

**Sandra Yagi**  
**Yokai Night Parade**  
**Artist Statement**

My series of gouache and ink paintings depicts a parade of numerous supernatural entities and spirits, known as yōkai, parading through Japanese villages and countryside. This procession, Hyakki Yagyō, was a popular theme in Japanese art, and was usually shown in long scrolls in pre-modern Japan.

I'm interested in both science and myth, as these arenas of knowledge seek to explain the natural world. In Japanese mythology, yōkai provide explanation for natural phenomenon, such as echoing voices in a canyon, creaking floorboards, and other unusual and (at the time) unexplainable observations. In the modern era, these phenomena are explained via science and empirical deduction, but yōkai have not faded away. They have remained popular in contemporary media and culture and have influenced characters such as Yōkai Watch video games, numerous anime films and comics, and the Pokémon franchise.

Learning about yōkai has also allowed me to explore my ancestral Japanese heritage and culture. I remember my mother, grandmother and great aunt talking about yōkai, including tanuki (shapeshifting racoon dogs), kitsune (shapeshifting foxes) and haka no hi (fires coming out of graves), as well as ghosts. There are hundreds of yōkai, many of which were cataloged by artist and writer Toriyama Sekien (1712-1788) and more recently illustrated by Shigeru Mizuki (1922-2015). For inspiration, I looked mainly at traditional Japanese artists, such as Kawanabe Kyosai, and Shigeru Mizuki.

My technique is informed by traditional media and techniques of western art, so I used pen and ink and gouache on paper for this series. I've designed the paintings so that they follow a parade-like formation. Each line of paintings has characters faced in the same direction, as they would if they were portrayed in a scroll. The gold border is meant to evoke the look of traditional Japanese scrolls.

# Sandra Yagi Resume

## Education

1985 M.B.A., University of Colorado at Denver, Denver CO

1979 B.S., cum laude, University of Colorado at Denver, Denver CO

## Selected Solo Exhibitions

2023

Bert Green Fine Art, Chicago IL

2021

Scope Miami with Modern Eden Gallery

2020

Bert Green Fine Art, Chicago IL

2018

Bert Green Fine Art, Chicago IL

2015

Bert Green Fine Art, Chicago IL

2012

Bert Green Fine Art, Chicago IL

Bone Room, Berkeley, CA

2011

Bert Green Fine Art, Los Angeles, CA

Primal Renderings, Modern Eden Gallery, San Francisco, CA

2009

Bert Green Fine Art, Los Angeles, CA

2006

Bert Green Fine Art, Los Angeles, CA

2004

"Opposing Forces", Pima Community College, Tucson, AZ.

2003

"Saints and Sinners." Circle Elephant Gallery, Los Angeles

Sanchez Art Center. Pacifica, CA

2002

American River College Kaneko Gallery, Sacramento, CA

2001

College of the Sequoias Art Gallery. Visalia, CA.

1999

Chico Art Center

University Center Concourse Gallery, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN

Merced College Art Gallery, Merced, CA

1998

Truckee Meadows Community College, Reno, Nevada

Matrix Gallery and Workshop of Women Artists, Sacramento, CA

Ventura College Art Galleries, Ventura, CA

## Selected Group Exhibitions

2023

Infinite Horizons, Modern Eden Gallery, San Francisco

2022

Halcyon Days, curated by Beautiful Bizarre Magazine, Modern Eden Gallery, San Francisco

Danse Macabre, Modern Eden Gallery, San Francisco

4Squared, Arc Gallery, San Francisco, CA

Doll House, Arc Gallery, San Francisco, CA

2021

Portrait Show, Modern Eden Gallery, San Francisco, CA

Actual Size, Modern Eden Gallery, San Francisco, CA

Metamorphosis, 4 artist show, Modern Eden Gallery, San Francisco, CA

Dark Art, Beinart Gallery, Melbourne, AU

Prints Published During the Pandemic, Bert Green Fine Art, Chicago, IL

2020

"BLAB" curated by Monte Beauchamp, Copro Gallery, Santa Monica, CA.

Portrait Show, Modern Eden Gallery, San Francisco, CA

Awakened by Midnight, Arc Gallery, San Francisco CA

Dark Art, Beinart Gallery, Melbourne, AU

New Growth, Modern Eden Gallery, San Francisco, CA

2019

Beyond Eden, Modern Eden Gallery, DesignerCon, Anaheim CA

"Esprit de Corps," Haven Gallery, Northport NY, and Modern Eden Gallery, San Francisco

