

The Art of OTOGI

Yae Takahashi - Solo Exhibition

"I feel that all the works I have created so far connect to the theme of OTOGI. Inside each being, there is a small world and a story.

When I observe the forms and movements of living things, and the rhythms and connections hidden within, I sense layers overlapping like patterns, shaping the Earth itself. Though often unseen, I gently capture these 'otogi'-like moments – delicate landscapes that quietly exist all around us."

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22-28 September 2025 Thistle Hall Community Venue



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Tues - Thu: 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Yae Takahashi

Fri: 11:00 AM - 8:00 PM

22 Sep Opening Night 6:00 PM

Sat: 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Sun: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM



Yae Takahashi
Artist Profile

Yae Takahashi's artwork explores the unseen connections and harmony of life through minimalistic shapes and patterned designs inspired by animals, plants, and natural elements such as fish, turtles, birds, stars, the moon, grasses, flowers, and trees. Her work conveys both fragility and strength while revealing the subtle stories of coexistence and the invisible bonds within nature.

Recurring patterns in her work reflect the intricate designs of the natural world and the mysteries of the microscopic realm. Drawing on her experiences in both Japan and New Zealand, traditional colours and patterns from these cultures are seamlessly woven into her artistic expression.

Selected Exhibitions :

2025 Webb's Gallery, Wellington – Group Exhibition Into Summer

2025 Thistle Hall Gallery, Wellington – Solo Exhibition The Art of OTOGI

2021 Thistle Hall Gallery, Wellington – Group Exhibition Shiki – Gradations

2017 NZ Academy of Fine Arts, Wellington – Group Exhibition Summer Exhibition



Prayer

2025

Acrylic on canvas

457mm x 610mm

sold



Celebration

2025

Acrylic on canvas

406mm x 508mm

sold



The Message

2025

Acrylic on canvas

457mm x 610mm

sold



Reflected Heart

2025

Casein Tempera and Acrylic on wood panel

300mm x 400mm

sold



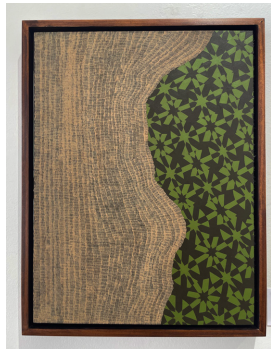
In the Dappled Sunlight

2025

Acrylic on canvas

406mm x 508mm

Available through Webb's Gallery



A veil of Mist

2025

Casein Tempera and Acrylic on wood panel

300mm x 400mm

sold



One Winter Day

2025

Casein Tempera and Acrylic on wood panel

400mm x 500mm

sold



Yin & Yang

2025

Casein Tempera and Acrylic on wood panel

300mm x 400mm

sold



Flows of Essence

2025

Casein Tempera and Acrylic on wood panel

300mm x 400mm

sold



Paulownia Flower's Bud

2021

Acrylic on canvas

254mm x 305mm

sold



Mirror

2025

Acrylic on wood panel

330mm x 330mm

sold



Hibernation

2021 / revised 2025

Acrylic on canvas

254mm x 305mm

sold



Khaki

2021

Acrylic on canvas

406mm x 406mm

sold

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