

## **SONO OSATO**

1960 Born, Baden Baden Germany  
1986 **MFA**, California College of Art, Oakland, CA.  
1983 **BFA**, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ.  
1965-78 **Bemis Art School**, Colorado Springs, CO.

### **SOLO EXHIBITIONS AND PROJECTS**

2025 *Evolution of an Idea: Diluvia to Midden.* Paul Thiebaud Gallery, San Francisco  
*Midden.* Ivester Contemporary Project Space, Austin, TX  
2023 *Diluvia.* Brian Gross Fine Art on Artsy  
2022 *Silent Language.* Window Dressings Showcase, ICOSA, 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  
2004 *Revenant.* Dumbo Arts Center, *Art under the Bridges Festival*, Brooklyn, NY  
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.  
*Mono-prints.* Terrain Gallery, San Francisco  
*Painting as Sculpture Installation.* Davis Art Center, Davis, CA.  
*New Work.* Terrain Gallery, San Francisco  
1989 *Innojo Eard Onwaecna.* Fuller Gross Gallery, San Francisco, CA  
*New Work.* Terrain Gallery, San Francisco  
1986 *New Work.* New Art Gallery, San Francisco  
*MFA Exhibition.* Headlands Center for the Arts, Marin Headlands National Park, CA

### **GROUP EXHIBITIONS**

2025 *Window Dressing Retrospective.* ICOSA, Austin, TX  
*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

### **GROUP EXHIBITIONS (cont)**

- 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 Parcerro & 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.  
The Living Legend of Fluxus (art is the beginning of something else),  
Spokane Falls Community College, Spokane, WA.
- 1997 The Art Orchestra (A Sculptor's Ensemble), performed at Florence Gould  
Theater, San Francisco Palace of Fine Arts, written and directed by Tom Marioni
- 1996 Sculpture Walk, Yerba Buena Gardens, San Francisco  
Trace, The Dead Space Gallery, Portland, ME  
CCAC: Past, Present, and Future, Oliver Art Center, Oakland, CA.  
Re-In-CAR-Nation, Oakland Museum Sculpture Court at Civic Center  
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.  
Facing Eden.: 100 Years of Landscape Art in the Bay Area, De Young Museum, San Francisco
- 1994 Wunderkammer, Rena Bransten Gallery, San Francisco, curated by Maria Porges
- 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

## **GROUP EXHIBITIONS (cont)**

- 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 curator Graham Beal, Pro Arts, Oakland, CA
- 1987 Elementary My Dear, San Francisco Arts Commission Gallery  
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  
Pro Arts Second Annual Exhibition, Pro Arts  
SOUTHERN EXPOSURE, three person show, Southern Exposure, San Francisco
- 1986 Artist's Preview, New Art Gallery, San Francisco

## **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

## **AWARDS**

- 2008 Pollock-Krasner Foundation
- 2000 CHANGE INC.
- 1999 Pollock-Krasner Foundation
- 1997 Djerassi Foundation Artist in Residency
- 1995 Contemporary Art Center of Herblay, Artist in Residency, Pontoise, France
- 1994 ART MATTERS INC.
- 1989 Pollock-Krasner Foundation Pollock-Krasner Foundation
- 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

## **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
- 1995 Graduate Seminar with Bette Borgoine, San Francisco Art Institute
- 1994 Sonoma State University  
UC Berkeley
- 1992 Excerpts from Stone Soup, broadcast on Word and Image, KPFA 94FM Public Radio, Berkeley, CA.  
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  
San Jose State University, San Jose, CA.  
UC Davis  
Davis Arts Center
- 1990 Kansas City Art Institute  
Panelist, Culture Under Fire, Greater Kansas City Coalition Against Censorship, KCAI  
Oakland Museum  
Graduate Seminar with John Roloff, Mills College, Oakland, CA.
- 1989 Panelist, N. California Sculpture Symposia. The Art of Place, Sonoma State University, Sonoma, CA.  
Woman's Image Now, Arizona State University  
Graduate Seminar with Raymond Saunders, CCAC  
Interview, State of the Arts, KUSP 89 FM Public Radio, Santa Cruz, CA.  
Panelist, Art Talks, Headlands Center for the Arts, Marin County, CA

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- 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", San Francisco Chronicle, April 4.  
Swanhuyser, 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", San Francisco Chronicle, April 2.
- 2003 Baker, Kenneth. Objects Speak a Private Code in 'Silent Language', San Francisco Chronicle, April 19
- 2002 Baker, Kenneth. Critics Picks, San Francisco Chronicle, June 7
- 2000 Porges, Maria. Review of "the Sound of Ku" Artforum, March  
Bonetti, David. Charting 35 years of California Art, San Francisco Examiner, January 6
- 1999 Baker, Kenneth. Bearable Weightlessness of Being, San Francisco Chronicle, December 18  
Bonetti, David. Gallery Watch , San Francisco Examiner, December 10  
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  
Fox, Catherine. Apocalypse Wow, The Atlanta Journal-Constitution, Jan.29
- 1998 Miller, Alicia. The Secrets of Nature at Paradise Wood Sculpture Grove, Artweek, July/August
- 1997 Meeker, Cheryl. Beer Drinking Sonata is the Highest Form of Art, Art Papers, November/December
- 1996 Baker, Kenneth. A Stroll in the Garden, San Francisco Chronicle, Sept 4

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 Los Angeles Times, August 25  
 Doubin, Dan. Come Out, Come Out, Where Ever you Art, Los Angeles Times, August 15  
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- 1990 Bonetti, David. Art Show with Democratic Spirit, San Francisco Examiner, May 25  
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 1999 Southern Exposure 25 Year Silver Anniversary Box Set  
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 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  
 1982 Shifting Perspectives. WIN Journal-Arizona Women in Art, Vol. II

## **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

## **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