

# TAKE NINAGAWA

## Biography

Gozo Yoshimasu

Born in 1939, Tokyo, Japan

1963 BA, Japanese Literature, Keio University, Tokyo, Japan

### Selected Solo Exhibitions

- 2021 *Dear Monster*, Take Ninagawa, Tokyo
- 2018 *Yoshimasu Gozo*, Art Office Ozasa, Kyoto, Japan
- 2017 *Yoshimasu Gozo*, Shumoku Gallery, Nagoya, Japan  
*HATENOUTAGOE - Poet Yoshimasu Gozo*, Ashikaga Museum of Art, Tochigi, Japan;  
Okinawa Prefectural Museum & Art Museum, Naha; Shoto Museum of Art, Tokyo- 2018
- 2016 *The Voice Between: The Art and Poetry of Yoshimasu Gozo*, The National Museum of Modern Art, Tokyo
- 2014 *Yoshimasu Gozo Solo Exhibition: Water Weaving Day, .....*, Temporary Space, Sapporo, Japan
- 2013 *Yoshimasu Gozo: Dear Monster*, Temporary Space, Sapporo, Japan  
*Yoshimasu Gozo*, Daiwa Foundation Japan House, London
- 2010 *Yoshimasu Gozo Photography Exhibition : Garden of golden was blind*, BLD Gallery, Tokyo
- 2008 *Garden of Gold Gone Blind - Yoshimasu Gozo*, Hokkaido Museum of Literature, Sapporo, Japan
- 2006 *Yoshimasu Gozo Photography Exhibition : SHIRO WO KASANERU*, Waseda gallery, Tokyo
- 2005 *Yoshimasu Gozo Photography Exhibition: A drop of light*, Galerie José Martinez, Lyon
- 2004 *Yoshimasu Gozo's Universe of Books, Calligraphy and Manuscripts*, Tokushima Prefectural Museum of Literature and Calligraphy, Tokushima, Japan
- 2003 *Yoshimasu Gozo Photography Exhibition: Fallen Leaves of Light*, Aoyama Book Center, Tokyo  
*Poetic Spectrum - Images, Objects, and Words of Gozo Yoshimasu*, Location One, New York  
*Yoshimasu Gozo Photography Exhibition: Shi-no-shio-no-ana*, photographer's gallery, Tokyo  
*Yoshimasu Gozo Photography Exhibition: A drop of light 1984-2003*, Mizuta Museum in Josai International University, Chiba, Japan
- 2002 *Yoshimasu Gozo Photography Exhibition: As though Tattooing on My Mind*, Galerie José Martinez, Lyon  
*Yoshimasu Gozo Polaroid Exhibition: Ecriture in a moment*, Polaroid Gallery, Tokyo
- 2000 *Yoshimasu Gozo Photography Exhibition: KAZE NO KARADA*, OZC, Osaka  
*Yoshimasu Gozo Photography Exhibition: Le Jardin Palimpseste*, Logos Gallery, Tokyo;  
galerie Claude Samuel, Paris; CCI Alsace Eurométropole, Strasbourg
- 1998 *Language Objets at Waters' Edge: Poetry/Objets/Photography from Yoshimasu Gozo*, Saito Memorial Kawaguchi Museum, Saitama, Japan  
*Yoshimasu Gozo Photography Exhibition: A weary whale...*, Gallery Verita, Tokyo

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- 1997 *Yoshimasu Gozo Photography Exhibition: As though Tattooing on My Mind*, Gallery Verita, Tokyo
- 1996 *Yoshimasu Gozo Exhibition: MOMOHA/SAKAIGAWA/UCHUBAKO*, Temporary Space, Sapporo, Japan
- 1994 *Yoshimasu Gozo solo Exhibition: Sitting/Ishikari River Mouth*, Temporary Space, Sapporo, Japan
- 1991 *Yoshimasu Gozo Photography Exhibition: To Afunrupa-ru*, Nishida Gallery, Nara, Japan  
*Yoshimasu Gozo Photography Exhibition: To Afunrupa-ru*, Nakamura Kaki Store, Sapporo, Japan  
*Yoshimasu Gozo Photography Exhibition: To Afunrupa-ru*, Voice Gallery, Kyoto, Japan
- 1990 *Yoshimasu Gozo Photography Exhibition: HI NO KUNI NO RASEN NO UTA*, Shimada Museum of Arts, Kumamoto, Japan  
*Yoshimasu Gozo Photography Exhibition: To Afunrupa-ru*, Gallery 1956, Naha, Japan  
*Yoshimasu Gozo Photography Exhibition: To Afunrupa-ru*, Gallery Verita, Tokyo

