

Moira Hahn

Artist's Statement

"Night Parade of 100 Demons" is from a famous story in Japanese folklore in which one hundred yokai (demons) come out to march at night. 'Kasha' is a 'cat-like demon that descends from the sky and carries away corpses'. In this instance, I've represented her as a delivery agent for pesticides. I'd recently put in an organic vegetable garden, when working on this composition. I was wary of accepting neighbors' citrus peels for our compost bin, if they'd used pesticides.

I combined elements of several mid-to-late 19th century ukiyo-e portraits of famous kabuki actors, changing the humans into cats, adding a different background, and infusing the trio with new meaning. Toyohara Kunichika (1835-1900) (Meiji period) and Chikanobu (Toyokuni III) (1838-1912) (particularly a work from 1859, late Edo period) are two of the artists whose works inspired this painting.

Why did (my) Kasha become a cat? Like much with yokai, the origin of the cat-like form of Kasha is said to come from the artist Toriyama Sekien (1712-1788). Sekien drew Kasha for the second volume of his *Gazu Hyakki Yagyō* "The Illustrated Night Parade of a Hundred Demons". In 1776, he drew the cat-demon covered in flames.

Sekien blended his own imagination with seasoned folklore, and frequently, simply invented things. He didn't add notes to his yokai prints until the publication of successive volumes, so we don't know why he chose to make Kasha a cat. I made my Kasha a cat in homage to Sekien's traditions, his innovative art techniques and wild subjects.

Moira Hahn Resume

Solo Exhibitions

2019 "Owl in the Family" Artistic Edge Gallery, Long Beach, CA, June - August
2019 "Shadows and Silhouettes; Art by Moira Hahn" Playhouse Gallery, Long Beach, CA, August - September
2016 "Natural Selection", Azusa Pacific University, Duke Art Gallery, Azusa CA, Oct 18 - Nov 18
2016 "Night of 1,000 Fire Monkeys; Moira Hahn", Gregorio Escalante Gallery, April 9 - May 15
2013 The Bungalow Gallery, 727 Pine Ave, Long Beach CA, April 6-30
2012 "Birds, Cats and Beasties", Two artist show w/ Joey Chiarello, Robyn Buntin Gallery, Honolulu
2010 "Hahnga/Ukiyo-e Prints by Moira Hahn" Santiago Canyon College
2010 "Moira Hahn" Orange County Fair Visual Arts Gallery, Costa Mesa, CA
2009 Pacific Asia Museum
2009 Koplín Del Rio Gallery, Culver City, CA
2007 Riverside Art Museum, Riverside, CA 03/22 - 05/19, 2007
2007 Davis and Cline Gallery 525, Ashland, OR 06/12 - 07/28, 2007
2006 "Blue Moon" Trinity Gallery, Philadelphia, PA
2006 "Flight Club" Magic Pony Gallery, Toronto, Ontario Canada
2005 "Sunset Serenade" Roq La Rue Gallery, Seattle, WA (November 2005)
2005 "Twilight Chorus" Koplín Del Rio Gallery, West Hollywood, CA
2005 "Heaven and Hell" Riverside Community College, Riverside, CA
1999 Faculty Art Gallery, Cal State University Long Beach, Long Beach, CA
1999 East Gallery, California State University Fullerton, Fullerton, CA
1997 Tortue Gallery, Santa Monica, CA
1997 Maturango Museum, Ridgecrest, CA
1997 Cerro Coso College Art Gallery, Ridgecrest, CA
1995 Cypress College (2 Artist Exhib. w/ Denise De Grazia), Cypress, CA
1995 Irvine Fine Arts Center, Irvine, CA
1992 Tortue Gallery, Santa Monica, CA
1988 Honolulu Academy of Art, Honolulu, HI
1988 April Sgro-Riddle Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
1986 Toni Jones Gallery, Houston, TX
1985 Space to Space Gallery, Nagoya, Japan
1985 Amano Gallery, Osaka, Japan
1983 Bruce Velick Gallery, San Francisco, CA

