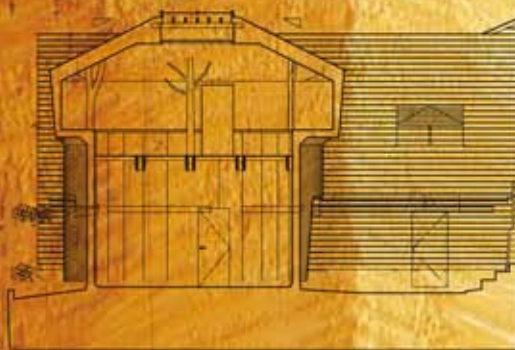


箱根写真美術館

Hakone Museum of Photography



A Microcosm Blooming
in the Forest



◀ By Lake Kawaguchi,
c. 1950

▼ Ohsui YAMADA
(1880-1964)



© Ohsui YAMADA, Hakone Museum of Photography

Ohsui YAMADA was a landscape photographer who considered photography his true vocation and delighted in traveling throughout Japan to capture its scenic beauty. The Hakone Museum of Photography is a private institution established in April 2002 by Ohsui YAMADA's grandson, Katsura ENDO, a photographer who was born and raised in Hakone.

In addition to a permanent exhibition featuring photographs by Katsura ENDO of Mt. Fuji throughout the seasons, the 2F Gallery presents the Ohsui YAMADA collection and special exhibitions by photographers working in a variety of fields.

In line with its objectives of 'creating a blend of traditional Japanese and overseas cultures', 'promoting new talent' and 'presenting a space for expression through photography', the museum holds exhibitions of photographs by artists from both Japan and abroad, while working positively to facilitate artistic exchange in collaboration with overseas galleries and institutions. A fourth objective is, 'the promotion of intercourse of the heart through affinity and harmony', which we achieve through lectures, gallery talks, photography classes and other activities.

This 'intercourse of the heart through affinity and harmony' is also expressed through the architecture of the museum which was designed jointly by Masanori TOMII and Fukuji YOSHIDA of HANMAUM architectural studio under the direction of Toshio YAMAMOTO.

As visitors enter the museum, they are greeted by an oval-shaped space designed to encourage 'intercourse through affinity and harmony', cocooning them in a feeling of peace and comfort.

The rich atmosphere of this space combines with the natural surrounding beauty of Hakone to promote our fifth and final philosophy, which is 'the invigoration of the five senses'.

We hope that you will come and visit the Hakone Museum of Photography, which resembles a microcosm, blooming in the heart of the forests of Hakone.

Permanent Exhibition: Katsura ENDO's 'Mt. Fuji'



< 蒼 - Bleu -> 2002



Katsura ENDO

1958: Born in Hakone, into a family of photographers.
1979-80: Participated in an expedition to the Himalayas. Upon his return he held his first solo exhibition.
1982-87: Worked as an assistant to the advertising photographer, Tosh WAKABAYASHI.
1991: Established the OASIS photo agency. Began to photograph Mt. Fuji seriously, this becoming his lifework.
2002: Established the Hakone Museum of Photography.
He has held numerous exhibitions, particularly of photographs of Mt. Fuji, in Hakone, Tottori, Niigata, France, etc.



< 流雲 - 朱II - Racing Clouds - Vermillion II -> 2000



<空浮 - Floating Fuji -> 2001

Special Exhibitions / Workshops



<Mariko Kobga 25th Anniversary Exhibition> 2003

The 2F gallery presents special exhibitions by up-and-coming artists from Japan and abroad. It is also used to present gallery talks and photography classes on the theme of Hakone's seasonal beauty.

International Exchange / Partnership Programs

We are actively involved in exchange and partnership programs with galleries and cultural agencies both at home and abroad.

Publishing



Planning, editing, photography, design, etc., of photo books, mainly featuring works in the collection

Katsura ENDO's photo book
'Mt. Fuji - The Soul of Japan' (2013)

Museum Shop / Café Plaisir de l'œuf



The concept for the café is 'to invigorate the five senses.'
We offer you original desserts, each created to reflect the seasons by a pâtissier who studied her trade in Paris.
The shop and café may be visited independently of the museum.
The café closes on an irregular basis so please check first by telephone.
The museum shop offers original goods and works, etc., for sale.



Access

[Train]

- 5 min walk from Gora Station on the Hakone Tozan Railway
- Next to Koenshimo Station on the Hakone Tozan Cable Car

[Car]

- 30 min to Gora from the Gotemba Exit of the Tomei Expressway, via Otome Pass and Sengokuhara.
- 30 min to Gora from the Hakone-guchi Exit of the Odawara-Atsugi Road, via Hakone Yumoto, Miyanoshita. Please note that car parking is not available at the museum.



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Day the Museum is Closed

Closed on Tuesday (except holidays), and closed temporarily for changing exhibitions.

Open Hours

10:00 ~ 17:00

Admission

Adults ¥500 / Under 15 years old ¥300
Under 6 years old Free

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