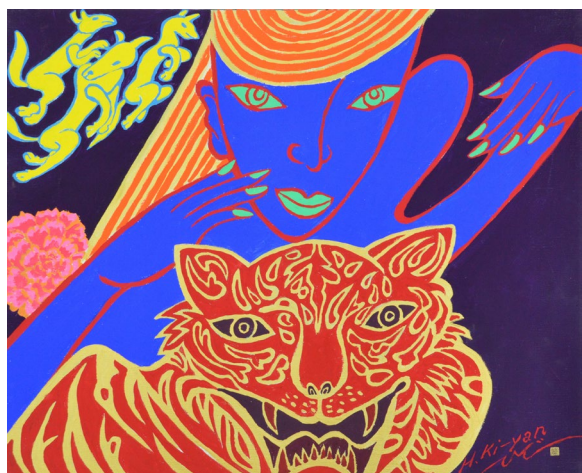
It is not Japanese art, not Western art, and not design.

I started to paint mixed paintings.

But perhaps you can call it Japanese style, because I am Japanese and I painted these pictures.

Hideki Kimura <https://ki-yan.com/>

Born in Izumiotsu, Osaka in 1942. After graduating from Kyoto City University of Arts, he worked as a lecturer at the same university. Produced many legendary events as an organizer in the early days of rock music in Japan. Became a painter from the age of 60. He has created more than 200 murals in Japan and abroad. His life with rock music can be seen in his dynamic paintings. Instead of going to the canvas in his studio, he wants to paint "live" in the city. He is a unique painter who advocates the ultimate in amateurism.



Top left "Sunflower" 2023, Acrylic on linen wrapped canvas, Φ 530mm

Top right "Kingfisher by the Lotus pond" 2022, Acrylic on linen wrapped canvas, 606×727mm

Bottom left "BeRock -Tiger-" 2022, Acrylic on linen wrapped canvas, 606×727mm

Bottom right "Smiling Elephants" 2022, Acrylic on linen wrapped canvas, 606×727mm

Press Contact

POLA MUSEUM ANNEX

Office: info-annex@po-holdings.co.jp

Tel: +81-(0)3-3563-5540 / Fax: +81-(0)3-3563-5543

Press release and images are available from below URL:

<https://pogp.box.com/s/9kga7yyaruwimdv25z2vtas8lrkwsc2q>

*These are available for press use following condition:

- Should you use photos, add credit and caption. It's not allowed to crop the photo and text over the photo.
- Submit a manuscript of the proposed document to us for proofreading before publication.
- Send us a copy of the publication (paper), URL, DVD, CD, etc. for our archives.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding!