

Lee Ufan

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Education

1956	Seoul National University, moved to Japan
1961	Nihon Univerity, Philosophy
1973-91	Professor at Tama University
2001	Awarded Praemium Imperiale in painting by Japan Art Association

Solo Exhibitions

1967	Sato Gallery, Tokyo
1970	Tamura Gallery, Tokyo
1972	Myong-Dong Gallery, Seoul
1973	Tokyo Gallery, Tokyo
1974	Tamara Gallery, Tokyo
1975	Galerie Eric Fabre, Paris
1976	Galerie m, Bochum, Germany Spectrum Gallery, Antwerp, Belgium (Exh. cat.)
1977	Tokyo Gallery, Tokyo Galerie Eric Fabre, Paris
1978	Galerie m, Bochum, Germany Hyondae Gallery, Seoul (Exh. cat.). Düsseldorf Kunsthalle, Düsseldorf, Germany (Exh. cat.) Louisiana Museum of Modern Art, Denmark Antwerp Gallery, Antwerp, Belgium
1979	Gallery Takagi, Nagoya, Japan Muramatsu Gallery, Tokyo
1980	Marl Sculpture Museum, Germany Gallery Ueda, Tokyo Tokyo Gallery, Tokyo Galerie Eric Fabre, Paris
1982	Studio Marconi, Milan, Italy
1983	Gallery Ueda, Tokyo

- Tokyo Gallery, Tokyo
- 1984 Hyondae Gallery, Seoul (Exh. cat.)
Galerie de Paris, Paris
- 1985 Kamakura Gallery, Tokyo
- 1986 Tokyo Gallery, Tokyo
Gallery Ueda, Tokyo
Galerie de Paris, Paris
- 1987 Hyondae Gallery, Seoul (Exh. cat.)
- 1988 The Museum of Fine Art, Gifu, Japan
Galerie Anselm Dreher, Berlin
Padiglione D'Arte Contemporaneo, Milano (Exh. cat.)
- 1989 Galerie m, Bochum, Germany (Exh. cat.).
Galerie de Paris, Paris
Gallery Ueda, Tokyo
Shirota Gallery, Tokyo
Tokyo Gallery, Tokyo
- 1990 Kamakura Gallery, Tokyo
Inkong Gallery, Seoul
Hyondae Gallery, Seoul (Exh. cat.)
- 1991 Lorenzelli Arte, Milan (Exh. cat.)
Gallery Ueda, Tokyo (Exh. cat.).
Hara Museum ARC, Japan
- 1992 Galerie de Paris, Paris
SAGA - mmg, Grand Palais, Paris
Space Gallery Pusan, Korea (Exh. cat.)
- 1993 The Museum of Modern Art, Kamakura, Japan
Tokyo Gallery, Tokyo
Kamakura Gallery, Tokyo
Shirota Gallery, Tokyo
- 1994 The National Museum of Contemporary Art, Seoul
Fondazione Mudima, Milan
- 1995 Tokyo Gallery, Tokyo
- 1996 Lisson Gallery, London
- 1997 Jeu de Paume, Paris
- 1998 *Bilder und Skulpturen*, Städtisches Kunstinstitut und
Städtische Galerie, Frankfurt am Main
- 1999 Liliane & Michel Durand - Dessert, Paris

- 2001 Kunstmusum Bonn, Bonn
- 2002 *SCAI the Bathhouse*, Shiraishi Contemporary Art Inc; Tokyo, Japan
- 2003 Samsung Museum of Modern Art, Seoul, Korea
Correspondance, Lisson Gallery, London
- 2004 *Moderato cantabile*, Lee Ufan, *simon Callery*, Nishikawa, Galerie Philippe Casini,
- 2005 *Lee Ufan; The Art of Margins*, Yokohama Museum of Art
Exposition Lee Ufan, Musee D'Art Moderne de Saint-Etienne Metropole,
- 2006 *Lee Ufan Silence*, Galerie m Bochum' Bochum
Lee Ufan, Galerie Micheline Szajcer, Antwerp
Lee Ufan, Galerie Nächst St. Stephan Rosemarie Schwarzwälder, Vienna
- 2007 *Lee Ufan, Resonance*, Palazzo Palumbo Fossati, San Marco 2597, 30124 Venice
SCAI the Bathhouse, Shiraishi Contemporary Art Inc., Tokyo, Japan