"4Squared All Stars", Arc Gallery, San Francisco, CA

"The Illusionists," The Representational Art Conference, Camarillo, CA

"Selfish," Modern Eden, San Francisco, CA

2018

"Night Garden," Modern Eden, San Francisco, CA

Winslow Arizona Arts Museum (WAZAM), "The End of the Road", Winslow AZ

Nucleus Portland, Infinite Well, curated by WOWxWOW, Portland OR

Annual Portrait show, Modern Eden, San Francisco CA

2017

Modern Eden, Familiar, San Francisco CA

Distinction Gallery, "And If Our Days Won't Last", Escondido, CA

Squared Alumni, Arc Gallery, San Francisco, CA

beinArt Gallery, Melbourne, AU

Lovers Eye, Modern Eden Gallery, San Francisco, CA

48 Pillars, Arc Gallery, San Francisco, CA

WowXWow, on line exhibit

2016

Bash Fine Art, Dark Matters, Las Vegas, NV

Modern Eden, Hindsight, San Francisco, CA

Antler Gallery, Unnatural Histories V, Portland OR

FourSquared, Arc Gallery, San Francisco, CA

Destinesia, Stephen Romano Gallery, Brooklyn NY

Dreams and Divinities, Atelier Gustave, Paris, France

The Known Universe, Root Division, San Francisco

beinart Gallery Inaugural Exhibit, Brunswick, AU

beinArt International Surreal Art Collective, Copro Gallery, Santa Monica, CA 2015

Inaugural Exhibit, Macabre Gallery, Gallery X, Dublin, Ireland

Myth, Magic and Lore. Bash Contemporary

"Storybook" Modern Eden Gallery, curated by Michael Cuffe

"Garden of Fernal Delights" Bash Contemporary

2014

Bash Contemporary, four person show

Endangered Visions, Manila Art 2014, Manila, Philippines

MEDinART at the Vesalius Continuum, Zakynthos, Greece, video presentation of art

"On Beauty", Modern Eden Gallery, San Francisco, CA

Bash Contemporary at Silicon Valley Contemporary Art Fair

2013

Bash Contemporary, 3 person group show, San Francisco, CA

beinArt International Surreal Art Collective Group exhibition, Copro Gallery, Santa Monica, CA

Bash Contemporary, Opening exhibition, San Francisco, CA

ArtPadSF Art Fair?

"Fiction," Modern Eden Gallery, San Francisco, CA

Laluzapalooza - Annual Group Show, La Luz de Jesus Gallery, Los Angeles, CA

"The Art of Tarot," Modern Eden Gallery, San Francisco, CA

"Venice," Modern Eden Gallery, San Francisco, CA

2012

"Anomalies", beinArt International Surreal Art Collective, Copro Gallery, Santa Monica, CA

"Taboo" - beinArt International Surreal Art Collective, Last Rites Gallery, New York, NY

ArtPadSF Art Fair

Laluzapalooza - 26th Annual Group Show, La Luz de Jesus Gallery, Los Angeles, CA

Inaugural Exhibition of Gallery Artists, Bert Green Fine Art, Chicago, IL

Life Live, ARC Gallery and Studios, San Francisco, CA

2011

The New Surrealism, Modern Eden Gallery, San Francisco, CA

Genesis to Revelation, Copro Gallery, Santa Monica, CA

Spectacular Beasts, Incline Gallery, San Francisco, CA

beinArt International Surreal Art Collective Group 'Dystopia,' Copro Gallery, Santa Monica, CA

2010

Rapture of the Tiny - Bert Green Fine Art, Los Angeles, CA

FourSquared, ARC Studios and Gallery, San Francisco, CA

Polyester Gallery, "The X Show," Omaha NE

2009

Columbia College, "Dis/Believer: Intersections of Science and Religion in Contemporary Art"  
Chicago, IL

Hayward Gallery, London – "15 Seconds of Fame" video competition. 2nd runner up

2007

JHS Gallery, "Who Do You Say that I am? " Taos, New Mexico

2006

Dia de los Muertos, Oakland Museum of California

2005

Brad Cooper Gallery, "New Talent", Tampa, FL

Group Exhibit, Bert Green Fine Art, Los Angeles

2004

Bert Green Fine Art, Gallery Artists", Los Angeles, CA

2002

Circle Elephant Art, "Gallery Artists" Los Angeles, CA

Circle Elephant Art, "Introductions", Los Angeles, CA

Center for Contemporary Art, "Digital Visions", Sacramento, CA

Sanchez Art Center, Pacifica, CA, Arts on Fire.

2001

Circle Elephant Art, Six California Painters, Los Angeles, CA

Vorpal Gallery, Beaux & Eros, San Francisco, CA  
Vorpal Gallery, 2001: An Art Odyssey. San Francisco, CA  
Circle Elephant Art. Displaced Passion, Los Angeles, CA  
2000  
10th Annual Statewide Exhibit, Santa Cruz Art League, Santa Cruz, CA  
Bay Area Art III, Juried exhibition, Napa, CA  
1999  
Catherine Clark Gallery, "Collector - Curator.", San Francisco, CA  
30th Annual All 2- Dimensional Competition for California Artists, San Jose Art League,  
San Jose Center for the Visual Arts, San Jose, CA, Juried exhibition.  
1998  
San Francisco State University, The Student Center Art Gallery, San Francisco, CA  
"Face - Queer Expression through Self Portraits," Somar/ QCC, San Francisco, CA  
Chemeketa Community College, Salem, Oregon  
"Toys in Contemporary Art," Juried exhibition, d.p. Fong Galleries, San Jose, CA  
1998  
67th Annual Statewide Exhibit, Juried Exhibition, Santa Cruz Art League CA  
Napa Valley College, "Every Picture Tells a Story", Napa, CA  
1997  
Bay Arts 1997, Juried Exhibition, San Mateo County Arts Council, Belmont, CA  
"Bay Area Art," Napa Valley College Art Gallery, Napa, CA Juried exhibition  
"Selections" - Artspan, San Francisco, CA Juried exhibition.

