

## KENRO IZU Biography

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- 1949 Born in Osaka, Japan.
- 1969-1970 Studied at Nihon University, College of Arts in Tokyo.
- 1970 Moved to New York City.
- 1974 Established Kenro Izu Studio in New York.
- 1979 Since the first visit to Egypt, began photographing a series of stone monuments of Middle East, Europe and South America.
- 1983 Start utilizing 14"x20" contact Platinum-Palladium printing process.
- 1993 Since the first visit to Cambodia to photograph a series of Angkor monuments, began photographing the Sacred places of Asia.
- 1995 Founded the not-for-profit organization, Friends Without A Border, to provide medical care for children in Cambodia. Its first project, the Angkor Hospital for Children, has been in operation since 1999 and treats 100,000 children annually. Izu continues his photography career while being involved in the management of the Angkor Hospital for Children and acting as honorable president of Friends Without A Border.
- 2002 Developed a technique of Cyanotype over Platinum-Palladium printing.
- 2004-2005 Series of exhibitions and publication of "BLUE" were released.
- 2002-2007 The series of portrait of the "Bhutan/Sacred Within" were photographed in Bhutan.
- 2008-2013 The series of photograph "INDIA/where prayer echoes" is produced.
- 2013-2016 The series of "Eternal Light of India", a documentary photography of the life of people of India produced.
- 2015- 2017 The photography project of "Requiem" in Pompeii, Italy is in progress.
- 2015 Friends Without A Border created and open door of Lao Friends Hospital for Children in Luang Prabang, Laos.
- 2016~2017 Pompeii "Requiem" project. Pompeii, Italy
- 2017~2019 "Fuzhou-A forgotten land" photography project in Fuzhou, China
- 2018~ "Noh" and "Wabi Sabi" photography project starts in Japan
- 2021 After 50 years of life and work at New York, relocated to Kanazawa, Japan

### Solo Exhibitions

- 2023 *Bhutan, sacred within*, Roonee 247 Gallery, Tokyo  
*BLUE*, PGI Gallery, Tokyo (~2024)
- 2022 *The holy light of Platinum*, Licence art gallery, Tainan, Taiwan
- 2021 *Sacred Places of Asia*, Hanzomon Museum, Tokyo (~ 2022)  
*Journey without a map*, Roonee 247 gallery, Tokyo  
*Journey without a map - Unpublished work*, Iwao gallery, Tokyo  
*Mono no Aware*, PGI gallery, Tokyo (~ 2022)

- 2020 *Pompeii Requiem*, Fujifilm Square Gallery3, Tokyo, Japan  
*Fuzhou the Forgotten Land*, Fujifilm Image Plaza Gallery, Tokyo, Japan  
*Eternal Light*, Gallery Bauhaus, Tokyo, Japan  
*Friends of Steve Exhibition; Kenro Izu*, Steve House Gallery, Kashan, Iran
- 2019 *Kenro Izu : Seduction*, Spazio Damiani, Bolonga, Italy  
*Kenro Izu ~ Brushed with Light*, Photography West Gallery, Carmel, CA  
*Kenro Izu 40 years retrospective*, Nabshi Institute, Tehran, Iran  
*Pompeii-Requiem*, Fondazione Forografia Modena, Modena, Italy
- 2018 *Sacred Places*, Aaron Renzy Gallery, Kingston, NY  
*Outsie of Time*, Hearst North tower Gallery, New York, NY  
*Kenro Izu, 40 year retrospective*, The House of Lucie, Bangkok, Thailand  
*Fuzhou a sacred land*, Han Feng Artspace, Shanghai, China
- 2017 *Seduction of Pear*, Gallery Bauhaus, Tokyo, Japan  
*Eternal Light*, KALLISTO, Santa Fe, NM  
*Eternal Light*, Howard Greenberg Gallery, New York, NY  
*Seduction*, Gallery 1839, Taipei, Taiwan
- 2016 *Bhutan Sacred Within*, Konica Minolta Plaza, Tokyo, Japan  
*Eternal Light of India*, Kiyosato Museum of Photographic Art, Yamanashi, Japan
- 2015 *Eternal Light*, Zeit Foto Salon, Tokyo, Japan  
*Platinum Photography 2*, Gallery 1839, Taipei, Taiwan
- 2014 *Still Life*, In Camera Galerie, Paris, France  
*Territori dello spirito*, FondazioneFotografia Modena, Modena, Italy  
*Platinum Photography*, Taipei Photo Fair, Taipei, Taiwan
- 2013 *INDIA where prayer echoes*, Howard Greenberg Gallery, New York, New York
- 2012 *Kenro Izu Blue*, Forma Galleria, Milano, Italy  
*Sacred Places*, In Camera Galerie, Paris, France  
*Passage to Angkor*, Hammond Museum & Japanese Stroll garden, North Salem, New York  
*Yin*, Serindia Gallery, Bangkok, Thailand
- 2011 *Passage through Asia*, Lucca Photo Fest, Italy
- 2010 *BHUTAN sacred within*, Fitchburg Museum of Art, Fitchburg, MA  
*BHUTAN sacred within*, Galerie Thierry Marlat, Paris, France  
*Kenro Izu 30 years retrospective*, Robert Klein Gallery, Boston, MA  
*Kenro Izu*, Birgit Filtzmaier Fine Photography, Zurich, Switzerland  
*INDIA: Kenro Izu*, Pershiel & Heine, Hamburg, Germany
- 2008 *Sacred Places*, Detroit Institute of Art, Detroit, MI  
*BHUTAN sacred within*, Kiyosato Museum of Photographic Art, Yamanashi, Japan  
*Kenro Izu*, Persiehl and Heins, Hamburg, Germany
- 2007 *Passage to Angkor*, Anahita Gallery, Santa Fe, NM

