

## **Kenji Nakamura**

**Born:** 1962, Kumamoto City, Japan

### **Education**

- 1988 – Master’s Degree in Japanese Painting, Kanazawa College of Art

### **Career**

- 1989–1999 – Preservation and restoration of Important Cultural Properties in Kyoto and Nara
- 1992 – Founded Haku BAKU Japanese Painting Research Group (ongoing)
- 2000 – Returned to Kumamoto, joined Sojo University Faculty of Art (currently Dean)
- Active in cultural property preservation, murals, illustrations, and major public art commissions

### **Awards**

- 1994 – Nitten Special Selection Award
- 2002 – Nitten Special Selection Award
- 2009 – Nitten Member’s Award
- 2009 – Kumamoto Prefectural Cultural Forum New Artist Award
- 2025 – Kumamoto Prefectural Cultural Forum Award

### **Solo Exhibitions**

- 1998 – 2014 – Exhibitions at Takashimaya (Kyoto and other cities)
- 2001 – Hanshin Department Store (Osaka)
- 2008 – *The Destination of Change* (Tsunagi Museum)
- 2011 – *The Eve of the Black Ships* (Shimada Museum of Art)
- 2014 – *Montalban* (Shimada Museum of Art)
- 2017 – *Beyond the Edge of Time* (Sojo Gallery)
- 2020 – *Tradition and Challenge* (Higo Satoyama Gallery)
- 2023 – *Awe and Peace* (Contemporary Art Museum Kumamoto)

### **Group & Special Exhibitions**

- 1989 – Agency for Cultural Affairs Contemporary Art Selection Exhibition
- 1994 – *Japanese Paintings of the Ancient Capital* (1200th Anniversary of Heian-kyo)
- 1995 – Contemporary Kyoto Japanese Painting Exhibition
- 2003 – Venice Biennale-related exhibition (sponsored by Venetton)
- 2004 – *Kyoto Today* exhibition
- 2006 – *ARS KUMAMOTO* (Contemporary Art Museum Kumamoto)
- 2010 – Two-person exhibition with Yutaka Himeno (Sakamoto Zenzo Museum of Art)
- 2012 – *Rinpa School 400th Anniversary Exhibition*
- 2024 – *Art City: Fuji Five Lakes Project Exhibition* (Kawaguchiko Museum of Art)
- 2025 – *Hosokawa Museum Collection Exhibition* (Kumamoto Prefectural Museum of Art)

### **Current Positions (as of 2024)**

- Special Member, Nitten Exhibition
- Member, Nishunten Exhibition & Kyoto Association of Japanese Painters
- Vice Chairman, Kumamoto Prefectural Museum of Art Collection Committee
- Director, Kumamoto Prefectural Cultural Association
- Organizer, Kumamoto Prefectural Cultural Forum
- Chairperson, Kumamoto Prefectural Art Association (Japanese Painting Division Jury)
- Dean, Faculty of Art & Graduate School of Fine Arts, Sojo University
- Part-time Lecturer, Kanazawa College of Art
- Program Review Committee Member, KAB Broadcasting

### **Past Positions**

- Director, Nishunten Exhibition
- Chairman, Kumamoto Prefectural Museum of Art Council
- Dean, Faculty of Art, Sojo University
- Selection Committee Member, Contemporary Art Museum Kumamoto