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Born in Nagoya 1930, died in Okinawa, Japan 2012

Education

1950-54 Aichi University, Nagoya, Japan

Selected Solo Exhibition

- 2020 *Plastics*, MISA SHIN GALLERY, Tokyo, Japan
- 2019 *Tomatsu Shomei - INTERFACE*, INTERFACE-Shomei Tomatsu Lab. Okinawa, Japan
- 2018 *Shomei Tomatsu*, Fundación MAPFRE Casa Garriga Nogués Exhibition Hall, Barcelona, Spain
- 2017 *INTERFACE – Or, What Japan's Great Post-War Photographers Kept Looking For. An Inquiry into the Artistic Practice of Shomei Tomatsu.*, Photo History Museum FUJIFILM SQUARE, Tokyo, Japan
- 2016 *Shomei Tomatsu: Nagasaki*, Hiroshima City Museum of Contemporary Art, Japan
- 2015 *Chewing Gum and Chocolate*, MISA SHIN GALLERY, Tokyo, Japan
- 2013 *Afghanistan 1963*, MISA SHIN GALLERY, Tokyo, Japan
Shomei Tomatsu Island life, The Art Institute of Chicago, Illinois, USA
Tomatsu Shomei and plants in Okinawa, Okinawa Prefectural Art Museum, Okinawa, Japan
Toki-wo-kezuru, Mitsubishi-Jisho ARTIUM, Fukuoka, Japan
Tomatsu Shomei Photographs, Nagasaki Prefectural Art Museum, Nagasaki, Japan
Nagasaki 11:02, Nagasaki Atomic Bomb Museum, Nagasaki, Japan
Shomei Tomatsu The pencil of the Sun, Canon Gallery, Tokyo, Japan
- 2012 *Tomatsu Shomei Photographs*, Tonami Art Museum, Toyama, Japan
- 2011 *Shinjuku Turmoil*, MISA SHIN GALLERY, Tokyo, Japan
Tomatsu Shomei. Okinawa Photographs - Love Letter to the Sun, Okinawa Prefectural Museum & Art Museum, Naha, Japan
- 2010 *TOMATSU SHOMEI: PHOTGRAPHS*, Nagoya City Art Museum, Nagoya, Japan
- 2009 *Nagasaki 11:02*, Nagasaki Atomic Bomb Museum, Nagasaki
- 2007 *Tomatsu Shomei: Tokyo Mandala* Tokyo Metropolitan Museum of Photography, Tokyo, Japan
- 2006 *Aichi Mandala: Tomatsu Shomei's Landscape* Aichi Prefectural Museum of Art, Aichi, Japan

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- 2005 *Shomei Tomatsu: Skin of the Nation*, San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, California, USA
Shomei Tomatsu: Skin of the Nation, Corcoran Gallery of Art, Washington, D.C., USA
- 2004 *Shomei Tomatsu: Skin of the Nation*, Japan Society, New York, USA
- 2003 *Shomei Tomatsu: Three Decades in Color*, National Museum of Modern Art, Kyoto, Japan
- 2002 *Okinawa Mandala*, Urasoe Art Museum, Okinawa
- 2000 *Nagasaki Mandala*, Nagasaki Prefectural Museum, Nagasaki, Japan
- 1999 *Traces: Fifty Years of Tomatsu's work*, Tokyo Metropolitan Museum of Photography, Tokyo, Japan
- 1998 *Shomei Tomatsu: Cherry Blossoms*, Niitsu City Art Museum, Niigata, Japan
Character P: The Final Abode, epSITE Gallery, Tokyo, Japan
- 1997 *Shomei Tomatsu*, Mutsuzawa Town Hall, Chiba, Japan
- 1996 *Nagasaki 11:02*, Nagasaki Atomic Bomb Museum, Nagasaki
Interface, Ginza Nikon Salon, Tokyo; Osaka Nikon Salon
Interface: Shomei Tomatsu, National Film Center, National Museum of Modern Art, Tokyo, Japan
- 1995 *Shomei Tomatsu: The Light and Shadow of Postwar Japan*, Naha Citizens Gallery and Taira Central Community Hall, Okinawa, Japan
The Nagasaki Survivors, Trinity College, Vermont, USA
- 1994 *Kyoto/Cherry Blossoms-The Original Image of The Japanese Nation*, Konica Plaza, Tokyo, Japan
- 1993 *Shomei Tomatsu: New World Map + Golden Mushroom*, Inax Gallery, Tokyo, Japan
- 1992 *Southern Island Journal- The Ryukyu Archipelago*, Konica Plaza, Tokyo, Japan
Shomei Tomatsu Photographs, Gallery Emon, Nagoya, Japan
Sakura+Plastics, Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, USA
- 1991 *Shomei Tomatsu: Weathering Time*, Maikata Citizen Gallery, Osaka, Japan
- 1990 *Shomei Tomatsu*, Perspektief Centrum Voor Fotografie, Rotterdam, Holland
Cherry, Cherry, Cherry, Umeda Loft, Osaka, Japan
Yamagataya Cultural Hall, Kagoshima, Japan
- 1989 *Plastics*, Parco Galleries, Tokyo Sapporo, and Osaka
- 1988 *The Colors Blossom, Scatter, and Fall*, Polaroid Gallery, Tokyo; Picture Photo Space, Osaka, Japan
Shomei Tomatsu: Japanese Landscapes, Toyonaka Central Public Hall, Osaka, Japan
- 1986 *Shomei Tomatsu: Nagasaki*, Liberty Osaka, Osaka, Japan
- 1984 *Shomei Tomatsu: Japan, 1952-1981*, Fotogalerie im Forum Stadtpark, Graz, Austria;

