

## SONO OSATO

- 1960 Born, Baden Baden Germany  
1986 **MFA**, California College of Art, Oakland, CA.  
1983 **BFA**, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ.

### SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS AND PROJECTS

- 2026 *Midden*, Ivester Contemporary Project Space, Austin, TX  
2025 *Evolution of an Idea: Diluvia to Midden*, Paul Thiebaud Gallery, San Francisco  
2023 *Diluvia*, Brian Gross Fine Art on Artsy  
2022 *Silent Language*, ICOSA Window Dressing Series, Austin TX  
2017 *Submergence*, Brian Gross Fine Art, San Francisco, CA  
2009 *Babylon :The Buried Language Series*, Brian Gross Fine Art  
2007 *Silent Language*, GALLERYtwenty-four, Brooklyn, NY  
2006 *Revenant*, Art in Odd Places (Outdoor Projections), curated by Jeremy Helton, NYC,  
2005 *Angels in Dust*, Brian Gross Fine Art  
2003 *Echo*, Brian Gross Fine Art  
2002 *Paintings/Assemblages*, BGFA at One Post Street, San Francisco, CA  
2001 *New Work*, Lowery Gallery, Athens, GA.  
1999 *The Sound of Ku: New Paintings*, Brian Gross Fine Art  
1998 *S(O)UND*, Natalie & James Thompson Gallery, San Jose State University  
1994 *S(P)OO(O)R*, Terrain, San Francisco  
1993 *Oakland Drawers*, Oakland Museum Sculpture Court @ Civic Center, Oakland, CA.  
1992 *New Sculpture by Sono Osato*, Terrain Gallery, San Francisco  
1991 *Utland*, San Jose Institute for Contemporary Art  
*Exploded Crate*, Laguna Art Museum Satellite @ South Coast Plaza, Costa Mesa, CA.  
*Painting as Sculpture Installation*, UC Davis Art Center, Davis, CA.  
*New Work*, Terrain Gallery, San Francisco  
1989 *Innojo Eard Onwaecha*, Fuller Gross Gallery, San Francisco, CA

### SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2026 *Semicentennial Breakdown: Window Dressingat 50*, ICOSA, Austin, TX  
2025 *Red Dot*, Women and Their Work, Austin TX  
*Society of Independent Artists: Works on Paper*, GCS, San Francisco  
*Where Things Begin: 10 American Artists of Asian Diaspora*, Paul Thiebaud Gallery, San Francisco  
2024 *Contemporary Asian American Abstraction*, Paul Thiebaud Gallery, San Francisco  
2023 *To the Max*, di Rosa Center of Contemporary Art, Napa  
2022 *GESTURE/COLOR/FORM*, Brian Gross Fine Art  
2020 *30th Anniversary Exhibition*, Brian Gross Fine Art  
..... *Mask Collection*, Vault Stone Shop, Austin, TX, curated by GD Wright  
2019 *Open Space*, ICOSA Collective, Austin TX, curated by Leslie Moody-Castro  
2014 *The Right Amount of Wrong*, ISE Foundation, NYC, Curated by Lovina Purple  
*Traces*, 7 DUNHAM, Brooklyn, NY, curated by ARMCHAIR/SHOTGUN,  
2013 *A Cage Went in Search Of a Bird*, Radiator Arts, NYC, curated by Sarah Walko  
2011 *Piece of Mind*, Elga Wimmer Gallery, NYC, curated by FIT MA program  
2008 *Beauty's Burden*, Educational Alliance, NYC, curated by David Gibson  
2007 *Honoring CCA at 100: Works by Arneson, De Forest, Fleming, Osato, & Solomon*, Brian Gross Fine Art  
*CCA(C) @ Di Rosa Preserve: Celebration of CCA's Centennial with Prominent Alumni in the Collection*, Napa, CA.  
*Tuttavia Povera*, Shore Institute for Contemporary Art, Long Branch, NJ  
2006 *International Assemblage Art Exhibition*, GALLERY twenty-four, Berlin, Germany  
*Remnants*, Lemmons Contemporary, NYC  
*Three Person Show (with Tatiana Parceró & Oscar Muñoz)*, Gaviria-Lorduy Fine Arts, Brooklyn, NY  
*Egg Drop Soup*, Salon on South Second, Brooklyn, NY, curated by Kat Kriefen  
*Rumble-20 DUMBO Artists*, Tribes Gallery, NYC, curated by David Krepfle  
2000 *Time Capsule*, Refusalon, San Francisco  
1999 *Meaning and Message: Contemporary Art from the Museum Collection*, The Oakland Museum, Oakland, CA.  
*San Francisco, Los Angeles, Tel Aviv*, Refusalon San Francisco  
*Requiem: Living Artists Eulogize a Dying Century*, Atlanta Contemporary Art Center, Atlanta, GA.  
1997 *The Art Orchestra (A Sculptor's Ensemble)*, performed at Florence Gould Theater, San Francisco Palace of Fine Arts, written and directed by Tom Marion  
1996 *Trace*, The Dead Space Gallery, Portland, ME  
*Samplings*, Rena Bransten Gallery, San Francisco.  
*Public Art/Public Space/Public Process*, South of Market Cultural Center, San Francisco  
*Roots in Asia*, Richmond Art Center, Richmond, CA. 1994 *Wunderkammer*, Rena Bransten Gallery, San Francisco, curated by Maria Porges  
*Facing Eden.: 100 Years of Landscape Art in the Bay Area*, De Young Museum, San Francisco

