

Hideyuki Sobue: Resume

Education:

Osaka University of Arts BA / 2001- 2005

Awards, Achievements & Residencies:

- 2024 A series of animal portraits commissioned by the leading hotel chain, English Lakes Hotels, to rebrand The Wild Boar Estate, one of the estates in the Lake District (Windermere, UK)
- 2022 Artist-in-residence, Allan Bank (The National Trust, Grasmere, UK)
Arts Council National Lottery Project Grant for art project 'A Letter to the Earth from Beatrix'
Artwork 'Marigolds' commissioned for the 20th Anniversary Whisky of world-renowned Michelin 3-star chef Simon Rogan in collaboration with The Lakes Distillery (Cartmel, UK)
- 2020 Arts Council Emergency Response Fund for art project 'Wordsworth, Rawnsley and Lake District'
- 2019 Arts Council National Lottery Project Grant for art project 'Conversation with Ruskin'
- 2017 Shortlisted for Bridgeman Studio Award
- 2016 Invitation received from Wordsworth Grasmere (formerly Wordsworth Trust, Grasmere, UK) to participate in the special exhibition "Wordsworth and Basho: Walking Poets" at the Itami City Art Museum Kakimori Bunko (Hyogo, Japan)
- 2015 Shortlisted for Cumbria Culture Award
'Portrait of William Wordsworth' becomes part of the permanent collection at Rydal Mount & Gardens
- 2013 Arts Council England Grant for the Arts for art project 'The Way I See'
- 2008 Elected as a member of the Lake Artists Society
- 2007 Artist-in-residence, Verrocchio Arts Centre (Tuscany, Italy)
- 2006 Peter Tyson Award at the Lake Artists Society Summer Exhibition
- 2004 Osaka University of Arts Scholarship

Solo exhibitions:

- 2023-24 *A Letter to the Earth from Beatrix Limited Edition Print Show* (Allan Bank, The National Trust, Grasmere, UK)
- 2023 *A Letter to the Earth from Beatrix* (Allan Bank, The National Trust, Grasmere, UK)
- 2022 *A Letter to the Earth from Beatrix* (Allan Bank, The National Trust, Grasmere, UK)
- 2021 *Wordsworth, Rawnsley and Lake District* for the celebration of the 250th anniversary of William Wordsworth's birth and the centenary of Hardwicke Rawnsley's death (Rydal Mount, Ambleside, UK)
- 2020 *Recollection* (Hay Hill Gallery, London, UK)
Conversation with Ruskin for the celebration of the 200th anniversary of John Ruskin's birth (The Ruskin, Lancaster University, Lancaster, UK)
- 2019 *Conversation with Ruskin* for the celebration of the 200th anniversary of John Ruskin's birth (Blue Gallery, Ruskin Foundation & Brantwood Trust, Coniston, UK)
Art in Residence at The Forest Side [ongoing solo exhibition] (Forest Side, Grasmere, UK)
- 2018 *Sanpo* (Dover Gallery, Farfield Mill Art Craft & Heritage Centre, Sedbergh, UK)
- 2015 *I Wandered... A celebration of the 200th anniversary of the publication of William Wordsworth's 'Daffodil' poem* in collaboration with poet Gary Boswell (Rydal Mount, Ambleside, UK)
- 2013 *The Way I See* (Japan House Gallery, Daiwa Anglo-Japanese Foundation, London, UK)

- The Way I See* (Brewery Arts Centre, Kendal, UK)
- 2010 *Country Life* (Wendy J. Levy Contemporary Art, Didsbury, UK)
- 2006 *Shizen* (Gallery Hanano, Nagoya, Japan)
- 2005 *Natural Poetry* in collaboration with poet Gary Boswell + cellist Yoshika Masuda (Rydal Mount, Ambleside, UK)
- Light & Shade* (Gallery Hanano, Nagoya, Japan)
- 1989 *Siesta* (Gallery Mix, Tokyo, Japan)

Selected group exhibitions:

