

YAYOI KUSAMA

1929 Born in Nagano-ken, Japan

SELECTED EXHIBITIONS

- 2009 Yayoi Kusama: Outdoor Sculptures, Victoria Miro, London
Big in Japan, The Contemporary Art Centre, Vilnius, Lithuania
Yayoi Kusama Flowers That Bloom at Midnight, GAGOSIAN GALLERY,
Beverly Hills, Los Angeles
Yayoi Kusama, GAGOSIAN GALLERY, West 24th Street, New York
- 2008 Art of our time PRAEMIUM IMPERIALE 20, The Ueno Royal Museum, Tokyo
Liverpool Biennial International 08: MADE UP, Pilkingtons Warehouse,
Liverpool
Akasaka Art Flower 08, Akasaka Sacas, Tokyo
YAYOI KUSAMA MIRRORED YEARS, Museum Boijmans Van Beuningen,
Rotterdam / Musueum of Contemporary Art, Sydney, 24 Feb.-8 Jun. 2009
Yayoi Kusama, Ota Fine Arts, Tokyo
YAYOI KUSAMA, STEVEN PARRINO, ANSELM REYLE, Gagosian Gallery, New
York
Yayoi Kusama, Victoria Miro, London
Yayoi Kusama, Matsumoto City Museum of Art, Nagano, Japan
JAPAN! CULTURE + HYPER CULTURE, The Kennedy Center, Washington, D.C.
Yayoi Kusama, Matsumoto City Museum of Art, Nagano, Japan
- 2007 Yayoi Kusama, Shizuoka Prefectural Museum of Art. Japan
Yayoi Kusama, Victoria Miro, London
Beautiful New World: Contemporary Visual Culture from Japan
Long March Project, "798" Dashanzi Art District, Beijing, China /
Guangdong Museum of Art, Guangzhou, 25 Dec. 2007-20 Jan. 2008
YAYOI KUSAMA, Roslyn Oxley 9 Gallery, Sydney, Australia
RoseArt: Works from the Permanent Collection, The Rose Art Museum,
Massachusetts
Yayoi Kusama Dots Obsession, Hausderkunst, Muenchen
NAOSHIMA STANDARD 2, Benesse Art Site Naoshima, Kagawa, Japan
- 2006 Line and Surface Works on Paper: Peter Blum Gallery, New York
Tokyo-Berlin/Berlin-Tokyo, Mori Museum, Tokyo
Yayoi Kusama: Iwami Art Museum, Shimane, Japan
Yayoi Kusama: Sakima Art Museum, Okinawa, Japan
Part object Part sculpture, Wexner Center of the Arts, Gallery C, Ohio
YAYOI in FOREVER: Forever Museum of Contemporary Art gallery, Akita,
Japan
Yayoi Kusama, Robert Miller Gallery, New York
Collage and Photomontage, Tokyo Metropolitan Museum of
Photography, Tokyo
Yayoi Kusama Infinity Nets 2006, MOMA Contemporary, Fukuoka, Japan