Group Exhibitions

- 1968 *Contemporary Art of Korea*, The National Museum of Modern Art, Tokyo
- 1969 *São Paulo Biennale*, São Paulo, Brazil (Exh. cat.)
5th International Young Artists Exhibition, Japan Culture Forum, Tokyo.
The 5th Contemporary Art Exhibition of Japan, Tokyo Metropolitan Art Museum, Tokyo
Trends in Contemporary Art, The National Museum of Modern Art, Kyoto, Japan
- 1970 *Aspects of New Japanese Art*, The National Museum of Modern Art, Tokyo
- 1971 7th Paris Biennale, Paris (Exh. cat.)
- 1973 11th Contemporary Art Exhibition: *A Retrospective 20 Years of Contemporary Japanese Art*, Tokyo and Kyoto, Japan
São Paolo Biennale, Brazil (Exh. cat.)
- 1974 *Japan Traditional Gegenwart*, Städtische Kunsthalle, Düsseldorf, Germany
- 1975 3rd Triennale India, National Academy of Art, India
- 1976 International Painting Fair, Cagnes sur Mer, France
- 1977 Documenta VI, Kassel, Germany (Exh. cat.)
13th Contemporary Art Exhibition of Japan, The National Museum of Modern Art, Tokyo.
100 Prints Acquisitions 1973-1976, The Museum of Modern Art, New York.
- 1978 *Z.B. Sculpture*, Städtische Galerie im Städtischen, Frankfurt (Exh. cat.)
6th Brussels International Art Fair, Brussels, Belgium (Exh. cat.).
Focus 78, Centre Culturel du Marais, Paris, France (Exh. cat.).
- 1979 11th International Biennale Exhibition of Prints, The National Museum of Modern Art, Kyoto, Japan

- First Henry Moore Grand Prize Exhibition, Hakone Open-Air Museum, Kanagawa, Japan
- 1980 *Skulptur im 20 Jhrhundert*, Basel, Switzerland (Exh. cat.).
Japan Kalojdoskop, Sweden (Exh. cat.).
- 1982 *Meister der Zeichnung'*, Kunsthalle Nürnberg, Germany (Exh. cat.).
Material gets Art, National Gallerie, Berlin, Germany (Exh. cat.).
Japanese Contemporary Art Exhibition, Camden Arts Center, London (exh. cat.)
- 1983 ARS 83, Helsinki, Finland.
M. Kawabata, Lee Ufan and Y. Saito Exhibition, Juda Rowan Gallery, London (Exh. cat.).
- 1984 *Wiesbademer Skulpturentage*, Wiesbaden, Germany (Exh. cat.).
- 1985 *40 Years of Japanese Contemporary Art*, Tokyo, Japan.(Exh. cat.)
- 1986 *Seoul-Paris*, Centre Natoional des Arts Plastiques, Paris, France (Exh. cat.).
Mono-Ha, Kamakura Gallery, Tokyo, Japan.
Contemporary Japanese Calligraphy and Painting, Galerie Nationale de Prague (Exh. cat.).
- 1986-7 *Le Japon des Avants-Gardes*, Centre Georges Pompidou, Paris (Exh. cat.).
- 1987 *Mono-Ha and Post-Mono-Ha*, The Seibu Museum of Art, Tokyo, Japan
Painting 1977-87, The National Museum of Art, Osaka, Japan.
- 1988 *Monoha*, Museo Laboratorio di Arte Contemporanea, Rome, Italy.
Symposium of Olympic Sculpture, Seoul, Korea (Exh. cat.).
- 1989 *Croisement de Signes*, Institut du Monde Arabe, Paris, France (Exh. cat.).
Biennale Middleheim Japan, Middleheim Open-Air Museum, Antwerp, Belgium (Exh. cat.).
Japan 1989, Museum van Hedendaagse Kunst, Gent, Belgium.
Effets de Miroirs, Bibliotheque Louis Aragon, Ile-de-France, Choisy, France (Exh. cat.).
- 1990 *Blau*, Heidelberger Kunstverein, Heidelberg, Germany (Exh. cat.).
Minimal Art, The National Museum of Art, Osaka, Japan.
- 1991-2 *Aspects of Contemporary Japanese Art*, The Santa Monica Museum of Art, Santa Monica, California. (travelled to The Portland Art Museum, Oregon Art Institute, Oregon; Museo Rufino Tamayo, Mexico City Contemporary Art Center, New Orleans, Louisiana, USA.), (Exh. cat.)
- 1992 *Contemporary Art from Korea*, Tate Gallery, Liverpool, England (Exh. cat.).
7 artists of Japan, Nagoya City Art Museum, Nagoya, Japan.
Avanguardie Giapponesi degli anni 70, Galleria d' Arte Moderna, Bologna, Italy (Exh. cat.).
Anschitssachen, Gallery m Bochum, Germany (Exh. cat.)
- 1993 *Spiritual in Art*, Fukuyama Museum of Art, Hiroshima, Japan.