- 2025 Spring Exhibition (Belgravia Gallery, Surrey, UK)
- 2023 Winter Show (Wendy J. Levy Contemporary Art, Didsbury, UK)
- Ruth Borchard Self-Portrait Prize 2023 (Longlisted)
- 2021 Ruth Borchard Self-Portrait Prize 2021 (Longlisted)
- 2019 Ruth Borchard Self-Portrait Prize 2019 (Piano Nobile Kings Place, London, UK)
- 2017 SPRING COLLECTION, 2017 (GX Gallery, London, UK)
- London Art Fair (Business Design Centre, London, UK)
- 2016 FORTY BY FORTY (GX Gallery, London, UK)
- Wordsworth and Bashō: Walking Poets (Itami City Museum Kakimori Bunko, Hyogo, Japan)
- LANDSCAPE TWENTY16 AT THE GHERKIN (The Gherkin, London, UK)
- 2015 Royal Scottish Academy Open (RSA Lower Galleries, Edinburgh, UK)
- Hay Hill Gallery Winter Group Show (Hay Hill Gallery, London, UK)
- Ruth Borchard Self-Portrait Prize 2015 (Piano Nobile Kings Place, London, UK)
- Hay Hill Gallery Summer Group Show (Hay Hill Gallery, London, UK)
- 2014 Royal Scottish Academy Open (RSA Lower Galleries, Edinburgh, UK)
- Arusha Christmas (Arusha Gallery, Edinburgh, UK)
- ING Discerning Eye Exhibition (Mall Galleries, London, UK)
- Open Up North (Brewery Arts Centre / Abbot Hall Art Gallery, Kendal, UK)
- 2013 Summer Show (Wendy J. Levy Contemporary Art, Didsbury, UK)
- 2012 Winter Show (Wendy J. Levy Contemporary Art, Didsbury, UK)
- Buy Art Fair (Spinningfields, Manchester, UK)
- Bloomsbury Art Fair (London House, London, UK)
- Royal Birmingham Society of Artists Open Prize exhibition (RBSA Gallery, Birmingham, UK)
- Summer Show (Wendy J. Levy Contemporary Art, Didsbury, UK)
- 20/21 International Art Fair (Royal College of Art, London, UK)
- 2011 Winter Show (Wendy J. Levy Contemporary Art, Didsbury, UK)
- Newcastle Gateshead Art Fair (The Sage, Gateshead, UK)
- Bloomsbury Art Fair (London House, London, UK)
- Summer Show (Wendy J. Levy Contemporary Art, Didsbury, UK)
- Royal Birmingham Society of Artists Open Prize exhibition (RBSA Gallery, Birmingham, UK)
- Royal Birmingham Society of Artists Open Portrait exhibition (RBSA Gallery, Birmingham, UK)
- 20/21 International Art Fair (Royal College of Art, London, UK)
- 2010 Haworth Art Gallery Annual Open (Accrington, UK)

- Winter Show (Wendy J. Levy Contemporary Art, Didsbury, UK)
- Buy Art Fair (Spinningfields, Manchester, UK)
- Summer Show (Wendy J. Levy Contemporary Art, Didsbury, UK)
- 2009 Haworth Art Gallery Centenary Open (Accrington, UK)
- Winter Show (Wendy J. Levy Contemporary Art, Didsbury, UK)
- Summer Show (Wendy J. Levy Contemporary Art, Didsbury, UK)
- National Open Art Competition (Minerva Theatre, Chichester, UK)
- 2008 Haworth Art Gallery Annual Open (Accrington, UK)
- Winter Show (Wendy J. Levy Contemporary Art, Didsbury, UK)
- Summer Show (Wendy J. Levy Contemporary Art, Didsbury, UK)
- Lake Artists Society Summer Exhibition as a non-member (Grasmere Hall, Grasmere, UK)
- 2007 Winter Show (Wendy J. Levy Contemporary Art, Didsbury, UK)
- National Open Art Competition (Minerva Theatre, Chichester, UK)
- Group Show (Verrocchio Arts Centre, Tuscany, Italy)
- Summer Show (Wendy J. Levy Contemporary Art, Didsbury, UK)
- 2006 Summer Romantics with print artist Richard Foster in collaboration with poet Gary Boswell + cellist Yoshika Masuda + violist Ruth Gibson (Rydal Mount, Ambleside, UK)
- 2004 Artists for HOPE (Nagoya Hilton Hotel, Nagoya, Japan)

Collections:

- Rydal Mount & Gardens / Permanent Collection 'Portrait of William Wordsworth'
- Newby Bridge Hotel / Permanent Collection 'Daffodils (Diptych)'
- Old Stamp House / Permanent Collection 'The Poet at the Old Stamp House'

Publications:

- 2022 Exhibition digital catalogue for the art project 'A Letter to the Earth from Beatrix' supported by Arts Council England
- 2019 Commemoration book 'Conversation with Ruskin' for celebrating the bicentenary of John Ruskin's birth, supported by Arts Council England
- 2019 Omnibus art book 'QUOTES Inspirational Quotations | Creative Responses' (Strawlitte Productions)
- 2016 Exhibition catalogue for the curated exhibition 'Wordsworth and Basho: Walking Poets'
- 2015 Commemoration book 'I Wandered...' A celebration of the 200th anniversary of the publication of the revised poem 'I Wandered Lonely as a Cloud' by William Wordsworth
- 2013 Exhibition catalogue for the art project 'The Way I See' supported by Arts Council England

Press:

- 2025 Featured as a local artist on the BBC television programme "Escape to the Country" (BBC, UK)
- 2022 Article about my art project 'A Letter to the Earth from Beatrix' held at Allan Bank (Grasmere) featured in the National Trust magazine
- Article about my art project 'A Letter to the Earth from Beatrix' held at Allan Bank (Grasmere) featured in the British Airways High Life magazine
- 2021 Article about my art project 'Wordsworth, Rawnsley and Lake District' held at Rydal Mount (Ambleside)