## Selected Group Exhibitions

- 2021 *Poet Slash Artist*, Manchester International Festival, Manchester
- 2019 *MOT Annual 2019 Echo after Echo : Summoned Voices, New Shadows*, Museum of Contemporary Art, Tokyo  
*Reborn-Art Festival 2019*, Ayukawa, Miyagi, Japan
- 2018 *Sharjapan: The Poetics of Space*, Al Hamriyah Studios, Sharjah, UAE
- 2017 *Yoshimasu Gozo: Fire Embroidery - Beyond Ishikari Sheets*, Sapporo International Art Festival 2017, Hokkaido University Museum, Sapporo, Japan  
*MOT Satellite 2017 Spring: by the deep rivers*, Museum of Contemporary Art, Tokyo
- 2015 *Shinano Primitive Sense Art Festival*, Shinano Kodo, Nagano, Japan
- 2014 *Aomori Earth2014 - Part 2: Knotted Poems, Stone Fence*, Aomori Prefecture Museum of Art, Aomori, Japan
- 2010 *Avant-Garde Entertainment Movie Festa Japan*, International Hall, Nara Prefecture Cultural Hall, Nara, Japan
- 2006 *Paraty Poetry Festival*, Japan Foundation, Paraty, Brazil
- 2004 *Brazil, Body, Nostalgia*, The National Museum of Modern Art, Tokyo
- 2002 *The Melting Point: Group Show by Poets and Sculptors*, Urawa Museum of Art, Saitama, Japan
- 1996 *International Poetry Festival of Medellin*, Medellin
- 1995 *Yoshimasu Gozo Photography & Yanagisawa Noriko Copperplate Print Exhibition*, Yamaha Gallery, Shizuoka, Japan
- 1991 *Japan Festival 1991*, Japan Foundation, London  
*21st São Paulo Biennale*, Pavilhão Ciccillo Matarazzo, São Paulo
- 1990 *Sakaigawa Wandering*, Sapporo, Japan

## Awards

- 2015 Japan Art Academy Prize & Imperial Prize
- 2013 Person of Cultural Merit, Japan

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- Order of the Rising Sun, Japan  
2003 Medals of Honour, Purple Ribbon, Japan

## Selected Publications

- 2019 *Across the Bare Common - Japanese and American Poets Respond to Emerson*,  
Takanashi Shobo  
(with Forest Gander, Masaki Horiuchi)
- 2018 *Dancing Language*, Ronsosha  
*Embroidery of Fire: Gozo Yoshimasu 2008-2017*, Kyobunsha
- 2016 *Alice Iris Red Horse: Selected Poems of Yoshimasu Gozo*, New Directions  
*Gozo Yoshimasu: Momentary Ecriture*, edition.nord  
*Dear Monster*, Misuzu Shobo  
*My Poetic Biography: Seize the Fire with Bare Hands!*, Kodansha
- 2012 *Lectures on Poetics: Infinite Echoes*, Keio University Press
- 2011 *Naked Writing*, Shoshi Yamada
- 2010 *Mokpo Correspondence*, Yatate Publishing  
*Garden of Gold Gone Blind*, Iwanami Shoten
- 2009 *A Quiet America*, Shoshi Yamada  
*Miracle - gozoCiné*, Osiris
- 2008 *omote-gami*, Shichosha
- 2007 *The Dead*, JINYA
- 2006 *Words that Quake to the Loom*, Shoshi Yamada (with Ryoko Sekiguchi)  
*To the World as Archipelago*, Iwanami Shoten (with Ryota Imafuku)  
*Nowhere Tree*, Shironsha
- 2005 *In between 11: Ireland*, EU-Japan Fest, Japan Committee  
*On the Shores of Asia*, Fujiwara Shoten (with Ko Un)  
*Snake of Heaven*, Bloom of Violet, Shueisha
- 2004 *Goro-Goro*, Japan Daily News
- 2003 *Poetry in the Pocket, Journey to My Beloved Poets*, NHK Publishing
- 2002 *The Other Voice*, Shichosha  
*Brazil Diaries*, Shoshi Yamada
- 2001 *The Bared Wildflower: From Poetry to the World*, Iwanami Shoten  
*Dolce/Sweetly: A New Encounter to with Image and Word*, Iwanami Shoten  
(with Alexandr Sokurov, Miho Shimao)  
*The Flaming Movie House*, Seidosha
- 2000 *Hometown of Words, My Hometown Fussa*, Yatate Publishing  
*Kenji's Music Room*, Shogakkan
- 1999 *Life is Halfway to a Dream - Walking with Shinobu Orikuchi*, Shichosha  
*Gozo Yoshimasu: Poetry Collection*, Haruki Bunko  
*Sea of Melted Snow: Tampopo and Tampupu*, Yatate Publishing
- 1998 *"The Island of Snow," or "The Ghost of Emily,"* Shueisha  
*At the Fringes of This Era*, Heibonsha (with Hiromasa Ichimura)
- 1997 *Ocean in a Boardgame, Cosmos in a Poem*, Kawade Shobo (with Yoshiharu Habu)

