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## YOSHITOMO NARA

Biography

Yoshitomo Nara currently lives and works in Japan, and exhibits worldwide.

Having received his B.F.A. (1985) and an M.F.A. (1987) from the Aichi Prefectural University of Fine Arts and Music, Nara studied at the Kunstakademie Düsseldorf, in Dusseldorf, Germany from 1988 to 1993.

Nara started exhibiting in Japan in 1984, and in 1989 began to exhibit internationally. He has had nearly 40 solo exhibitions since 1984 and is represented by Stephen Friedman Gallery, London; Tomio Koyama Gallery, Toyko; Galerie Michael Zink, Berlin; Marianne Boesky Gallery, New York; Blum & Poe, Los Angeles; Johnen and Schottle, Cologne and Galerie Mayer Kainer, Vienna.

In the UK Nara has exhibited in Jam: Tokyo London, 2001 Barbican Centre, London; The Galleries Show 2003, Royal Academy of Arts, London and at Stephen Friedman Gallery, London in 2000, 2003 and 2006.

Yoshitomo Nara + graf is a collaborative project between the artist and graf founded in Osaka. Their collaboration started in 2003 when Nara met Hideki Toyoshima, an artist and one of the founders of graf. To date they have collaborated on projects in Japan, Spain, UK, Holland, Korea USA, Indonesia, Thailand, Taiwan and Germany.

