Selected Group Exhibitions

2021 "Flora in Winter", (online), Worcester Art Museum, Worcester
2020 "Covid Creativity" , (online), Huntington Beach Art Center, Aug 1-Oct 17, 2020
2020 "Post-it Show 16 – Covid Edition", Giant Robot, Los Angeles, CA
2020 "Transparency", six watercolor artists, curated by Michiel Daniel, Rod Briggs Gallery, Long Beach, CA
2019 Mid-City Open Studio Tour, Chez Shaw Gallery, Long Beach, CA, June 2019
2019 Long Beach Museum Inaugural exhibition, Downtown Campus, Long Beach, CA, September 2019
2019 "Post-it Show 15", GR2 Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
2019 "Mike Mignola's Hellboy 25th Anniversary Tribute Show", Copro Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
2019 "On View: Selections from Recent Acquisitions in Memory of Greg Escalante", LA County Museum of Art, LA, CA
2019 "Cats vs. Dogs", Giant Robot, Los Angeles, CA
2019 "39th International Juried Exhibition", San Diego Watercolor Society, San Diego, CA
2018 "Totoro IV" Group Exhibition, Giant Robot Store, Los Angeles, CA
2018 "Post-It Show 14" Group Exhibition, GR 2 Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
2018 "Painting Long Beach" Group Exhibition, Long Beach Playhouse, Long Beach, CA, November 2018
2018 "Plant Show" Group Exhibition, Giant Robot Store, Los Angeles, CA, July 2018

2018 "Year of the Dog" Group Exhibition, Giant Robot Store, Los Angeles, CA, March-April 2018
2017 "Totoro Show 3", Giant Robot Gallery
2017 "Post-It Show 13", GR 2 Gallery, December 2-10, 2017
2017 "Go Get 'Em, Tiger!", Giant Robot Store, June, Sawtelle Japantown (Los Angeles, CA), August, 2017
2017 Online Exhibition: "Red", Offramp Gallery Blog, curated by Jane Chafin, May 3, 2017
2017 "Long Beach Mid-City Open Studio Tour", Long Beach CA, June 3 - 4, 2017
2017 "Total Dismay", Gregorio Escalante Gallery, Invitational group exhibition, curated by Jeffrey Gillette
2017 "The Art of Getting There: Artistry in Trains", Pasadena Museum of History, Pasadena CA, April 2017
2017 "Online Exhibition: Politically Inspired Art: Part 2", Offramp Gallery Blog, curated by Jane Chafin, March 9, 2017
2017 "Friends with the Animals", Giant Robot II Gallery, Sawtelle Japantown Arts District, LA, CA,
curated by Luke Chueh
2017 Long Beach Mid-City Art Tour, Long Beach CA, June 3-4, 2017
2016 "This is a Limited Edition", Gregorio Escalante Gallery, Chinatown, Los Angeles CA Sep 3 - 25th, 2016
2016 - 2017 "Off the Page: Contemporary Art Influenced by Literature", Mesa Contemporary Art Museum, Mesa AZ
2016 "Wild West / Plains to the Pacific", CA Legion of Honor Museum, San Francisco CA, Jun 18 - Sept 11
2016 "Art Gathering L.A.", The Queen Mary (resort ship), Gregorio Escalante Gallery booth, Long Beach CA, June 2 - 5
2016 'Year of the Monkey', Giant Robot 2 Gallery, Jan 23 - Feb 10, 2016, Los Angeles CA
2016 'California Cool' Art Auction, Laguna Art Museum, February, 2016
2016 'LA Art Fair', Gregorio Escalante Gallery, Jan 28 - 31, 2016
2016 'Meow: A Cat Inspired Exhibition', Worcester Art Museum, Worcester MA, May 21 - Sept 4, 2016
2015 'Multi-Matter', Giant Robot 2 Gallery / GR2, Los Angeles CA
2015 'Post-It Show 11', Giant Robot 2 Gallery / GR2, Los Angeles CA
2015 'The Collection', Gregorio Escalante Gallery, Los Angeles CA.
2015 'Samurai!' Worcester Museum of Art, Worcester, MA, Apr 18 - Sept 16, 2015
2015 'Long Beach 7th Biennial Open Studio Tour' June 6-7, 2015
2015 Art Auction 2015: 'California Cool' , Laguna Art Museum, February 2015
2014 'On Silvered Wings', Greenly Art Space, Long Beach CA, February 22 - April 12, 2014
2013 'Museum Menagerie', Long Beach Museum of Art, Jun 14 - Aug 31
2013 '10th Anniversary Mid-City Studio Tour', Long Beach, CA, 06/01-02/13
2013 '10th Anniversary Mid-City Studio Tour Preview' exhibition, Hellada Gallery, Long Beach CA, May 26-27, 2013
2013 'Wunderkammer-Miniatures & Curiosities' Koplin Del Rio Gallery, Culver City CA, February 23-April 6, 2013
2012 "Between Truth and Fiction: Pictorial Narratives", 30th Anniversary Group show, Kopin Del Rio Gallery, Culver City
CA, September 8 - October 19, 2012
2012 "Equine, Bovine, Canine, Feline", Group Exhibition, Prographica Gallery
Seattle, WA, November 3rd -December 8th, 2012
2011 "Long Beach Mid-City Studio Tour", June 4th & 5th
2011 "Venice Artwalk", Venice CA, May 20 - 22
2011 "From East to West", Mid-City Artists Preview Show, Greenly Art Space, Long Beach CA, May 14 - May 31
2011 "Bixby Knolls First Friday Artwalk", Free Spirit, Long Beach CA, May 4
2011 '5th Biennial Mid-City Studio Tour' open studio tour, Long Beach CA, June 4 - 5
2011 "Sugi-Pop" LeBasse Projects, Culver City CA, March 19 - April 9
2010 "SugiPOP!: The Influence of Anime and Manga on Contemporary Art" Portsmouth Museum of Art, Portsmouth
New Hampshire, October 13, 2010 to January 16, 2011
2010 "A Light in the Shadow - Decades of Art by Women" Long Beach Museum of Art, June 25, 2010 - January 2, 2011
2010 "Narratives" Coastline College Art Gallery, Garden Grove, CA, September 9 - October 9, 2010
2010 "Curiosities of the Curio" Andi Campognone Projects, March 13 - April 24, 2010, Pomona CA
2008 "Vivisect/Playset", curated by Luke Chueh, Gallery 1988, San Francisco CA, December 2008
2008 "KNOW", curated by Mark Murphy, Art Basel Miami, Miami FL, December 2008
2008 Three person show with Tessar Lo and Bill Blair, Roq La Rue Gallery, Seattle, WA
2008 "Venice Art Walk", Venice CA (May 17-18, 2008)
2008 "In the Land of Retinal Delights: The Juxtapoz School" Laguna Art Museum, Laguna Beach, CA