- 1994 *Japanese Art after 1945, Scream against the ski*, Yokohama Museum of Art, Japan
Japanese Contemporary Art, Guggenheim's Soho Museum, New York.
- 1995 *Asiana*, Venezia, Italy.
- 1996 *Japon 1970, Mono-Ha*, Musee d' Art Moderne, France.
- 1997 *Jeu de Paume*, Paris
- 2001 *Mono-ha - school of things*, Kettle's Yard, Cambridge & Newlyn Art Gallery
- 2002 *Les années 70: l'art en cause*, Musée d'art contemporain Entrepôt, Bordeaux, France
- 2003 *Happiness*, Mori Art Museum, Tokyo, Japan
- 2005 *(In) Visible/ // (In) Corporeo*, Museo d'Arte Provincia di Nuoro
- 2006 *Motion on Paper*, Ben Brown Fine Arts, London

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- 1969 São Paulo Biennale, Brazil (Exh. cat.)
- 1970 "Giappone", D' Ars, No. 55, Italy.
Joseph Love: "Exhibition in Tokyo - Lee Ufan", Art International, Vol. XIV, Switzerland
- 1971 Joseph Love: "Tokyo Letter", Art International, Vol.XV, Switzerland,
7th Paris Biennale, (Exh. cat.)
- 1973 São Paolo Biennale, Brazil (Exh. cat.)
- 1974 "Lee Ufan", Revue de la Pensee d' aujourd' hui, France, June.
"Lee Ufan", Review, Louisiana Museum of Modern Art, Denmark.
- 1975 Joseph Love: "Exhibition in Tokyo", Art Spectrum, Switzerland, January.
- 1976 Solo Exhibition, Galerie Spectrum, Antwerp, Belgium (Exh. cat.).Text by Joseph Love.
- 1977 Documenta VI, Kassel, Germany (Exh. cat.).
"Kunstbrief aus Tokyo", Das Kunstwerk, Germany, October.
Yvone Friedrich: "Lee Ufan", Das Kunstwerk, Germany, October.
- 1978 Z.B. Sculpture, Städtische Museum Frankfurt des Städel, Germany (Exh. cat.)
The World of Lee Ufan, Dusseldorf Kunsthalle, Germany (Exh. cat) Texts by Joseph Love and Lee Ufan.
6th Brussels International Art Fair, Brussels, Belgium (Exh. cat.)
Lee Ufan, Hyondae Gallery, Seoul, Korea (Exh. cat.). Texts by Lee Ufan (Lee III)
Focus 78, Centre Culturel du Marais, Paris, France (Exh. cat.)
"Lee Ufan", Canal, No. 2, France.
T.J.G. Harris: "Lee Ufan", Art International, Vol. XXII, Switzerland, May.