- Sacred Places*, Herbert F. Johnson Museum of Art, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY  
*BHUTAN sacred within*, Rubin Museum of Art, New York, NY  
*Stillness*, Howard Greenberg Gallery, New York, NY
- 2006 *Light Over Ancient Angkor*, The University of Michigan Museum of Art, Ann Arbor, MI  
*Sacred Places*, The University of Maine Museum of Art, Bangor, ME  
*Passage to Angkor*, TAI Gallery, Santa Fe, NM  
*BLUE*, Robert Klein Gallery, Boston, MA  
*BLUE – moment of silence*, Sarah Lee Art Works, Santa Monica, CA
- 2005 *BLUE*, Carla Sozzani Gallery, Milan, Italy  
*BLUE*, Camerawork Gallery, Hamburg, Germany  
*BIUE*, Shimose Fine Art Gallery, Tokyo, Japan  
*Sacred Places*, Fitchburg Art Museum, Fitchburg, MA
- 2004 *Passage to Angkor*, Booker Lowe Gallery, Houston, TX  
*Sacred Places & Still Life*, Acte 2 Gallery, Paris, France  
*Still Lives & Sacred Places*, Focus Gallery, London, England  
*Still Lives & Sacred Places*, Sarah Lee Artworks, Santa Monica  
*BLUE*, Howard Greenberg Gallery, New York, NY  
*Sacred Passage to Himalaya*, Rubin Museum of Art, New York, NY
- 2003 *Sacred Places*, Tonami museum, Toyama, Japan  
*Passage to Angkor*, Sepia International Gallery, New York, NY  
*Kenro Izu*, Staton Greenberg Gallery, Santa Barbara
- 2002 *Sacred Sites Along the Silk Road*, Arthur M Sackler Gallery Smithsonian Institute, Washington DC  
*Light Over Ancient Angkor*, Rihga Royal Gallery, Rihga Royal Hotel, Osaka, Japan  
*Light Over Ancient Angkor*, John Stevenson Gallery, New York, NY  
*Sacred Places*, Shimose Fine Art Gallery, Tokyo, Japan  
*Sacred Places*, Anne Reed Gallery, Ketchum, ID  
*Kenro Izu*, Staton Greenberg Gallery, Santa Barbara, CA  
*Light Over Ancient Angkor*, The Phillips Museum of Art, Franklin & Marshal College, Lancaster, PA
- 2001 *Light Over Ancient Angkor*, Adell McMillan Gallery, Eugene, OR  
*Light Over Ancient Angkor*, John Stevenson Gallery, New York, NY  
*Sacred Places of Asia*, Kiyosato Museum of Photographic Arts, Kiyosato, Japan  
*Sacred Places*, Peabody Essex Museum, Salem, MA  
*Light Over Ancient Angkor*, Shadai Gallery, Tokyo Polytechnics University, Tokyo, Japan  
*Sacred Places*, Howard Greenberg Gallery, New York, NY  
*Sacred Places of India*, Sepia International Gallery, New York, NY
- 2000 *Light Over Ancient Angkor*, Chicago Public library, Chicago, IL  
*Light Over Ancient Angkor*, Muckenthaler Cultural Center, Fullerton, CA  
*Light Over Ancient Angkor*, Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum, Wausau, WI
- 1999 *Light Over Ancient Angkor*, Southeast Museum of Photography, Daytona Beach, FL