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- 1995 *At the Entrance to the House of Fireworks*, Seidosha  
*Ishikari Sheets*, Angelica House
- 1994 *Gozo Yoshimasu: Poetry Collection vol.3*, Shichosha  
*Gozo Yoshimasu: Poetry Collection vol.2*, Shichosha
- 1993 *Bones of the Tree*, Yatate Publishing (with Shuri Kido)
- 1992 *Ship of Death*, Shoshi Yamada  
*Flapping Cuckoo Comes Splaying His Wings of Bone*, Shoshi Yamada  
*August Sunset, Unicorn*, Chusekisha  
*Hometown of Words*, Yatate Publishing
- 1990 *Helix Songs*, Kawade Shobo
- 1989 *Scotland Travels*, Shoshi Yamada
- 1987 *Notebook on Tokoku*, Ozawa Shoten  
*Time Goes Trembling On*, Shichosha
- 1986 *Green City, Shining Sliver*, Ozawa Shoten
- 1984 *Osiris, the God of Stone*, Shichosha
- 1983 *Letter to the Tree Towering Next to the Big Hospital*, Chuo Koronsha
- 1982 *Ting-a-ling Train That Flew to the Sky*, Shogakkan (with Akira Horiguchi)
- 1981 *Place of Quiet*, Ozawa Shoten  
*Imagine a Helix*, Ozawa Shoten
- 1979 *Blue Sky*, Kawade Shobo  
*Hot Wind - a thousand steps*, Chuo Koronsha
- 1978 *The Poetry of Gozo Yoshimasu vol.1-5*, Kawade Shobo  
*Gozo Yoshimasu: Poetry Collection*, Shichosha  
*A River of Sun*, Ozawa Shoten
- 1977 *River Written in Cursive*, Shichosha
- 1976 *I, Blazing Mirage*, Ozawa Shoten
- 1974 *Exorcising My Demons*, Seidosha
- 1973 *Kingdom*, Kawade Shobo  
*Morning Letters*, Ozawa Shoten
- 1971 *Gozo Yoshimasu Anthology*, Shichosha  
*The Tower of Intellect*, Seijisha
- 1970 *Golden Poetry*, Shichosha
- 1964 *Departure*, Shin-Geijutsusha

## Selected TV Programmes, Radio & Films

- 2021 *SWITCH Interview Masters*, NHK
- 2018 *The Reality Behind What We See* (directed by Haruo Inoue)
- 2016 *A Hunger Artist* (directed by Masao Adachi)
- 2006 *Islana Song: Thousands of Islands* (directed by Ken Inoue)  
*Kunio Yanagita: Soul of a Poet*, NHK
- 2002 *Literature and Climate: Poetry in the Pocket*, NHK
- 2000 *Artists' Challenge*, NHK
- 1997 *Nomadic Poets*, NHK

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*Brazil, Undiscovered Haiku Kingdom, NHK*

*Future Tide: Yoshiharu Habu & Gozo Yoshimasu - Ocean in a Boardgame, Cosmos in a Poem, NHK*

1996 *Future Tide: Mekas - Okinawa/Tokyo Travel Meditations, NHK*  
*Contemporary Poem Laboratory, NHK*

1985 *Imitating Hydrangea (directed by Shiroyasu Suzuki)*