

Biography Teruko Yokoi

1924 –

Born in Tsushima, near Nagoya, Aichi Prefecture.

From an early age receives oil painting lessons from Kouki Suzuki, a member of Shunyo-kai Art Society. Graduates from Aichi Prefectural Tsushima Girls High School (today Aichi Prefectural Tsushima High School).

1949

Moves to Tokyo, attends the Joshibi University of Art and Design, and studies under Takanori Kinoshita. Wins prizes in the Issaikai Exhibition (1949–51) and the Nitten Exhibition (1949, 1951).

1954

In January, moves to United States and enters the California School of Fine Arts (now San Francisco Art Institute) in San Francisco.

1954

Receives a Top Honor Scholarship.

1955

In April, wins fourth prize at the Seventy-Fourth Annual Painting and Sculpture Exhibition, held at the San Francisco Museum of Art. In May, wins a Japan Society Scholarship in the category of painting. In July, holds a solo exhibition of oil paintings at the California Palace of the Legion of Honor in San Francisco. In September, moves to New York to study with the Abstract Expressionist painter Hans Hofmann.

1956

In April, takes part in a special exhibition at the National Mall in Washington, D.C., for the fifty-year anniversary of the 1906 San Francisco earthquake. Studies with Julian Levi at the Art Students League of New York in New York.

1957

Wins a prize at the Philadelphia Annual Exhibition, held at the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts. Wins a prize at the Twenty-Fifth Biennial Exhibition of Contemporary American Paintings at the Corcoran Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C.

1959

Marries Sam Francis.

1960

Moves to Paris, she is part of the group exhibition at Martha Jackson Gallery, New York.

1961

Returns temporarily to Japan.

1962

In May, moves to Bern.

1964

Shows works in March in an exhibition curated by director Arnold Rüdinger at Kunsthalle Basel (together with Walter Bodmer and Otto Tschumi).

1975

In October takes part in the II. Berner Kunstaustellung entitled «Grossformate» at Kunsthalle Bern.

1991

Obtains Swiss nationality and citizenship of the city of Bern.

2004

In November, the Teruko Yokoi Hinageshi Art Museum is founded in Ena, Gifu Prefecture.

2008

In November, the Yokoi Teruko Fuji Museum of Art is founded in Fuji, Shizuoka Prefecture.