- Light Over Ancient Angkor*, Tatar/Alexander Gallery, Toronto, Canada  
*Kenro Izu*, Gallery of Contemporary Photography, Los Angeles, CA  
*Still Life*, Galerie Zur Stuckeregg, Zurich, Switzerland  
*Still Life*, Zeit-Foto Salon, Tokyo, Japan  
*Memory of Ancient Stones*, Osaki-Gate City Hall, Tokyo, Japan
- 1998 *Light Over Ancient Angkor*, Atlanta College of Art, Atlanta, GA  
*Light Over Ancient Angkor*, Mississippi State University, Hattisburg, MS  
*Light Over Ancient Angkor*, The Arts of Apsara, Long Beach, CA  
*Light Over Ancient Angkor*, Museum of Photographic Arts, San Diego, CA  
*Sacred Places*, College Art Gallery, State University of New York at New Paltz, New Paltz, NY  
*Light Over Ancient Angkor*, Villa Terrace Decorative Arts Museum, Milwaukee, WI  
Howard Greenberg Gallery, New York, NY
- 1997 *Light Over Ancient Angkor*, Howard Greenberg Gallery, New York, NY  
*Light Over Ancient Angkor*, Tenri Gallery, New York, NY  
*Light Over Ancient Angkor*, Felissimo Gallery, New York, NY  
*Light Over Ancient Angkor*, The Cleveland Museum of Art, Cleveland, OH  
*Light Over Ancient Angkor*, Avram Gallery, Southampton College, Long Island University, Southampton, NY  
*Light Over Ancient Angkor*, National Gallery of Art, Washington, D.C.  
*Light Over Ancient Angkor*, Addison/Ripley Fine Art, Washington, D.C.  
*Light Over Ancient Angkor*, John Cleary Gallery, Houston, TX  
*Light Over Ancient Angkor*, Jackson Fine Arts, Atlanta, GA  
*Light Over Ancient Angkor*, Photographic Resource Center, Boston University, MA
- 1996 *Still Life*, Jackson Fine Arts, Atlanta, GA  
*Light Over Ancient Angkor*, Kiyosato Museum of Photographic Arts, Kiyosato, Japan  
*Still Life*, Michael Shapiro Gallery, San Francisco, CA  
*Kenro Izu*, Hamiltons Gallery, London, England  
*Light Over Ancient Angkor*, Center for Photography at Woodstock, Woodstock, NY  
*Light Over Ancient Angkor*, Weber State University, Ogden, UT  
*Kenro Izu*, Carla Sozzani Gallery, Milan, Italy
- 1995 *Still Life*, Anne Reed Gallery, Ketchum, ID
- 1994 *Still Life III*, Howard Greenberg Gallery, New York, NY  
*Kenro Izu*, Felissimo Gallery, New York, NY  
*Kenro Izu*, Zeit-Foto Salon, Tokyo, Japan  
*Kenro Izu*, Pheromone Salon d'Art, Hollywood, CA
- 1993 *Stone*, Southeast Museum of Photography, Daytona Beach, FL  
*Kenro Izu*, Gallerie Zur Stockeregg, Zurich, Switzerland  
*Kenro Izu*, A.O.I. Gallery, Santa Fe, NM
- 1992 *Kenro Izu*, Howard Greenberg Gallery, New York, NY