### **Reviews, Articles and Publications**

2020  
"Not Normal: Art in the Age of Trump," by Karen M Gutfreund  
2019  
Scientific Inquirer, "Sandra Yagi: Life, Death and Le Petit Mort"  
El Cultural, Interview with Sandra Yagi  
2017  
Sandra Yagi's Strange Creatures, Skeletons Explore Our Nature by Andy Smith, Hi-Fructose  
2016  
Bicycle Review #32, by the Pedestrian Press.  
2015  
Octopus Game, by Nicky Beer, Carnegie Mellon University Press. (Cover art)  
WOW x WOW - interview and artist profile  
Dark Corner Books  
SciArt in America blog: brief interview  
Beautiful Art, Russia  
JupiterXJakarta  
2014  
Paperblog, Italy  
DarK Magazine  
2013  
Verdad literary magazine  
Taringa, Más allá de la zona de confort (Arte)  
Yay LA, Modern Eden Brings Fiction Alive  
2012  
Taringa on line art magazine (Argentina): Interview by EclectixBartleby Snopes "Post-  
Experimentalism" - cover illustraiton  
Oakland Art Enthusiast, "Voyage Through a Hidden World at the Bone Room"

KQED Quest, "The Fact and Fiction of Fantastic Hybrids" by Danna Staaf  
Sweet Station, Sandra Yagi  
"Pinturas sobre los peligros de la modificación genética" by Helena Celdran, 20 Minutos.es  
"Sandra Yagi : El lado salvaje del hombre", El Confidencial, diario de información en español El diario de los lectores influyentes  
2011  
Creep Machine, ReviewL "Primal Renderings" by Sandra Yagi @ Modern Eden  
Eclectix Arts, Sandra Yagi's Opening at Modern Eden, November 2011  
The 22 Magazine, October, 2011  
San Francisco Chronicle, "The Watch-May 5", by Kimberly Chun  
San Francisco Art Enthusiast, Interview with "Spectacular Beasts" artist, Sandra Yagi  
ArtScene, "Clive Barker and Sandra Yagi," January  
Mental Shoes, Issue 018, "Sandra Yagi: Paintings"  
2010  
San Francisco Art News – Artist Profile – "Curiosity Dissected the Cat."  
2008  
Democracy in China – Limited artists' edition – Guns N' Roses  
2007  
Art That Dares, Gay Jesus, Woman Christ and More. By Kittredge Cherry  
2006  
Paul Ruscha's Full Moon, the Collection of Paul Ruscha, by Paul Ruscha  
2001  
Artweek; "Displaced Passion: The Melodrama of Love, Loss & Transformation at Circle Elephant Art," by Shana Nys Dambrot  
Artweek; "Collector-Curator at Catherine Clark Gallery", by Gustavus Kundahl  
1999  
Q San Francisco. "Sandra Yagi; Artist Untied," by Robert Adams  
Los Angeles Times, Ventura edition, "Illusion by Intent - The appeal of Sandra Yagi's painting is their resistance to easy interpretation," by Josef Woodard  
Bay Times. "The Queer Cultural Center's "Face's" at SOMAR Gallery," by Jeffrey Wilson  
1997  
San Jose Mercury News, "Exhibition plays with toys' simple appeal, deeper meanings." by Mike Antonucci, December 7.

**Selected Private Collections:**

Chris Vroom  
Cesar Chavez  
Paul Ruscha  
Keryn Redstone  
Collection of Robert and Joan Williams  
Collection of Robert Smith and Gary Noguera  
Lee Unkrich  
Ben Stiller & Christine Taylor  
Miley Cyrus  
Robin Standefer and Stephen Alesch  
Bert Green  
Bradley Platz and Kim Larson  
Christie La Russell and Anne Zeller  
Greg Priest and Marta Cervantes

Michael Yochum and Priscilla Otani

Greg Roberts

Cynthia Perry

Susan Bolles

Tony Karman

Keryn Redstone

James Bacchi

Leslie Morgan

Tracy Starr

Josh Jaffe

Bert Green and Aric Lasher

Susan Schen

Christie La Russell and Anne Zeller

Laura and Sam Craven

Donna Regan

Sherry Mattson

Andrew Briggs

Ramon Morales

Tanya Wilkinson

Kevin Rettig

Orly Ravid

Peter Lucas

Ethan Malasky and Jill Manthei

Paul Zaloom

Ragen Wilfert

Skot Armstrong & James Tallon

Renee Muzic

Joan Sivalon

Michael Pearce

Mary Jane Duffy

Salvatore J. Giambanco

Jane Cantillion