2008 "Comic-Con International", San Diego, CA (July 24-27, 2008)
2008 "Auction 100", Laguna Art Museum, Laguna Beach, CA
2008 "Endangered Species", Santa Monica College Art Gallery, SM, CA
2007 "Stimulus", Art Auction, Laguna Art Museum, Laguna Beach, CA
2007 "Introductions", Davis and Cline Gallery, Ashland OR
2007 "Our Favorite Things Part II", Santa Ana College, Santa Ana CA
2007 "The Wurstmünster Dog Show", The Wurst Gallery, Portland OR
2007 "Mi Vida Artista", Soul Expressions (Tattoo Shop), Temecula CA
2007 "The Venice Art Walk", Venice, CA
2007 "Ag25", Koplín Del Río Gallery, Culver City, CA
2006 "Give A Little", Magic Pony, Toronto, Ontario Canada
2006 "Conjure", Judson Gallery, Highland Park, CA
2006 "The OsCene", Laguna Art Museum, Laguna Beach CA
2006 "Reflections of Beauty: Women from Japan's Floating World", Pacific Asia Museum, Pasadena, CA
2006 "Ever After", Roq La Rue Gallery, Seattle, WA
2006 "Cats are the New Bunnies", Magic Pony Gallery, Toronto, Alberta, Canada
2006 "The Fine Art of Design", El Camino College Art Gallery, Torrance CA
2006 "Hogs, Frogs, Dogs; Animal Images in Art", SAC Art Gallery, Santora Building Santa Ana, CA
2006 "Venice Art Walk", Bergamot Station, Santa Monica, CA
2006 "Everything Nice", Toyroom Gallery, Sacramento, CA
 "Everything Nice", Thinkspace Gallery, LA, CA, Dec. 8-29, 2006
 "Everything Nice", Cannibal Flower, LA, CA, Dec. 30-31, 2006
2005 "United Divas 2 Year Anniversary Benefit Exhibition", Victory Hall, Jersey City, NJ
2005 "Diverse City", Santa Ana College, Santa Ana, CA
2005 "Venice Art Walk", Venice, CA
2005 "Beneath the Surface", Long Beach Arts, Long Beach, CA
2005 "Red Pen", Santora Building, Santa Ana, CA
2004 "Portraiture: Reflection, Identity and Presence", Santora Building, Santa Ana, CA
2004 "Uncharted Terrain", SOKA University Art Gallery, Aliso Viejo, CA
2004 Faculty Art Exhibition, Long Beach City College, Long Beach, CA
2004 "Collaborative Projects", Showcase Gallery, Costa Mesa, CA
2004 "Drawings VII", Koplín Del Río Gallery, Los Angeles CA
2003 Art Auction X, Long Beach Museum of Art, Long Beach, CA
2003 "Seriously Funny", Santa Ana College, Santa Ana, CA
2003 "Watercolor West XXXIV", Brea Civic Cultural Center, CA
2002 "Drawings VI", Koplín Gallery, West Hollywood, CA
2002 "Curios", Andrew Shire Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
2002 "AA XX", Laguna Art Museum, Laguna Beach, CA
2002 "Figuration", Showcase Gallery, Costa Mesa, CA
2002 "Recent Acquisitions", Achenbach Foundation, San Francisco, CA
2002 "Living and Dying", Second City Council, Long Beach, CA
2002 "Drawing Outside the Lines", Long Beach Arts, Long Beach, CA
2002 "Works on Paper", California Palace of the Legion of Honor, San Francisco, CA
2002 "The Great Wave", Andrew Shire Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
2002 "Narratives", Showcase Gallery, Santa Ana, CA
2002 "Myths and Monsters", Laguna Art Museum, Laguna Beach, CA
2001 "2001: An Art Odyssey", Laguna Art Museum, Laguna Beach, CA
2001 "Pulp Friction", Santa Ana College Gallery, Santa Ana, CA
2001 "Clear and Present", Andrew Shire Gallery, LA, CA (4 artist exhib.)
2001 "Inaugural Exhibition", Museum of New Art, Detroit, MI
2001 "Migraine Masterpieces", National Headache Foundation, Chicago, ILL