- 1979 Rene Micha: "Lettres de Paris", Art International, Vol. XXIII, Switzerland, Summer.
- 1980 Maiten Bouissiet: "Lee Ufan", Opus, No 78, France.
Sylvie Opus: "Lee Ufan", Art Press, France, May.
Skulptur im 20 Jahrhundert, Basel, Switzerland (Exh. cat.).
Japanskt Kalojdoskop, Sweden (Exh. cat.). Text by Joseph Love.
- 1981 Irmtraud Schaarschmidt - Richter: "Kunstbrief aus Tokyo", Das Kunstwerk, Germany, January.
- 1982 Loredana Parmesani: "Lee Ufan", Flash Art, Italy, Summer.
Meister der Zeichnung, Kunsthalle, Nurberg, Germany (Exh. cat.). Text by Toshiaki Minemura.
Japanese Contemporary Art Exhibition, Camden Art Center, London (Exh. cat.).
Material gets Art, Berlin National Galerie, Germany (Exh. cat.).
- 1983 Aomi Okabe, Shigeo Chiba: "Dossier Mono-Ha", Artistes, No.16, France.
Three Men Exhibition, Juda Rowan Gallery, London (Exh. cat.)
- 1984 Michel Nurisdany: "Lee Ufan", Art Press
Shigeo Chiba: "Modern Art from a Japanese Viewpoint", Artforum, U.S.A.
Seobo Park: "Meeting Lee Ufan", The Gallery, No.45, Seoul, Korea: Hyondae Gallery.
Wiesbadener Skulpturentage, Germany (Exh. cat.)
Lee Ufan, Hyondae Gallery, Seoul, Korea (Exh. cat.). Text by Lee Ufan. (Lee III)
- 1986 Shigeo Chiba: "Japanische Kunst heute", Noema, No.5, Germany.
Seoul - Paris, Centre National des Arts Plastiques, Paris (Exh. cat.)
Contemporary Japanese Calligraphy and Painting, Galerie Nationale de Prague, Czechoslovakia (Exh. cat.)
Japon des Avants - Gardes 1910-1970, Centre Georges Pompidou, Paris (Exh. cat.).
- 1987 Lee Ufan, Padiglione d' Arte Contemporanea, Milano.(Exh. cat.) Texts by Pierre Restany and Elena Pontiggia.
Arturo Silva: "MONOHA", Art Forum, U.S.A., January.
Irmtraud Schaarschmidt - Richter: "Austellungs-Rückschau", Das Kunstwert, Germany, Jan.
Arturo Silva: "Tokyo, Lee Ufan", Art Forum, U.S.A., February.
James Robert: "Tokyo Report", Art Scribe, May.
Minemura Toshiaki: "The cosmos and the meteoric", November.
- 1988 "Lee Ufan", Hara Museum Review, No. 7, Japan, Summer.
Martina Corgnati: "Lee Ufan", Flash Art, Italy, December.
Gabriella Dalesio: "MONOHA", Nike, Germany, September.
Ex Oriente, Milano, Italy (Exh. cat.). Text by E. Pontiggia.
Symposium of Olympic Sculpture, Seoul, Korea. (Exh. cat.)
- 1989 Croisement de Signes, Institut du Monde Arabe, Paris (Exh. cat.). Text by Pierre Restany
20th Biennale Middleheim -Japan, Open Air Museum, Middleheim, Antwerp Belgium.(Exh. cat.). Text by Toshiaki Minemura.
Markus Siegmann: "Lee Ufan", Das Kunstwerk, Germany, September.

