

Umi Ishihara

Born in Tokyo, Japan, 1993

2024 MA Artist's Film & Moving Image, Goldsmiths University of London

2018 BA Fine Arts (Inter Media Art), Tokyo University of the Arts

Based in London and Tokyo

Solo Exhibitions

2026 "Nocturnal Melody," esea contemporary, Manchester (forthcoming)

Busan Biennale, Busan (forthcoming)

"Nocturnal Melody," Gasworks, London

2024 "Thundergod", Gallery Butaiura, Tokyo

2022 "Gravity and Radiance", GALLERY SOAP, Fukuoka

2021 "Gravity and Radiance", Shiseido Gallery, Tokyo

2017 "Mire of Dickhead Demon", TAV Gallery, Tokyo

Group Exhibitions

2025 "Visions Programme led by Onyeka Igwe", Nunnery Gallery, London

"Atami Art Grant", Shizuoka

"Remote Sensing" The George Paton Gallery University of Melbourne, Melbourne

2024 "Struggle", Fukuoka Art Museum, Fukuoka

"Home Sweet Home", Marugame Genichiro-Inokuma Museum of Contemporary Art, Kagawa

2023 "Home Sweet Home", The National Museum of Art, Osaka

"Fukuoka Art Award", Fukuoka Art Museum, Fukuoka

2022 "Coming of Age", Fondation Louis Vuitton, Paris

"National Museum of Women in the Arts Japan", YAU, Tokyo

Yebisu International Festival for Art & Alternative Visions", Tokyo Photographic Art Museum, Tokyo

2021 "Digitalis or First-Person Camera", Takuro Someya Contemporary Art, Tokyo

2019 "Bloomberg New Contemporaries", South London Gallery, London

"Women Imagining Rooms: About the Diary of Lady Sarashina", Ichihara Lakeside Museum, Chiba

Screenings

2026 "Thundergod", Locarno Film Festival, Locarno

2024 "The Pioneer", Centro de Arte Moderna Gulbenkian (CAM), Lisbon

- 2022 "Gravity and Radiance", Tokyo Photographic Art Museum, Tokyo
- 2020 "Janitor of Lunacy", ICA London, London
- 2019 "Janitor of Lunacy", BFI Southbank, London
"The Garden Apartment", "The Pioneer", International Film Festival Rotterdam, Rotterdam
- 2018 "Pains of Forever", The Institute of Modern Art, Brisbane
"Pains of Forever", CPH:DOX, Copenhagen
- 2014 "Desktop Treasure", Hors Pistes São Paulo, Museum of Image and Sound, São Paulo
"Desktop Treasure", Hors Pistes Tokyo Official Selection, Centre Pompidou, Paris

Awards and Grants

- 2026 Locarno Filmmakers Academy
CHANEL X BIFF Asian Film Academy
- 2024 GQ Global Creativity Awards 2024
Grant, The Pola Art Foundation Grants for Overseas Study
- 2023 Fukuoka Art Award
- 2022 Art News Japan, 30 Artists
- 2021 Shiseido Art egg 2021
- 2019 Bloomberg New Contemporaries 2019
- 2018 Ezoe Memorial Recruit Foundation Scholarship Student
KUMA Foundation Scholarship Student
- 2016 Contemporary Art Foundation Teiya Iwabuchi Award

Public Collections

- The National Museum of Art, Osaka
- Fukuoka Art Museum, Fukuoka