- 2005 Yayoi Kusama: Eternity-Modernity, The National Museum of Modern Art (Kyoto)
 Yayoi Kusama: Dots Obsession, Roslyn Oxley9 Gallery, Sydney
 Yayoi Kusama: Eight Places for Burning Soul, Hiroshima City Museum of Contemporary Art (Hiroshima)
 Yayoi Kusama: Sailing the Sea of Infinity, Contemporary Art Museum (Kumamoto)
 Yayoi Kusama: The Place for My Soul, Matsumoto City Museum of Art (Nagano)
 Yayoi Kusama ka!: 100 Tonson Gallery, Bangkok, Thailand
 Yayoi Kusama Seoul: Jean Art Gallery, Seoul, Korea
 Bienal de Valencia: Valencia, Spain
- 2004 Kusamatrix, Mori Art Museum(Tokyo)
 Kusama Yayoi Avant-Garde Fashion Show (Mori Art Museum, Tokyo)
 Yayoi Kusama: Paintings, Robert Miller Gallery(New York)
 Whitney Biennial Exhibition, Whitney Museum of American Art,(New York)
 Yayoi Kusama, Zacheta National Gallery of Art (Warsaw, Poland)
 Remaking Modernism in Japan 1900-2000, Museum of Contemporary Art(Tokyo)
 The University Art Museum - Tokyo National University of Fine Arts and Music(Tokyo)
 And or Versus: Adventures in Images, Yokohama Museum of Art(Kanagawa)
 Why not live for art?, Tokyo Opera City Art Gallery(Tokyo)
 Kusamatrix, Art Park Museum of Contemporary Art, Sapporo Art Park(Hokkaido) Oct-04 *Yayoi Kusama: Eternity-Modernity, The National Museum of Modern Art(Tokyo)
 Yayoi Kusama: Colorist, Ota Fine Arts(Tokyo)
- 2003 Yayoi Kusama, Marugame Genichiro-Inokuma Museum(Kagawa)
 ECHIGO-TSUMARI ART TRIENNIAL2003, Â Echigo-tsumari(Niigata)
 Yayoi Kusama, Kushiro Art Museum(Hokkaido)
 Happiness, Mori Art Museum(Tokyo)
 Yayoi Kusama, Kunstverein Braunschweig,(Braunschweig, Germany)
 Lille 2004 European Capital of Culture, (Lille, France)
- 2002 Asia-Pacific Triennial 2002, Queensland Art Gallery(Brisbane, Australia)
 Yayoi Kusama: Installation, Kunsthalle Wien(Wien)
- 2001 Century City Tate Modern (London)
 les annees Pop Centre Pompidou (Paris)
 Collaborations with Parkett 1984 to Now The Museum of Modern Art (New York)
 Death of an Illusion Piece Unique (Paris)
 Parkett Artists' Editions The Museum of Modern Art, New York
 Yayoi Kusama Gallery Sekiryu (Nagano Prefectural)
 Global Visions- Art after 1980 from the Museum Collections Museum of Contemporary Art, Tokyo
 Louise Bourgeois Yayoi Kusama Works from 1942 to 2000 Peter Blum (New York)
 Works on Paper from Acconci to Zittel Victoria Miro Gallery (London)

- Box Art Rias Ark Museum of Art (Miyagi) Jul-01 * Yayoi Kusama Prints
 Bunkamura Gallery (Tokyo)
 Yayoi Kusama Ota Fine Arts, Tokyo Jul-01 Eyes of Shuzo Takiguchi
 Nizayamz Forest Art Museum (Toyama)
 International Triennale of Contemporary Art, Yokohama 2001,
 Pacifico Yokohama Convention Hall, Red Brick Warehouse No.1
 Selections from the Hara Museum's Permanent Collection Hara
 Museum ARC (Gunma)
 Studio Guenzani, Milano
- 2000 New year art Gallery Now (Toyama)
 Group exhibition ATC Museum (Osaka)
 Yayoi Kusama Serpentine Gallery (London)
 Vacant Lot Toyota Municipal Museum of Art
 Yayoi Kusama Piece Unique (Paris)
 Art Buffet-Selections from the Hara Museum's Permanent Collection
 Hara Museum Arc(Gunma)
 Group exhibition Gallery HAM (Nagaya)
 Group exhibition Gallery Sekiryu (Nagano)
 Permanent Collection Nigata City Art Museum
 The Permanent Exhibition, Takamatsu City Museum of Art Takamatsu
 City Museum of Art
 Group exhibition Niigata City Art Museum
 Group exhibition SK Gallery (Tokyo)
 Yayoi Kusama Prints Mubanso (Nagano)
 Work on Paper exhibition Ota Fine Arts (Tokyo)
 Biennale of Sydney 2000
 Group exhibition Itabashi Art Museum (Tokyo)
 Yayoi Kusama Silkscreen-Lame Museum Haus Kasuya (Kanagawa)
 Yayoi Kusama: Recent Works Ota Fine Arts (Tokyo)
 Department Store of Contemporary Art
 Yayoi Kusama Za Gallery (Fukuoka)
 Yayoi Kusama Prints, Collage Toki no Wasuremono(Tokyo)
 Japanese Art in the 20th Century Museum of Contemporary Art, Tokyo
 Yayoi Kusama Jean Gallery (Seoul)
 Yayoi Kusama "Le consortium (Dijon), traveled to Maison de la
 culture du Japon, Paris (13 Feb.-19 May,2001), Kunstallen Brandts
 Kldefabrik (Denmark, 12 Jun.-), Le Abattoirs (Toulouse, 5 Oct.2001-6 J
 an.2002)
 Cultural Ties Jariwara West zone Gallery (London)
 Hyper Mental Kunsthaus (Zurich)
 Yayoi Kusama Pumpkins Oka-shorin (Nagano)
 International Exhibition of the Heart, One Heart, One World
- 1999 Feb-99 The permanent exhibition Ota Fine Arts (Tokyo)
 Contemporary Art Lessons Akita Senshu Museum of Art
 Out of Action 1949-1979 Between Performance and Object Museum of
 Contemporary Art Tokyo
 50's-60's WORKS Takeda Bijustu (Tokyo)