- Kenro Izu*, Michael Shapiro Gallery, San Francisco, CA  
*Kenro Izu*; Stone, Zeit-Foto Salon, Tokyo, Japan  
 1991 *Kenro Izu*, Zeit-Foto Salon, Tokyo, Japan  
*Kenro Izu*, Anne Reed Gallery, Ketchum, ID  
*Kenro Izu*, Picture Photo Space, Osaka, Japan  
 1990 *Kenro Izu*, Photo-Fest/Inova Gallery, Houston, TX  
 1987 *Kenro Izu*, Anne Reed Gallery, Ketchum, ID  
*Still Life 2*, Photofind Gallery, New York, NY  
 1986 *Light Over Ancient Stone*, Art Awareness Gallery, Lexington, NY  
 1985 *Still Life 1*, Catskill Center for Photography, Woodstock, NY  
 1983 *Kenro Izu*, Photofind Gallery, Woodstock, NY

### **Group Exhibitions**

- 2024 *Photosynthesis 8'19"*, Gallery Out of Place, Nara  
*The Art of Light: Observation and Witness*, Shadai Gallery, Tokyo  
 2023 *Kenro and Yumiko Izu*, Photography West Gallery, Carmel, CA  
 2019 *Japan Nude*, Japan Museum Sieboldhuis, Leiden, Netherland  
*Photo-to remain after 100 years*, Gelatin Silver Session, Axis Gallery, Tokyo, Japan  
 2018 *Duo show-Harmony*, Scheimbaum and Russek, Sata Fe, NM  
*Kenro Izu/ Yumiko Izu*, In Camera gallery, Paris, France  
*Still Life*, Serindia Gallery, Bangkok, Thailand  
 2017 *Life*, Gallery Bauhaus, Tokyo, Japan  
*Gelatin Silver Session "Portrait"* Axis Gallery, Tokyo, Japan  
*Beauty of Contact print*, Taipei Photo Fair, Taipei, Taiwan  
 2016 *Songs of Laos*, benefit exhibition of six photographers, Serindia Gallery, Bangkok, Thailand  
*Sacred Profane*, Photolux, Lucca, Italy  
 2015 *Platinum: contemporary Photography*, Phoenix Art Museum, Phoenix, AZ  
*Frontiers reimagined. An official collateral event of Venice Biennale*, Museo Di Palazzo Grimani, Venice, Italy  
*Songs of Lao*, a benefit exhibition, Booker/Lowe Gallery, Houston, TX  
 2014 *Annual Floral Masterworks*, Photography West Gallery, Carmel, CA  
*Deardorff photographers*, Gallery Bauhaus, Tokyo, Japan  
*Collections of Bauhaus*, Gallery Bauhaus, Tokyo, Japan  
*Songs of Lao*, Howard Greenberg Gallery, New York, NY  
 2012 *Asia week show*, Howard Greenberg Gallery, New York  
 2011 *The inner world seen in photography*, Koumi-machi, Kougen Art Museum, Nagano, Japan  
 2010 *Buddhism and Pilgrimage*, Asia Society Museum, New York  
*The Vestiges of the Light*: Kiyosato Photographic Museum of Art, Yamanashi, Japan  
 2009 *The Legacy*, Museum of Photographic Arts, San Diego, CA

