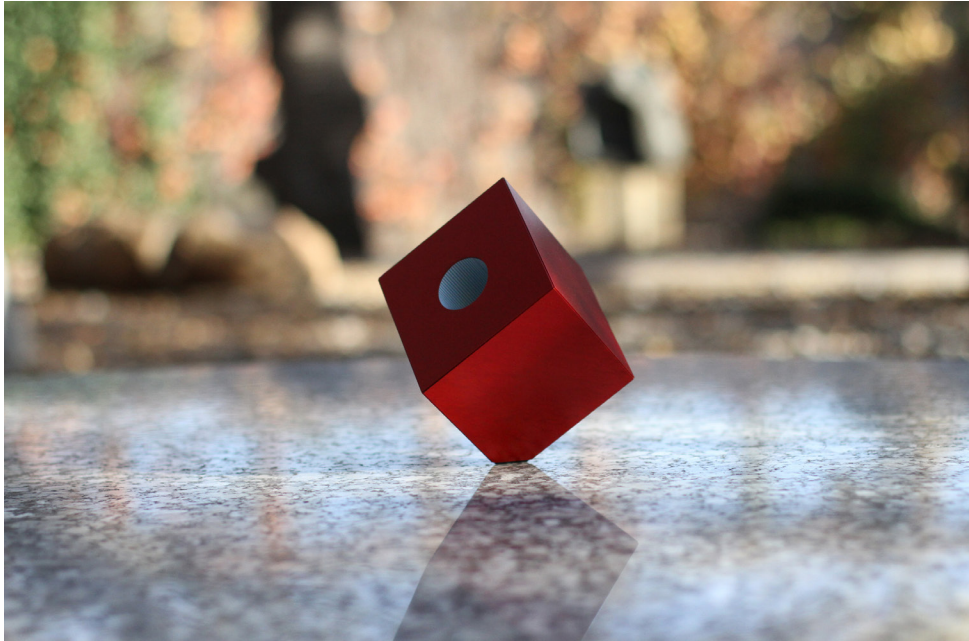


Noguchi Museum Hosts Annual Benefit and Isamu Noguchi Award Presentation

The 2021 Isamu Noguchi Award to be presented to Shio Kusaka and Toshiko Mori
at the Museum's annual benefit celebration on October 5, 2021



The Isamu Noguchi Award. Photo: Evan Scott

New York, NY (October 1, 2021) – The Isamu Noguchi Foundation and Garden Museum will present the 2021 Isamu Noguchi Award to artist **Shio Kusaka** and architect **Toshiko Mori** at the Museum's annual benefit celebration on Tuesday, October 5, 2021. Now in its eighth year, the Isamu Noguchi Award is conferred annually on highly accomplished individuals who share Noguchi's spirit of innovation, global consciousness, and commitment to Eastern and Western cultural exchange. Event details and tickets: noguchi.org/benefit

2021 ISAMU NOGUCHI AWARD PRESENTATION

Celebrating the 2021 Isamu Noguchi Award honorees, the evening's program will begin with cocktails in Isamu Noguchi's studio, located across the street from the Museum and never before open for an event. The Award will be presented by Noguchi Museum Director Brett Littman and Trustee Kulapat Yantrasast, with a screening of exclusive filmed interviews with the honorees. The presentation will be followed by a dinner in the Museum's open air sculpture garden and indoor-outdoor gallery, with a silent auction and the opportunity to explore the Museum's exhibitions.



Shio Kusaka. Photo: Wood Kusaka Studios



Toshiko Mori. Photo: Ralph Gibson

WHEN

Tuesday, October 5, 2021

6:00 pm | Cocktail reception in Isamu Noguchi's Studio

7:00 pm | Welcome and Award presentation

7:30 pm | Dinner will continue at The Noguchi Museum in the open-air sculpture garden and indoor-outdoor gallery with silent auction

WHERE

Isamu Noguchi's Studio and The Noguchi Museum

33rd Road at Vernon Boulevard

Long Island City, New York

GUESTS

Ms. Kusaka and Ms. Mori, Noguchi Museum Board Chair Malcolm C. Nolen, and Director Brett Littman will be joined by Trustees Spencer Bailey, Maximilian Coreth, Rob Forbes, David D. Holbrook, Susan Kessler, Hiroko Murase, Phyllis Lally Seevers, Micah Spear, Sundaram Tagore, Ian Wardropper, and Kulapat Yantrasast. Guests will also include His Excellency Mr. Kanji Yamanouchi, Ambassador and Consul General of Japan in New York, Jonas Wood, Jamie Carpenter, Tei Carpenter, Jesse LeCavalier, Billie Tsien and Tod Williams, Monique Péan and Stephen Glass, Alexander Adler, Abby and Matt Bangser, Peter Coombe and Betty Chen, Jennifer Sage and Nicolas Grabar, Susan Dunne, Elleree Erdos, Noah Schwarz, Junette Teng, John Good, Anne-Marie and Peter Embiricos, Candace and Rick Beinecke, Yoshiko and Paul Sheard, Naomi Antonakos, Laura Paulson and Andrew Fabricant, Alex Eagleton, Mina Stone, Robin and David Key, Sueyun Locks, Cristina Grajales, Chair of

the Department of Architecture at the Harvard University Graduate School of Design
Mark Lee, former Noguchi Museum Director Jenny Dixon, Japan Society President and CEO
Joshua W. Walker, 2020 Isamu Noguchi Award honoree Cai Guo-Qiang, artist Leonard
McGurr (FUTURA2000), and designers Eleni Petaloti and Leonidas Trampoukis of Objects
of Common Interest, whose work is now on view.



Isamu Noguchi / FUTURA2000, Hand-painted Akari BB2-V1



Isamu Noguchi / FUTURA2000, Hand-painted Akari 10A

BENEFIT AUCTION

The Noguchi Museum holds an auction each year as part of its annual benefit. The event and auction raise critical funds to support the Museum's operations, programming, and care of its renowned collection. This year, eight unique Akari light sculptures customized by artist **Leonard McGurr (FUTURA2000)**, which were featured in the Museum's 2020–21 exhibition *Futura Akari*, will be offered. noguchi.org/auction

MEDIA CONTACT

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ABOUT THE NOGUCHI MUSEUM

Founded in 1985 by Isamu Noguchi (1904–1988), one of the leading sculptors and designers of the twentieth century, The Noguchi Museum was the first museum in America to be established, designed, and installed by a living artist to show their own work. Widely viewed as among the artist's greatest achievements, the Museum comprises two floors of gallery space in a converted factory building, as well as an internationally acclaimed outdoor sculpture garden.

Since its founding, it has served as an international hub for Noguchi research and appreciation. In addition to housing the artist's archives and the catalogue raisonné of his work, the Museum exhibits a comprehensive selection of sculpture, models or public projects and gardens, dance sets, and his Akari light sculptures. Provocative installations drawn from the permanent collection, together with diverse special exhibitions related to Noguchi and the milieu in which he worked, offer a rich, contextualized view of Noguchi's art and illuminate his enduring influence as a category-defying, multicultural, cross-disciplinary innovator.

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PREVIOUS RECIPIENTS

Previous recipients of the Isamu Noguchi Award include: 2014—Lord Norman Foster and Hiroshi Sugimoto; 2015—Jasper Morrison and Yoshio Taniguchi; 2016—Tadao Ando and Elyn Zimmerman; 2017—John Pawson and Hiroshi Senju; 2018—Naoto Fukasawa and Edwina von Gal; 2019—Rei Kawakubo; and 2020—Sir David Adjaye OBE and Cai Guo-Qiang.

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