2001 "Students and Mentors", Riverside Community College, Riverside, CA
2001 "The Elements: Earth, Water, Fire and Air", Second City Council, Long Beach, CA
2001 "Art Auction 9", Long Beach Museum of Art, Long Beach, CA
2000 "Drawings V: A Group Exhibition", Koplín Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
2000 "The Art of the Portrait", Pennsylvania College of Art and Design, Lancaster, PA
2000 "Visual Language at Play", Long Beach City College, Long Beach, CA
2000 "Another Round", AVAGO Gallery, Brewery Building, Los Angeles, CA
2000 "Dusk to Dawn; Nocturnal Landscapes", Golden West Art Gallery, Huntington Beach, CA
2000 "Art Auction 8", Long Beach Museum of Art, Long Beach, CA
2000 "Text", Ron Breeden Gallery, Irvine, CA
1999 "Tale-teller", El Camino College Art Gallery, Torrance, CA
1999 "Watercolor West XXXI", Riverside Art Museum, Riverside, CA
1999 Grand Central Art Center, Santa Ana, CA
1999 "Made In California", Brea Cultural Center, Brea, CA
1999 Long Beach Museum of Art, Long Beach, CA
1998 "Water Media", Long Beach Arts, Long Beach, CA
1998 "Surrealism and Neo-Narrative", Long Beach Arts, Long Beach, CA
1998 Long Beach Museum of Art, Long Beach, CA
1997 "Through the Looking Glass: Artist Self Portraits", Cypress College, CA
1997 "Reconfigured I", Santa Monica College Art Gallery, Santa Monica, CA
1997 "Reconfigured II" Santa Monica College Art Gallery, Santa Monica, CA
1997 "Watercolor West XXIX", Riverside Art Museum, Riverside, CA
1997 "The Great Wave", Andrew Shire Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
1997 Long Beach Museum of Art, Long Beach, CA
1996 "Process and Ritual", Downey Museum of Art, Downey, CA
1996 Tortue Gallery, Santa Monica, CA
1996 "Watermarks", Mt. San Antonio College Art Gallery, Walnut, CA
1996 "Found Object as Art", Long Beach Arts, Long Beach, CA
1996 Long Beach Museum of Art, Long Beach, CA
1995 Faculty Show, Rancho Santiago College Art Gallery, Santa Ana, CA
1995 "Isomata 1950-1994", Riverside Art Museum, Riverside, CA
1994 "Rivers, Lakes and Seas", San Francisco Intl Airport, SF, CA
1994 "Art Auction 3", Long Beach Museum of Art, Long Beach, CA
1994 Irvine Fine Arts Center, Irvine, CA
1993 Tortue Gallery, Santa Monica, CA
1993 "Art Auction", Long Beach Museum of Art, Long Beach, CA
1992 University Art Museum, California State University, Long Beach, CA
1991 "New Acquisitions II", De Young Museum, San Francisco, CA
1991 "On The Go", San Francisco International Airport, San Francisco, CA
1989 "4th Annuale", LACE (Los Angeles Contemporary Exhibitions), LA, CA
1989 "20 Artists/ Los Angeles", City Gallery of Contemporary Art, Raleigh, NC
1988 "Small Works", California Institute of the Arts (CalArts), Valencia, CA
1987 "Faces", Downey Museum, Downey, CA
1987 "New Acquisitions II", De Young Museum, San Francisco, CA
1987 "Seriously Humorous", Rancho Santiago College, Santa Ana, CA
1986 "Future Indicative", Los Angeles County Museum of Art, Art Rental Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
1984 "Crime and Punishment", Triton Museum, Santa Clara, CA
1983 "California Women Artists", California Polytechnic University, San Luis Obispo, CA
1983 "Lights, Camera, Action", Space Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
1982 "Magical Mystery Tour", LA Municipal Art Gallery, Hollywood, CA
1981 "Farewell to the Bridal District", Los Angeles Contemporary Exhibitions, Los Angeles, CA