- 2005 *The Material Image, Surface and Substance in Photography*: Samuel Dorsky Museum of Art, New Paltz, NY  
*Artists' Garden, Botanical Recollections*: Tokyo Metropolitan Teien Art Museum, Tokyo, Japan
- 2004 *Common Ground*: Corcoran Gallery of Art, Washington D.C.  
*For Eye and Mind*: Museum of Photographic Arts, San Diego, CA
- 2003 *The New World's Old World / Photographic Views of Ancient America*: AXA Gallery, New York, NY  
*Rocks & Stones in Photography*: Forum Eugenio de Almeida, Evora, Portugal,,  
Photographic Archives of the City of Lisbon, Portugal  
*The Invisible Thread*: Newhouse Center for Contemporary Art, Staten Island, New York  
*Reflecting Buddha*: Pasadena Museum of California Art, Pasadena, CA
- 2002 *Constellation*, Center for Photography at Woodstock, Woodstock, NY  
*Conde Nast Traveler 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Exhibition*, New York, NY  
*Uno Sguardo sul Giappone*, Galleria Civica Modena, Modena, Italy  
*Travelers*: Garely North, Setauket, NY
- 1999 *The Allurement of Light: from platinum prints collection*, Kiyosato Museum of Photographic Arts,  
Kiyosato, Japan  
*Wanderers, Travelers and Adventurers*: Museum of Photographic Arts, Sandiego, CA  
*Sense of Style, Sense of Place*, Kentucky Art and Craft Galelry, Louisville, KY
- 1998 *The Precious Image: Contemporary Platinum Photography*, University Art Gallery, Montclair State  
University, Upper Montclair, NJ
- 1997 *Under the Dark Cloth: The View Camera in Contemporary Photography*,  
Museum of Photographic Arts, San Diego, CA
- 1996 *Flora in Photography*: Todd Kaplan Gallery, Santa Monica, CA
- 1995 *Reverberations*, Southeast Museum of Photography, Dayton Beach, FL  
*14 Japanese Photographers*, A.O.I. Gallery, Santa Fe, NM  
*New Works and Recent Acquisitions*, Hamiltons Gallery, London, England
- 1994 *Nudes: Photographic Studies by Eleven Photographers*, Michael Shapiro Gallery,  
San Francisco, CA  
*Flower Studies*, Michael Shapiro Gallery, San Francisco, CA  
*Flower 1850 - 1994*, Hamiltons Gallery, London, England  
*The Still Life*: Gallerie Zur Stockeregg, Zurich, Switzerland  
*Female*: Pheromone Salon d'Art, Hollywood, CA
- 1993 *Alternative Eye-Photo 90's*, Southern Alleghenies Museum, Loretto, PA  
*Visual Meditation*, A.O.I. Gallery, Santa Fe, NM  
*Instructor's & Lecturer's Exhibition*, Woodstock School of Art, Woodstock, NY  
*The Art of Diamonds*, Cleveland Museum of Natural History,  
Cleveland,OH among other venues

- 1992 *Summer Pleasures*, Howard Greenberg Gallery, New York, NY  
*Metamorphosis of Realism*, International Contemporary Art Fair, Japan  
*Manipulator*, F.I.T. Gallery, New York, NY  
*Photography: The Land*, Basel Art Fair, Basel, Switzerland
- 1991 *14 Japanese Photographers*, Mitsukoshi Gallery, Tokyo, Japan  
*Precious Metals*, Susan Spiritus Gallery, Costa Mesa, CA
- 1990 *Photography of the 80's: Discovery and Invention*, Basel Art Fair, Basel, Switzerland
- 1989 *The Creative Camera*, The Daytona Art Institute, Dayton, OH
- 1986 *A Decade of En Foco*, Bronx Museum of Art, New York, NY
- 1984 *Two Person Show*, Hamm/Brickman Gallery, Albany, NY
- 1983 *Kenro Izu*, Jayne Baum Gallery, New York, NY

### **Public Collections**

Boston Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, MA  
Canadian Center for Architecture, Montreal, Canada  
Detroit Institute of Art, Detroit, MI  
San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, San Francisco, CA  
Houston Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, TX  
Southeast Museum of Photography, Daytona Beach, FL  
Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, NY  
Kiyosato Museum of Photographic Arts, Kiyosato, Japan  
Arthur M. Sackler Gallery, Smithsonian Institute, Washington D.C.  
Tokyo Metropolitan Museum of Photography, Tokyo, Japan  
Los Angeles County Museum of Art, Los Angeles, CA  
Samuel Dorsky Museum of Art, State University of NY, New Paltz, NY  
Nihon University, Art Department, Tokyo, Japan  
Museum of Photographic Arts, San Diego, CA  
Galleria Civica Modena, Modena, Italy  
Santa Barbara Museum of Art, Santa Barbara, CA  
Peabody Essex Museum, Salem, MA  
Fitchburg Art Museum, Fitchburg, MA  
J. Paul Getty Museum of Art, Malibu, CA  
Fondazione Fotografia Modena, Modena, Italy  
Shadai Gallery at Tokyo Polytechnical Univ. Tokyo, Japan