- Katharina Schneider: "Biennale in Middleheim", Das Kunstwerk, Germany, December.
Effets de Miroir, Arts Plastiques Ile-de-France (Exh. cat.). Text by Michel Nurisdany.
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- 1990
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 Catherina Francblin: "Lee Ufan", Art Press, France, January.
 Yongik Kim, Bum Moon: "Dialogue with Lee Ufan", Space, Korea, September.
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- 1991
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- 1992
 Kung Yong Lee: "Lee Ufan", Art Now, Korea, Spring.
Lee Ufan, Space Gallery Pusan, Korea (Exh. cat.).
Working with Nature, Tate Gallery Liverpool.(Exh. cat.). Text by Lewis Biggs.
- 1994
Lee Ufan, Fondazione Mudima, Milano (Exh. cat.). Texts by Gino di Maggio.
- 1995
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 Arturo Silva: "Lee Ufan in confrontation with himself", The Japan Times, Tokyo, Japan, November.
 Joel Perron: "Mono-Ha takes matter into account.", The Daily Yomiuri, Tokyo, Japan, November.
 "Lee Ufan", Le Figaro Magazine, Paris, September.
 "Lee Ufan", Liberation, Paris, September.
 Werner Stretelz: "Spannung in der Stille", Waz, No. 222, Germany, September.
- 1996
 Pierre Restany: "Lee Ufan and the Mono-ha revolution", Domus, No. 779, Italy, February.
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- 1997
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 Ian Hunt, "Looking Back", Art Monthly, No. 204, March
 Lynn MacRitchie, "Lee Ufan at Lisson", Art in America, April
- 2001
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- 2006
 Jonathan Goodman, 'Il Lee, Chun Kwang-Young and Lee Ufan' Art Asia Pacific, no 51 Winter 2007, pp 98-101

Selected TV Productions

- 1977 Asahi Television, Art Report Series: The Painting of Rythm, (15 mins.), June
- 1978 Fuji Television, Television Art Museums Series: The World of Lee Ufan, (30 mins), July 16.
- 1979 Asahi Television, The World Art Report Series: 3D with Iron and Stone, (15 mins), July 15.
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- 1981 N.D.R. Hamburg, The Art of Lee Ufan, October
- 1984 K.B.S. Seoul, An Artist of Encounter, (50 mins.), January 3
- 1986 K.B.S. Seoul, Modernization and Folk Art Movement in Japan, (50 mins.), January 23-25.
- 1989 N.H.K. Channel 3, Sunday Museum: Paintings of Lee Dynasty, (45 mins.), March 4
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- 1990 K.B.S. Seoul, Television Art Museum: The World of Lee Ufan, (50 mins), September 2.
- 1992 M.B.C. Masan, The World of Lee Ufan, (50 mins), March 19.
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Public Collections

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Berlin National Galerie, Berlin, Germany.
Busan Municipal Museum of Art, Korea.
The Brooklyn Museum, New York, U.S.A.
Centre Georges Pompidou, Musee National d' Art Moderne, Paris, France.
Chiba City Museum of Art, Japan.
Chiba City Museum of Art, Japan.
FNAC, Paris, France.
Fukuoka Museum of Art, Fukuoka, Japan.
Galerie National de Prague, Czechoslovakia.
Hokkaido Museum of Modern Art, Sapporo, Japan.
Hoam Art Museum, Seoul, Korea.
Hakone Open-Air Museum, Kanagawa, Japan.
Hara Museum of Contemporary Art, Tokyo, Japan.
Hiroshima City Museum of Contemporary Art, Hiroshima, Japan
Iwaki City Art Museum, Iwaki, Japan
Kroller-Müller Rijksmuseum, Otterloo, Holland.
Kunstsammlungen der Ruhr-Universität Bochum, Germany.
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Miyagi Museum of Art, Sendai, Japan.
Mudima Foundation, Milano, Italy.

Niigata Prefectural Museum of Art, Niigata, Japan
Ohara Museum of Art, Kurakishiki, Japan.
Queensland Art Gallery, Brisbane, Australia.
Setagaya Art Museum, Tokyo, Japan.
Sezon Museum of Modern Art, Nagano, Japan.
Saô Paulo Art Library, São Paulo, Brazil.
Sonia Henle-Niels Onstad Museum, Oslo, Norway.
Staatliches Kunstsammlungen Dresden, Dresden, Germany.
Staatliches museum Leverkusen, Germany.
Stadt Nürnberg Kunsthalle, Nurnberg, Germany.
Staatliches Museum Stadel, Frankfurt.
Staatliches Kunstmuseum Bonn, Bonn, Germany.
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Sunjae Museum of Art, Korea.
Tate Gallery, London, Britain
The National Museum of Modern Art, Seoul, Korea.
The National Gallery of Prague, Czechoslovakia.
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