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Traklhaus, Salzburg; MuseumModerner Kunst, Vienna, Austria; Kornerpark Galerie, Berlin, Germany; Fotoforum, Bremen, Germany; StadtischeGalerie, Erlangen, Germany; Museet for Fotokunst, Odense, Denmark

- 1981 *What Now!! Japan through the Eyes of Shomei Tomatsu,*
Yatsushiro Municipal Parking Garage Hall, Kumamoto, and twenty -nine other Japanese venues
- 1978 *The Pencil of the Sun,* Nihon Seimei Hall, Nagoya, Japan
- 1964 *Kingdom of Mud,* Fuji Photo Salon, Tokyo, Japan
- 1962 *11:02 Nagasaki,* Fuji Photo Salon, Tokyo, Japan
- 1959 *People,* Fuji Photo Salon, Tokyo, Japan

Selected Group Exhibition

- 2019 *The Gaze of Things. Japanese Photography in the Context of Provoke,* Bombas Gens Centre d'Art, Valencia, Spain
- 2018 *1968: Art in the Turbulent Age,* Chiba City Museum of Art, Chiba, Japan
Japan Modern: Photography from the Gloria Katz and Willard Huyck Collection, Freer | Sackler, Washington, USA
a Handful of Dust from the Cosmic to the Domestic, California Museum of Photography, California, USA
The Origins Japanese Contemporary Photography - Film grain as words, GoEun Museum of Photography, Busan, Korea
- 2017 *20 Year Anniversary TOP Collection: Tokyo Tokyo and TOKYO,* Tokyo Photographic Art Museum, Tokyo, Japan
- 2016 *PROVOKE BETWEEN PROTEST AND PERFORMANCE PHOTOGRAPHY IN JAPAN 1960-1975,* Albertina, Vienna, Austria; Fotomuseum Winterthur, Switzerland; Le Bal, Paris, France
- 2015 *For a New World to Come: Experiments in Japanese Art and Photography, 1968-1979,* The Museum of Fine Arts, Texas, USA; Grey Art Gallery, New York University, New York, USA; Japan Society Gallery, New York, USA
The 70th Anniversary of the Atomic Bombings on Hiroshima and Nagasaki: War and Peace, Hiroshima Prefectural Museum and Nagasaki Prefectural Art Museum, Japan
Collection Exhibition 2015-16, National Museum of Modern Art Kyoto, Japan
Conflict, Time, Photography, Staatliche Kunstsammlungen Dresden, Dresden, Germany; Museum Folkwang, Essen, Germany
Aichi Notes - Clay, Ceramics, Landscape and Memory, Aichi Prefectural Ceramic Museum, Aichi, Japan
- 2014 *Conflict, Time, Photography,* Tate Modern, London, UK

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- The Provoke Era: Japanese Photography from the Collection of SFMOMA*, Crocker Art Museum, California, USA
- 2013 *1968 -Japanese Photography*, Tokyo Metropolitan Museum of Photography, Tokyo, Japan
- Memories of the Town: Yokosuka via photography and art*, Yokosuka Museum of Art, Kanagawa, Japan
- 2012 *Tokyo 1955-1970: A New Avant-Garde*, The Museum of Modern Art, New York, USA
- Everything Was Moving: Photography from the 60s and 70s*, Barbican Art Gallery, London, UK
- Busan Biennale 2012 - Garden of Leaning -*, The Busan Biennale 2012, Busan, Korea
- 2011 *Breaking News - Fukushima and the consequences -*, KW Institute for Contemporary Art, Berlin, German
- 2008-09 *Ryukyu, Okinawa Two People Exhibition Higa Yasuo Ritual of Ryukyu: Tomatsu Shomei Chewing Gum and Chocolate*, Canon Gallery S, Tokyo; Urasoe Art Museum, Okinawa, Japan
- 2003 *Japan 1945-1975: A photographic Renewal*, Patrimoine Photographique, Paris, France
- The History of Japanese Photography*, Museum Fine Arts, Houston Cleveland Museum of Art, Cleveland, USA
- 2000 *How You Look at it: Photographs of the Twentieth Century*, Sprengel Museum, Hannover, Germany
- 1999 *Memories of Twentieth-Century Japan: Ten Photographers' Visions*, Tokyo Metropolitan Museum of Photography, Tokyo, Japan
- 1995 *After Hiroshima: The Message from Contemporary Art*, Hiroshima City Museum of Contemporary Art, Hiroshima, Japan
- The History of Contemporary Photography: The Documenting and Creative Eye*, Mitsukoshi, Tokyo; Nabio Art Museum, Osaka, Japan
- The Half-Life of Awareness: Photographs of Hiroshima and Nagasaki*, Tokyo Metropolitan Museum of Photography, Tokyo, Japan
- 1994 *Japanese Art after 1945: Scream Against the Sky*, Yokohama Museum of Art, Kanagawa; Guggenheim Museum Soho, New York; San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, San Francisco, USA
- Neo-DaDa Exhibition*, Fukuoka City Art Museum, Fukuoka, Japan
- 1993 *Modern Japanese Art*, National Museum of Modern Art, Tokyo, Japan
- Photographs from the Real World*, Lillehammer Bys Malerisamlung, Norway; Bergen Kunstforening Museum, Norway; Copenhagen Photography Museum, Copenhagen, Denmark
- 1992 *More Than One Photography*, Museum of Modern Art, New York, USA
- 1991 *The Toppan Collection*, International Center of Photography, New York, USA
- Innovation in Japanese Photography in the 1960s*, Tokyo Metropolitan Museum of