## Grants & Fellowships

- 2024 Healthy Society Award, Nursing Society of Japan, Tokyo  
Fine Arts award, Japan Society for Arts and History of Photography, Tokyo
- 2018 The Medal of Light, The Royal Photographic Society of Thailand
- 2014 Health Award by World of Children Awards, New York, NY
- 2011 Lucca Photo Award, Lucca Photo Fest, Italy
- 2007 Pacesetter Award by New York Hospital, Queens. NY
- 2007 Visionary Award by Lucie Awards
- 2005 Visual Award by Center for Photography of Art, Woodstock, NY
- 2002 John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation Fellowship
- 2000 Cultural Promotion Award by Photographic Society of Japan
- 1999 Lou Stoumen Prize for Photography
- 1985 New York Foundation of Arts
- 1984 National Endowment of Arts
- 1981 Catskill Center Photography Fund

## Publications

- Gallery catalogs, published by Howard Greenberg Gallery (1988, 1993)
- Light Over Ancient Angkor*, published by Friends Without A Border (1996)
- Still Life*, published by ARENA Editions (1998)
- Light over Sacred Places of Asia*, published by K\*MoPA (2001)
- Sacred Places*, published by ARENA Editions (2001)
- Passage to Angkor*, published by Channel Photographics (2003)
- Blue*, published by Howard Greenberg Gallery (2004)
- BHUTAN sacred within*, published by Nazraeli Press (2007)
- Kenro Izu-30<sup>th</sup> year retrospective* by Nazraeli Press (2010)
- BLUE*, six by six book by Nazraeli Press (2012)
- Kenro Izu/Territori dello spirito*, by Fondazione Fotograofia Modena/Skira (2014)
- Songs of Lao*, Nazraeli Press (2016)
- Eternal Light*, Steidle (2018)
- Seduction*, Damiani (2018)
- Pompeii-Requiem*, Fondazione Fotograofia Modena/Skira (2019)
- Requiem*, Nazraeli Press (2020)
- Fuzhou; The forgotten Land*, Nazraeli Press (2020)
- Impermanence/ 50 year journey*, Varitas Edition (2022)

## Teaching/ Workshops



- 2019            Fondazione Modena Arti Vista Workshop, Modena, Italy  
Nabshi Center, Tehran, Iran
- 2011            M's workshop, Tokyo Metropolitan Photographic Museum, Tokyo, Japan
- 2010            Palm Spring Photo Festival, Palm Spring, CA
- 2004            Photo Fusion, FL
- 1997, 1998     Southampton College, Long Island University, Southampton, NY
- 1995            Center for Photography at Woodstock, Woodstock, NY

**Lectures/Talks**

- 2023    Keynote speech, Japan Society for Arts and History of Photography, Tokyo
- 2019    Fondazione Forografia Modena, Modena, Italy
- 2016    The Royal Photographic Society, Bangkok, Thailand
- 2011    Brooks Institutes, Santa Barbara, CA
- 2010    Fitchburg Museum of Art, Fitchburg, MA  
Palm Spring Photo Festival, Palm Spring, CA  
Rubin Museum of Art, New York, NY  
Photographic Resource Center, Boston, MA
- 2008    Detroit Institute of Art, Detroit, MI  
Alternative Photographic International Symposium, Santa Fe, NM  
Herbert F. Johnson Museum of Art, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY  
Rubin Museum of Art, New York, NY
- 2006    The University of Michigan, Museum of Art, Ann Arbor, MI  
The University of Maine, Museum of Art, Bangor, ME
- 2005    Rubin Museum of Art, New York, NY  
International Center of Photography, New York, NY
- 2004    The Michael C. Carlos Museum at Emory University, Atlanta, GA
- 2002    Tsuda University, Tokyo, Japan
- 2000    New York University, Medical Center, New York, NY
- 1998    Tokyo Poly-Technical School of Photography, Tokyo, Japan
- 1997    Asia Society, Houston, Texas
- 1996    Southeast Museum of Photography, Daytona Beach, FL  
Asia Society, New York, NY

**Affiliations**

- Board of Directors, Center for Photography at Woodstock (1995 - 1999), NY
- Founder/Honorary President, Friends Without A Border (1995 - present), NY
- Guest Professor, Tokyo Poly-Technical college of Art (2000 - 2011), Tokyo, Japan