Narrative Art from the Collection Tochigi Prefectural Museum of Fine Arts
 Contemporary Classism Neuberger Museum of Art
 Beyond My Illusion MOMA Contemporary (Fukuoka)
 SPIRAL TV SPIRAL GARDEN
 Group exhibition Museum of Modern Art, Saitama
 Visions of the Body: Fashion or Invisible Corset The National Museum of modern Art, Kyoto
 The 7th Yayoi Kusama exhibition Bunkamura Gallery, Tokyo
 Yayoi Kusama Prints Galerie 412 (Tokyo)
 Yayoi Kusama Gallery NOW (Toyama)
 The Balloon Art Festival Granship Sizuoka Convention & Arts Center
 France-Japan L'art sans frontiere Bunkamura Gallery Tokyo
 Yayoi Kusama Screenprints-Pumpkin 1992 1993 1998- ZaGallery, Tokyo
 Love Forever : YAYOI KUSAMA 1958-1968, In Full Bloom: YAYOI KUSAMA, Years in Japan Museum of Contemporary Art, Tokyo
 Yayoi Kusama and Andy Warhol Toki no Wasuremono, (Tokyo)
 Yayoi Kusama Crown Art Center (Taipei)
 Yayoi Kusama Gallery Pierre (Taichung)
 Where am I ? OTA FINE ARTS (Tokyo)
 Group exhibition Niigata City Art Museum
 Yayoi Kusama Gallery Paris (Yokohama)
 Summer Collection 77 Gallery(Tokyo)
 Messege from Yayoi Kusama Matsumoto Municipal Museum (Nagano Prefectural)
 Yayoi Kusama Gallery Sekiryu (Nagano)
 Yayoi Kusama Mubanso (Nagano)
 Japanese contemporary prints vol.6 Art Box Gallery (Tokyo)
 Xmas with ART '99 Bunkamura Gallery(Tokyo)
 Art Jungle The Museum of Modern Art Toyama(Toyama)
 Yayoi Kusama Screenprints-Pumpkin 1992 1993 1998- ZA GALLERY(Tokyo)
 1998 Jan-98 * Yayoi Kusama Prints Toki no Wasuremono (Tokyo)
 "Love Forever : YAYOI KUSAMA 1958-1968" Los Angeles County Museum of Art
 Yayoi Kusama Etching Gallery NOW (Toyama)
 21 Artists Exhibition Toho Gallery (Tokyo)
 Yayoi Kusama Self Obliteration MOMA Contemporary(Fukuoka)
 Yayoi Kusama Prints Gallery Goto (Tokyo)
 Tensions Robert Miller Gallery (N.Y.)
 Yayoi Kusama '50-'70s Taka Ishii Gallery (Santa Monica)
 Mirror Images: Women, Surrealism and Self-Representation MIT List Visual Arts Center (Massachusetts)
 Group exhibition Toki no Wasuremono(Tokyo)
 Yayoi Kusama NOW Robert Miller Gallery (N.Y.)
 1998 Taipei Biennial: Site of Desire Taipei Fine Arts Museum
 Contemporary Japanese Prints Vol.5 ART BOX GALLERY (Tokyo)
 Yayoi Kusama Works from the '50 Peter Blum Gallery (N.Y.)

