

# Ichio Usui\_CV

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- Ichio Usui was born in Yamagata and raised in Hyogo, Japan in 1983. He graduated Japan Institute of Photography and Film. He is a professional photographic artist based in Japan.
- He had liked writing and drawing a picture since he was a little, so he had traveled around to draw pictures for two years. Then he had worked as a system engineer at System Integrator. While he changed the job and started working as a manager at a IT company, he started taking photographs. After that, he attended a special photograph school and learned about photograph in earnest while working. He started his career as a photographer after graduating from school.
- Using photography as his main medium, he has been creating works on the themes of "life and death" and "the cycle of life." Also, he has worked together with his wife as "Chika & Ichio Usui" since 2016.

## - Solo Exhibitions -

- 2021 "a layer", Tsubomido [KYOTOGRAPHIE KG+], Kyoto
- 2019 "運命共同体 - Communities bound together by a common destiny -",  
BERGONZO FIRST FLOOR, Paris
- 2019 "運命共同体 - Communities bound together by a common destiny -",  
former Junpu Elementary School [KYOTOGRAPHIE KG+SELECT], Kyoto
- 2015 "The Miracles...", Wide Gallery & Studio, Kobe

## - Selected Group Exhibitions & Art Fair -

- 2022 Sony World Photography Awards Exhibition, Somerset House, London
- 2019 KG+ IN TOKYO, Art-U room, Tokyo
- 2019 fotofever, Carrousel du Louvre, Paris
- 2019 Wonder Foto Day, Songshan Cultural and Creative Park, Taiwan
- 2018 Ashiya Photographic Exhibition, Hyogo Prefectural Museum of Art, Kobe
- 2017 Yume no saki Project, 72Gallery, Tokyo
- etc.

## **- Selected Awards -**

- 2022 Sony World Photography Awards : Shortlist [Professional]
  - 2019 KYOTOGRAPHIE : Paris Gallery First Floor Award, Selected as KG+SELECT 12 Artists
  - 2018 International Photography Awards : 3rd Place [Professional]
  - 2018 Fine Art Photography Awards : 2nd Place
  - 2017 Tokyo International Foto Awards : Gold [Professional] x2, Silver [Professional]
  - 2017 International Photography Awards : 1st Place x3, 2nd Place
  - 2017 Prix de la Photographie, Paris : Silver x2, Bronze
  - 2017 Moscow International Foto Awards : 3rd Place
  - 2016 ONAEBE vol.19 : Reviewer Award [Selected by Haruhisa Yamaguchi]
  - 2016 Tokyo International Foto Awards : Gold
- etc.

## **- Publications -**

- 2022 The Observer
- 2022 The Guardian [Web]
- 2020 "運命共同体 - Communities bound together by a common destiny -", AVGI, New York
- 2018 IPA Book 2018
- 2018 El Pais Semanal
- 2017 IPA Book 2017
- 2017 PX3 Book 2017
- 2016 PhatPhoto Vol.97