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- Photography, Tokyo, Japan
- 1990 *The Past and Present of Photography*, National Museum of Modern Art, Tokyo; National Museum of Modern Art, Kyoto
Photographs of the 1940s and 1950s, Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, USA
- 1989 *Eleven Photographers in Japan 1965-75: Has Japanese Photography Been Changed?* Yamaguchi Prefectural Museum of Art photography Until Now, Museum of Modern Art, New York, USA; Cleveland Museum of Art, Cleveland, USA
150 Years of Photography, Konica Plaza, Tokyo, Japan
Japanese Photography, Museum Voor Fotografie, Chaleroi, Belgium
- 1986 *Avant-Garde Art, Japan: 1910-1970*, Centre Georges Pompidou, Paris, France
- 1985 *Paris, New York, Tokyo*, Tsukuba Photography Museum, Miyagi Prefectural Art Museum, Miyagi, Japan
The incredible Image: Photographs of War, 1846 to the Present, Grey Art Gallery and Study Center, New York University, New York, USA; Institute for the Arts, Rice Museum, Houston, Texas, USA; Corcoran Gallery of Art, Washington, D.C., USA
Black Sun: The Eyes of Four, Museum of Modern Art, Oxford, UK; Serpentine Gallery, London, UK; Philadelphia Museum of Art, USA; University of Iowa Museum of Art, Iowa City, USA; Japan House Gallery, New York, USA; Museum of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles, USA; Baltimore Museum of Art, Maryland, USA
- 1982 *Twentieth-Century Photography from the New York Museum of Modern Art*, Seibu Art Museum, Tokyo, Japan
- 1979 *Japan: A Self-Portrait*, International Center of Photography, New York, Japan
- 1976 *New Photography from Japan*, Kulturhaus der Stadt, Graz, Austria
- 1975 *The History of Modern Japanese Photography*, Seibu Art Museum, Tokyo, Japan
- 1974 *New Japanese Photography*, Museum of Modern Art, New York, USA; Denver Art Museum, Colorado, USA; Saint Louise Art Museum, Missouri, USA; Minneapolis Institute of the Arts, Minneapolis, USA; Winnipeg Art Gallery, Manitoba, Canada; Krannert Art Museum, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Illinois, USA; San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, San Francisco, USA; Seattle Art Museum, Washington, USA; Portland Art Museum, Oregon, USA
- 1963 *Contemporary Photography Exhibition 1961-62*, National Museum of Modern Art, Tokyo, Japan
- 1962 *Non*, Matsuya, Tokyo, Japan
- 1957-59 *Eyes of Ten*, Konishiroku Photo Gallery, Tokyo, Japan
- 1956 *Five Photojournalists*, Matsushima Gallery Tokyo, Japan

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Tokyo Mandala: The World of Shomei Tomatsu. Tokyo: Tokyo Metropolitan Museum of Photography, 2007.

Aichi Mandala: The Early works of Shomei Tomatsu. Aichi Prefectural Museum of Art and Chunichi Shinbun, 2006.

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Tomatsu Shomei. Nihon no Shashinka 30. Tokyo: Iwanami Shoten, 1999.

Ueno Koshi, Shashinka: Tomatsu Shomei (Shomei Tomatsu, Photographer). Tokyo: Seidosha, 1999.

Visions of Japan: Tomatsu Shomei. Kyoto: Korinsha, 1998.

Toki no Shimajima (Island of Time). With text by Ryuta Imafuku. Tokyo: Iwatani Shiten, 1998.

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San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, USA

Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, USA

Museum of Fine Arts Boston, USA

Museum of Modern Art, New York, USA

Centre Pompidou, Paris, France

Museum Folkwang, Essen, Germany

Okinawa Prefectural Museum & Art Museum, Japan

Nagasaki Prefectural Art Museum, Japan

National Museum of Modern Art, Tokyo, Japan

Tokyo Photographic Art Museum, Tokyo, Japan