Now and Forever Part 1 Matthew Marks Gallery (N.Y.)
 Yayoi Kusama Recent oil Painting OTA FINE ARTS (Tokyo)
 "Love Forever : YAYOI KUSAMA 1958-1968" The Museum Modern Art(New York)
 wakuwaku! dokidoki! Summer Museum!! The Museum of Modern Art(Saitama)
 Art/Ecosystem The Contemporary Japanese Art Scene Utsunomiya Museum of Art (Tochigi)
 Yayoi Kusama Komagane kogen Art Museum (Nagano)
 To and From Shuzo Takiguchi The National Museum of Art(Osaka)
 Yayoi Kusama Prints Toki no Wasuremono(Tokyo)
 Towards Another Normality Hara Museum ARC (Gunma)
 Art Now in Japan and Korea Between the Unkown Straits Meguro Museum of Art(Tokyo), travelled to National Museum of Art, Osaka
 The Botanical Garden of Fantasy The Hiratsukaka Museum of Art
 Silkscreens Gallery Yume (Tokyo) Nov-98 Taipei Art fair International
 When East Meets West Taipei World Trade Center Dec-98 Works of Kihachi Kimura print studio GORAKU GALLERY(Tokyo)

1997 New Collections The Museum of Modern Art(Saitama)
 Yayoi Kusama" Baumgartner Galleries Inc.(Washington)
 The Maximal Sixties The Museum of Modern Art, N.Y.
 NHK Heart Exhibition Bunkamura Gallery (Tokyo)
 De-Genderism Setagaya Art Museum (Tokyo)
 Japan Today MAK-Austrian Museum of Applied Arts,Wien, Austria
 Exhibition by Three Women Artists from Shinshu(Nagano Prefecture)
 Suzaka Prints Museum (Nagano)
 Exhibition of Works in Permanent Collection The Museum of Modern Art(Saitama)
 "Yayoi Kusama" Kato Kyobundo (Osaka)
 Contemporary Art : How Can They Possibly Understand It Itabashi Art Museum (Tokyo)
 "Yayoi Kusama" The Arts Club of Chicago
 "Yayoi Kusama-Prints" Gallery Olive (Tokyo)
 "Yayoi Kusama: Kusama's Kusama" Ota Fine Arts (Tokyo)
 Flotiong Images of Woman in Art Hlstory Tochigi Prefectural Museum of Fine Art
 Japanese Sumer 1960-64 Art Tower Mito (Ibaraki)
 Prints Bunkamura Gallery (Tokyo)
 Yayoi Kusama Margo Leavin Gallery (Los Angeles)
 Group exhibition Bunkamura Gallery

1996 With drawing Ronald Feldman Fine Arts Inc. (N.Y.)
 1964 : A Turning Point in Japanese Art Museum of Contemporary Art, Tokyo
 Collection in Focus: Selected drawing Museum of Contemporary Art, Tokyo
 "Yayoi Kusama" Gallery Olive (Tokyo)
 Exhibition of 50 Contemporary Japanese Artists Nabio Museum of Art, Osaka