- 1993 *Trash*, Southern Exposure Gallery, San Francisco  
 1991 *Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam*, Grace Cathedral, San Francisco  
 1990 *Ymbspr C Rhymet*, The Left Bank Gallery, Kansas City, MO.  
*Wall Sculpture: The Art of Found Objects*, Yerba Buena Center for the Arts, San Francisco  
*Oakland Artists '90*, Oakland Museum  
*Chain Reaction*, San Francisco Arts Commission Gallery  
 1989 *Fresh Views*, San Jose Museum of Art, San Jose, CA.  
*Guerrilla (Girls)*, Terrain  
*Eye Sores*, New Langton Arts, San Francisco, curated by Nayland Blake.  
 1988 *LOCI, 3 honored artists selected by SFMOMA*, curated by Graham Beal, Pro Arts, Oakland, CA  
 1987 *Monumental Women*, South of Market Cultural Center, San Francisco, curated by Jo Babcock & Michael Bell  
*X the Unknown*, curated by Michelle Ellis Pracy, at an independent site, San Francisco

## **AWARDS**

- 2008, 1999, & 1989 Pollock-Krasner Grant  
 2000 CHANGE INC.  
 1997 Djerassi Foundation Artist in Residency  
 1995 Contemporary Art Center of Herblay, Artist in Residency, Pontoise, France  
 1994 ART MATTERS INC.  
 1988 Djerrassi Foundation Fellowship in Visual Arts, Ridge Vineyards  
 LOCI, Award Exhibition, "Best of Show" from 1988 Pro Arts Annual  
 Djerassi Foundation Artist in Residency

## **PUBLIC COLLECTIONS**

Berkeley Art Museum & Pacific Film Archive  
 Contemporary Arts Center, Cincinnati, OH  
 DeYoung Museum, San Francisco, CA  
 di Rosa Preserve, Napa Valley, CA  
 Laguna Art Museum, Laguna Beach CA  
 The Oakland Museum, Oakland, CA  
 Stanford University

## **ART FAIRS**

- 2024 *Art Expo Chicago*, Paul Thiebaud Gallery  
 2023 *Art On Paper New York*, Paul Thiebaud Gallery  
*Seattle Art Fair*, Paul Thiebaud Gallery  
 2007 *Red Dot, Miami*, Brian Gross Fine Art

## **SELECTED BIBLIOGRAPHY**

- 2025 Van Proyan, Mark, *Sono Osato—"Evolution of an Idea: Diluvia to Midden"*, Square Cylinder, Dec, 15  
 2024 Van Proyan, Mark, *Contemporary Asian-American Abstraction at Paul Thiebaud*, Square Cylinder, June, 26  
 2022 Amin, Lakshmi Rivera, *A View from the Easel*, Hyperallergic, November 16  
 2017 Roth, David, *Sono Osato @ Brian Gross Fine Art*, Square Cylinder, July 18  
 DeWitt Cheng, *Sono Osato @ Brian Gross Fine Arts*, Visual Art Source, July 28  
 2009 Baker, Kenneth, *Sono Osato—"Babylon: the Buried Language Series"*, SF Chronicle, April 4.  
 Swanhuysen, Hiya, *Danger Beauty Goo*, SF Weekly, March 4-10  
 Cerbini, Lorenza, *Creativity at Work*, SpeakUp, Milan, Italy  
 2005 Baker, Kenneth, *Sono Osato—"Angels in Dust"*, SF Chronicle, April 2.  
 2003 Baker, Kenneth, *Objects Speak a Private Code in 'Silent Language'*, SF Chronicle, April 19  
 2002 Baker, Kenneth, *Critics Picks*, SF Chronicle, June 7  
 2000 Porges, Maria, *Review of the Sound of Ku*, Artforum, March  
 Bonetti, David, *Charting 35 years of California Art*, SF Examiner, January 6  
 1999 Baker, Kenneth, *Bearable Weightlessness of Being*, SF Chronicle, December 18  
 Sherman, Ann Elliot, *Second Impressions, Meaning and Message in Contemporary Art*, The Museum of California, Fall  
 Cullum, Jerry, *What's on the Surface isn't the Whole Story*, The Atlanta Journal-Constitution, April 16  
 1998 Miller, Alicia, *The Secrets of Nature at Paradise Wood Sculpture Grove*, Artweek, July/August  
 1993 Litfin, Katy, *Profile: Sono Osato*, City Life Magazine, July/August  
 Thym, Jolene, *Sculpture Offers Visitors to Peek Inside Oakland's 'Drawers'*, Oakland Tribune, June, 7  
 Hull-Webster, Mary, *A Conversation with Sono Osato*, Artweek, May 20

