

Visual Brains (Sei Kazama + Ohtsu Hatsune) Biography

Visual Brains is a unit formed by Sei Kazama & Hatsune Ohtsu in 1981.

Sei Kazama was born in 1956 in Tokyo, Japan. He graduated from the Chuo University Department of Literature French Literature Studies. He is a professor of Meisei University Department of informatics. He had a Ph.D. at Nihon University. (ART)

Hatsune Ohtsu was born in 1956 in Tokyo, Japan. She graduated from the Bunka Gakuin College Department of Architecture. She is a professor of Tokyo Polytechnic University Department of Art.

They have created art works mainly with movies. While presenting works that made use of multi-media, they handled various movie productions as program directors. Their style satirizing modern society affected by media has garnered critical acclaim around the world.

They live and work in Tokyo. They are members of the Japan Society of Image Arts and Sciences.

Selected Solo exhibitions

- 1984 “World of Visual Brains”, Gallery K (Tokyo, Japan). “Mold”, Seibu Studio F (Tokyo, Japan)
- 1991 “VISUAL BRAINS”, Image Forum Cinematheque (Tokyo, Japan)
- 1994 “Visual Brains Multi-monitor Video Installation Workshop & Social Criticism”, Video In Studio (Vancouver, Canada).

Selected Group exhibitions and Screenings

- 1988 “SCAN88”, Steina Vasulka Recommendation. (Tokyo, Japan)
- 1989 “Image Forum Festival” (Tokyo, Japan) - where they won Grand Prize.
- 1990 Rocalno Cinema Festival, (Rocalno, Switzerland). “Private Vision” screened around the world, the Japan Foundation. “SCAN90”, (Tokyo, Japan)- where they won Peter Callas Prize.
- 1992 “5th Videonale”, created installation as invited artist, Cologne Japan Culture Pavilion, (Germany)
World Wide Video Festival, World Wide Video Center, (Den Haag,

the Netherlands)

- 1996 “13th Inter Link”, sponsored by the US Embassy, Sogetsu Hall, (Tokyo, Japan)
 - 1997 Invited appearance at 4th Other Mind Festival, (CA,USA)
 - 1998 Japanese Image Creators the ICC Collection, NTT Inter Communication Center (ICC), (Tokyo, Japan)
 - 2000 Tachikawa International Art Festival, Shin Suzuharu Building, (Tokyo, Japan)
 - 2001 “Art and Medicine”, NTT Inter Communication Center(ICC),(Tokyo, Japan)
 - 2007 “Radical Communication: Japanese Video Art 1968–1988” at Getty Center, (LA, USA).“10th Japan media arts festival -The Power of Expression, Japan”, The National Art Center, (Tokyo, Japan)
- They’ve been invited to “Image Forum Festival” (Tokyo, Japan) since 1989 to 2013.

Visual Brains official website

<http://www.visualbrains.com>

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