Drawing International Galerie A / Harry Ruhe(Amsterdam)
 GEKI and GEKI : Art Then Art Now Hara Museum ARC (Gunma Prefecture)
 The 31st 'Artist Today' Exhibition Yokohama Citizens' Gallery
 "A Panorama of My Youth" MOMA Contemporary (Fukuoka Prefecture)
 Inside of Works, Outside of Works Itabashi Art Museum (Tokyo)
 Art of Postwar 1960s Avant-Garde KurashikiMunicipal Art Museum (Okayama Prefecture)
 Art at Home Ideal Standard Life Spiral Garden (Tokyo)
 "Yayoi Kusama The 1950s and 1960s" Paula Cooper Gallery (N.Y.)
 Now Here Louisiana Museum of Modern Art (Denmark)
 "Yayoi Kusama : 10 Paintings from 60's to the Present" Ota Fine Arts (Tokyo)
 A Decade of an Avantgarde Artists Itabashi Art Museum (Tokyo)
 Shedding Light on Art in Japan 1953 Meguro Museum of Art (Tokyo)
 Materials and Forms, Nine Artists' Atitudes Ibaraki Prefectual Museum of Modern Art
 "Yayoi Kusama" Ouka Shorin (Nagano)
 Form Beyond Forms 16 abstract paintings in Japan Fukushima Prefectual Museum of Art
 "Yayoi Kusama Recent Works" Robert Miller Gallery (N.Y.)
 New Collection of Commissioned on the theme 'Hiroshima' Hiroshima City Museum of Contemporary Art
 "Yayoi Kusama" Gallery HARUKA (Tokyo)
 New Installations Mattress Factory (Pittsburgh)
 Art on a Diet JR Osaka Selvis Gallery
 Exhibition of Portraits Ota Fine Arts (Tokyo)
 Art on a Diet Gallery Seira (Tokyo)
 "Repetition" Art Gallery Artium (Fukuoka)
 Photo Collage Repetitive Vision MOMA Contemporary (Fukuoka)
 1995 Narcissistic Disturbance Otis Gallery (Los Angeles)
 NARS 95 HELSINKI Museum of Contemporary Art Finnish National Gallery (Helsinki)
 Group Show Ronald Feldman Fine Arts Inc. (N.Y.)
 "Yayoi Kusama" Gallery KURA (Matsumoto)
 Hyogo Aid '95 by Art Art Charity Bazar Gallery Dorape
 Auguries of the 21st Century -Prints Hillside Gallry (Tokyo)
 View of Contemporary Prints Niigata City Art Museum
 Japanese Culture : The Fifty post War Years Meguro Museum of Art, Tokyo
 Exhibition of Permanent Collection Ota Fine Arts (Tokyo)
 Minimal Form Fuji Television Gallery (Tokyo)
 About Lines : Non-existing Modarnism and Invisible Realism Itabashi Art Museum,Tokyo
 Japanese Culture : The Fifty post War Years Hiroshima City Museum of Contemporary Art
 "Yayoi Kusama : I who committed Suicide" Ota Fine Arts (Tokyo)
 "Recent Prints~Memorial Shot " Fuji Television Gallery (Tokyo)

Japanese Culture : The Fifty post War Years Hyogo Prefectural
 Museum of Modern Art, Kobe
 Summer Collection Touho Gallery (Tokyo)
 A Technique of Contemporary Art (1) Collage Nerima Museum of Art
 (Tokyo)
 Revolution: Art of The Sixties From Warhol to Beuys Museum of
 Contemporary Art, Tokyo
 Japanese Culture : The Fifty post War Years Fukuoka Art Museum
 ARCADIA Group Show Gallery Isogaya (Tokyo)
 Contemporary Art from the Museum Collection Museum of
 Contemporary Art, Tokyo
 Imagery Forest Inazawa City Ogisu Memorial Museum of Art (Aichi)
 Kanagawa International Prints Festival Kanagawa Prefectural Hall
 Yayoi Kusama YU Contemporary Art (Yolohama)
 Prints Ota Fine Arts (Tokyo)
 50 Artist / 50 Works Satani Gallery (Tokyo)
 Yayoi Kusama Etchings 77Gallery (Tokyo)
 Hyogo Aid '95 by Art Ban Gallery (Osaka),December
 1994 Jan-94 *Yayoi Kusama Gallery KURA (Matsumoto,Japan)
 Cross and Square Grids The Museum of Modern Art, Saitama (Saitama)
 Japanese Art after 1945:Scream Against the Sky Yokohama Art
 Museum
 "Yayoi Kusama" Atelier KAN Gallry (Tokyo)
 "Yayoi Kusama" Komagane Kogen Art Museum (Nagano)
 When the Body Becomes Art Itabashi Art Museum (Tokyo)
 "Yayoi Kusama" Nagano Prefectural Shinano Art Museum
 "Yayoi Kusama" Bunkamura Gallery (Tokyo)
 "Yayoi Kusama My Solitary Way to Death" Fuji Television Gallery
 (Tokyo)
 "Yayoi Kusama" Orient Gallery (Tokyo)
 "Yayoi Kusama" Takashimaya Department store,Okayama Art
 Gallery
 Very Special Art The Ueno Royal Museum
 "Yayoi Kusama" Gallery Art Wing (Kanagawa)
 Very Special Art The Hakone Open-Air Musem
 Japanese Self-Portrait Mitaka Cty Gallery of Art (Tokyo)
 aspects(1979-1994) Hara Museum ARC (Gunma, Japan)
 Out of Bounds Benesse House Naoshima Contemporary Art Museum
 "Yayoi Kusama" Chiyoda Gallery (Shizuoka)
 "Yayoi Kusama 1970s~RecentWorks" Gallery Now (Toyama)
 "Yayoi Kusama" MOMA Contemporary (Fukuoka)
 "Museum City Tenjin '94, Super Suburb "
 Japan Today Louisiana Museum of Modern Art, Helsinki,Denmark,
 Kunstnernes Hus, Oslo, Norway, Waino Aaltosen Museo, Turku,
 Finland, Liljevalchs Konsthall(Stockholm)
 1993 Yayoi Kusama Galleria Finarte (Nagaya)
 HAM Collection Yayoi Kusama 1952-1993 Gallery HAM (Nagoya)
 Yayoi Kusama Bunkamura Gallery (Tokyo)