- 1992 Jan, Alfred. *Sono Osato at Terrain*. *New Art Examiner*, December 3  
 Cohn, Terri. *The Forgotten and the Familiar*, Artweek, October 22  
 Baker, Kenneth. *Scavenged Material Becomes Sculpture*, SF Chronicle, September 15
- 1991 Sherman, Ann Elliott. *Detritus and True*, The Metro, San Jose, November 7  
 Burkhart, Dorothy. *Poetry from Piles of Stuff*, San Jose Mercury News, November 1  
 Bonetti, David, *Sono Osato at Terrain Gallery*, Artnews, October  
 Littlefield, Kinney. *Oakland Artist Explores a Deeper Shade of Black*, The Orange County Register, August 30  
 Curtis, Cathy. *There's More Than Meets the Eye at Offbeat Laguna Museum Exhibit*, LA Times, August 25  
 Baker, Kenneth. *Osato's Salvage Show at Terrain*, SF Chronicle, April 4  
 Bonetti, David, *Artist with a Cinderella Touch*, SF Examiner, March 29
- 1990 Baker, Kenneth. *Review of Fuller- Gross Exhibition*, SF Chronicle June 13  
 Baker, Kenneth. *Installation Explores 'Art/Non Art' Question*, SF Chronicle May 2
- 1987 Solnit, Rebecca. *A Sense of Presence*, Artweek, July 25  
 Baker, Kenneth. *Different Kinds of Raw Art*, SF Chronicle, January 17
- 1986 Baker, Kenneth. *Sono Osato at New Art*, SF Chronicle, July 4

## **SELECTED PUBLICATIONS**

- 2012 Featured Artist, *Armchair/Shotgun*, Volume 2  
 2000 *Home is Inside Me*, Stretcher.Org  
 1999 *Southern Exposure 25 Year Silver Anniversary Box Set*  
*di-ROSA Preserve/Art & Nature Local Color-ing Book* first edition  
 1995 *Facing Eden-100 Years of Landscape Art in the Bay Area*, edited by Steven Nash  
 1991 *Spirituality and the Avant-Garde*, Five Fingers Review  
 1988 *Alot of People Just Don't Get it*, CRACK 3

## **TEACHING**

- 2001 *Intermediate Painting, & Foundation 2-D*, University of Georgia, Athens  
 2000 *Intermediate Painting, & Foundation 2-D*, University of Georgia, Athens  
*Independent Graduate Studies*, California College of Art  
 1999 *Open Seminar, Graduate Studies*, California College of Art  
*Through the Body: Paint as Substance*, Anderson Ranch  
 1996 *The Circle as Paradigm, Interdisciplinary Graduate Seminar*, California College of Art  
 1995 *Interdisciplinary Critique* team taught w/ William Farley, California College of Art  
 1994 *Interdisciplinary Graduate Seminar*, California College of Art  
 1993 *Graduate Seminar-New Genre*, San Francisco Art Institute  
 1992 *Interdisciplinary Sculpture*, San Francisco Art Institute  
*Beginning Drawing*, Mills College  
 1990 *Beginning Drawing & Advanced Painting*, Kansas City Art Institute

## **SELECTED SPEAKING**

- 2004 Panelist, *The Way Things Are: Tribute to David Ireland*, Headlands Center for the Arts, Marin County, CA  
 2000 UC Berkeley  
 1999 Video Interview for *The Meaning and the Message*, Oakland Museum  
 Anderson Ranch, Colorado  
 1998 San Jose State University, San Jose, CA.  
 1996 Interview, *Women in the Arts*, KALX, Berkeley, CA  
 Panelist, *All Else....Being Equal?*, CCA  
 1994 Sonoma State University  
 UC Berkeley  
 1992 Excerpts from *Stone Soup*, broadcast on *Word and Image*, KPFA 94FM Public Radio, Berkeley, CA.  
 1992 *Stone Soup*, producer and hostess of a private reading and performance series  
 Panelist, *Asian American Arts Conference*, UC Berkeley  
 1991 Key Speaker, Pro Arts Open Studios: *Collecting Art in the Bay Area*, Pro Arts  
 1990 Kansas City Art Institute  
 Panelist, *Culture Under Fire*, Greater Kansas City Coalition Against Censorship, KCAI  
 1989 Panelist, *N. California Sculpture Symposia, The Art of Place*, Sonoma State University  
*Woman's Image Now*, Arizona State University  
 Interview, *State of the Arts*, KUSP 89 FM Public Radio, Santa Cruz, CA.