- Yayoi Kusama Galleria Valentina Moncada (Roma)
 Contemporary Art from the Museum Collection Niigata City Art
 Museum (Niigata)
 Yayoi Kusama Galleria d'Arte del Naviglio, Venice
 Yayoi Kusama The 45th Venice Biennale
 Yayoi Kusama Shuyu Gallery (Tokyo)
 Vision, Illusion, and Anti-illusion from the Museum Collection Tokyo
 Metropolitan Art Museum
 Yayoi Kusama Gallery Now (Toyama)
 Yayoi Kusama Gallery Tomita (Hiroshima)
 Art from US Landmark Hall (Yokohama)
 Japanese Outsider Art: Inhabitants of Another World Setagaya Art
 Museum (Tokyo)
- 1992 Yayoi Kusama Art Gallery K2 (Tokyo)
 Yayoi Kusama Gallery Aries (Tokyo)
 Yayoi Kusama Gallery Mominoki (Tochigi)
 Yayoi Kusama Bunkamura Gallery (Tokyo)
 Yayoi Kusama MOMA Contemporary (Fukuoka)
 Yayoi Kusama YU Contemporary Art (Kanagawa)
 Bursting Galaxies The Sogetsu Art Museum
 Yayoi Kusama Gallery LAMIA (Tokyo)
 Adam & Eve The Museum of Modern Art, Saitama
 Bursting Galaxies Niigata City Art Museum (Niigata)
 X'mas Art Party by 200 Artists Guardian Garden (Tokyo)
 10 Artists: Contemporary Japanese Art of the 1980s-90s Tokyo
 Metropolitan Art Museum
- 1991 Yayoi Kusama-Collage 1952-83 Nabis Gallery (Tokyo)
 Yayoi Kusama 1953-1990 Art Gallery K2 (Tokyo)
 The World of Box ATM Contemporary Art Gallery, Mito Art (Ibaraki)
 Yayoi Kusama MOMA Contemporary (Fukuoka)
 The 2nd Tokyo Art Expo 1991 The Tokyo International Trade Center,
 Harumi
 Contemporary Art in Monochrome : from the Museum Collection Tokyo
 Metropolitan Art Museum
 Yayoi Kusama Gallery Vinci (Gunma)
 Yayoi Kusama Bunkamura Gallery (Tokyo)
 Yayoi Kusama: Between Heaven and Earth Fuji Television Gallery
 (Tokyo)
 Landscape into Modern Art: from the Museum Collection Tokyo
 Metropolitan Art Museum
 Yayoi Kusama: Paintings Prints Objects Oka Shorin (Nagano)
 Yayoi Kusama Gallery LAMIA (Tokyo)
 AERONART Loire Castles
 Yayoi Kusama YU Contemporary Art (Kanagawa)
 Prints: Yayoi Kusama Art Space Ashibisha (Saitama)
 Yayoi Kusama Gallery Athens (Osaka)
- 1990 BOX ART OF 90 Heineken Villegge (Tokyo)

The Art of Collage/Assemblage from the museum collection Tokyo Metropolitan Art Museum
Yayoi Kusama Gallery KURA (Nagano)
The Silent Dialogue: Still Life in the West and Japan Sizuoka Prefectural Museum of Art
Yayoi Kusama Gallery Kyouni (Tokyou)
Yayoi Kusama Chikugo Gallery (Kurume,Fukuoka)
PHARMAKON'90 Nippon Convention Center, Makuhari Messe
Art and Vision: from Japanese Modern Art Miyagi Museum of Art (Sendai, Miyagi)

BIOGRAPHY

Started to paint using polka dots and nets as motifs at around age ten ,and created fantastic paintings in watercolors, pastels and oils.

Went to the United States in 1957. Showed large paintings, soft sculptures, and environmental sculptures using mirrors and electric lights. In the latter 1960s, staged many happenings such as body painting festivals, fashion shows and anti-war demonstrations. Launched media-related activities such as film production and newspaper publication. In 1968, the film "Kusama's Self-Obliteration" which Kusama produced and starred in won a prize at the Fourth International Experimental Film Competition in Belgium and the Second Maryland Film Festival and the second prize at the Ann Arbor Film Festival. Held exhibitions and staged happenings also in various countries in Europe.

Returned to Japan in 1973. While continuing to produce and show art works, Kusama issued a number of novels and anthologies. In 1983, the novel "The Hustlers Grotto of Christopher Street" won the Tenth Literary Award for New Writers from the monthly magazine Yasei Jidai.

In 1986, held solo exhibitions at the Musee Municipal, Dole and the Musee des Beaux-Arts de Calais, France, in 1989, solo exhibitions at the Center for International Contemporary Arts, New York and the Museum of Modern Art, Oxford, England. In 1993, participated in the 45th Venice Biennale.

Began to create open-air sculptures in 1994. Produced open-air pieces for the Fukuoka Kenko Center, the Fukuoka Municipal Museum of Art, the Bunka-mura on Benesse Island of Naoshima, Kirishima Open-Air Museum and Matsumoto City Museum of Art, , in front of Matsudai Station, Niigata,TGV's Lille-Europe Station in France, Beverly Gardens Park, Beverly hills, Pyeonghwa Park, Anyang and a mural for the hallway at subway station in Lisbon.

Began to show works mainly at galleries in New York in 1996. A solo show held in New York in the same year won the Best Gallery Show in 1995/96 and the Best Gallery Show in 1996/97 from the International Association of Art Critics in 1996.

From 1998 to 1999, a major retrospective of Kusama's works which opened at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art traveled to the Museum of Modern Art, New York, the Walker Art Center and the Museum of Contemporary Art, Tokyo.

In 2000, Kusama won The Education Minister's Art Encouragement Prize and Foreign-Minister's Commendations. Her solo exhibition that started at Le Consortium in France in the same year traveled to Maison de la culture du Japon, Paris, KUNSTHALLEN BRANDTS ÆDEFABRIK, Denmark, Les Abattoirs, Toulouse, KUNSTHALLE Wien, Art Sonje Center, Seoul.

Received the Asahi Prize in 2001, the Medal with Dark Navy Blue Ribbon in 2002, the French Ordre des Arts et des Lettres (Officier), and the Nagano Governor Prize (for the contribution in encouragement of art and culture) in 2003

In 2004, Her solo exhibition "KUSAMATRIX" started at Mori Museum in Tokyo. This exhibition drew visitors totaling 520,000 people. In the same year, another solo exhibition started at The National Museum of Modern Art, Tokyo. In 2005, it traveled to The National Museum of Modern Art, Kyoto, Hiroshima City Museum of Contemporary Art, Contemporary Art Museum, Kumamoto, Matsumoto City Museum of Art.

Received the 2006 National Lifetime Achievement Awards, the Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette and The Praemium Imperiale -Painting- in 2006.

In 2008, Documentary film, (near equal) series, the fifth. [Yayoi Kusama, I adore myself.] was released.