- featured in the Cumbria Life magazine
- 2019 Article about my art project 'Conversation with Ruskin' held at the Blue Gallery, Brantwood (Coniston) featured in the Westmorland Gazette
Article about my art project 'Conversation with Ruskin' held at the Blue Gallery, Brantwood (Coniston) featured in the Cumbria Life magazine
- 2015 Article about my art practice featured in the Cumbria Life magazine
Article about my art project 'I Wandered...' held at Rydal Mount (Ambleside) featured in the Westmorland Gazette (in-depth article)
Article about my new diptych portrait of William Wordsworth for my art project 'I Wandered...' held at Rydal Mount (Ambleside) featured on The Independent
Article about my art project 'I Wandered...' held at Rydal Mount (Ambleside) featured in the Westmorland Gazette (introductory article)
- 2013 Article about my art project 'The Way I See' held at the Japan House Gallery, Daiwa Anglo-Japanese Foundation (London) featured on MutualArt.com
Article about my art project 'The Way I See' held at the Japan House Gallery, Daiwa Anglo-Japanese Foundation (London) featured on Wall Street International
- 2011 Article about my art practice featured in the Japanese lifestyle magazine BonChic Vol.5

Other activities:

- 2025 Featured as a local artist on the BBC television programme "Escape to the Country" (BBC, UK)
Participated in the "Spring Exhibition" at Belgravia Gallery as a represented artist, exhibiting alongside distinguished figures including King Charles III, Damien Hirst, and Charlie Mackesy (Surrey, UK)
- 2024 Produced a series of new animal characters including the main logo character for the Wild Boar Estate (the English Lakes Hotels) rebranding project (Windermere, UK)
- 2023 Line hatching workshop using acrylic at Allan Bank (Grasmere, UK)
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Artist Talk for the UK Library and Information Association (Rydal Hall, Ambleside, UK)
Published exhibition digital catalogue for the art project 'A Letter to the Earth from Beatrix' supported by Arts Council England
Hard Opening private view & introductory talk for the art project 'A Letter to the Earth from Beatrix' at Allan Bank (Grasmere, UK)
Produced a whisky label artwork "Marigolds" commissioned for Simon Rogan's 20th Anniversary Whisky in collaboration with The Lakes Distillery (Cartmel, UK)
Artist Talk for the Barrow & Ulverston Art Society (Ulverston, UK)
- 2021 Artist Talk for the art project 'Wordsworth, Rawnsley and Lake District' at Rydal Mount (Ambleside, UK)
- 2020 Gallery talk + line hatching demonstration for the art project 'Conversation with Ruskin' at The Ruskin, Lancaster University (Lancaster, UK)
Artist Talk + book signing for the art project 'Conversation with Ruskin' at The Ruskin, Lancaster University (Lancaster, UK)
- 2019 Line hatching workshop using Japanese sumi ink & acrylic at Brantwood (Coniston, UK)
Artist Talk + book signing for the art project 'Conversation with Ruskin' at Brantwood (Coniston, UK)
Published commemoration book 'Conversation with Ruskin' supported by Arts Council England

- Selected to be featured in the omnibus art book 'QUOTES Inspirational Quotations | Creative Responses' (Strawlitter Productions)
- 2017 Shortlisted for Bridgeman Studio Award 2017
- 2016 Participated in the opening ceremony of the exhibition 'Wordsworth and Basho: Walking Poets' at Itami City Art Museum Kakimori Bunko (Hyogo, Japan)
- Artist Talk & poetry recital for the unveiling of the work 'Walking Poets' at Rydal Mount (Ambleside, UK)
- Talk about the commemoration book 'I wandered...' at Words by the Water, the northwest of England's premier festival of words and ideas, with Writer Maggie How and poet Gary Boswell at Theatre by the Lake (Keswick, UK)
- 2015 Shortlisted for Cumbria Culture Award 2015 <art project 'I wandered...'> (Keswick, UK)
- Artist Talk + book signing for the art project 'I wandered...' at Lancaster University (Lancaster, UK)
- Artist Talk + book launch for the art project 'I wandered...' at Rydal Mount (Ambleside, UK)
- Published commemoration book 'I Wandered...'
- 2013 Artist Talk: Beyond Portraiture + artistic debate with Japanese photographer Shu Tomioka at Japan House Gallery, Daiwa Anglo-Japanese Foundation (London, UK)
- Published exhibition catalogue for the art project 'The Way I See' supported by Arts Council England
- Line hatching workshop using Japanese sumi ink & acrylic <age group of 18+> (Brewery Arts Centre, Kendal, UK)
- Line drawing workshop (3 sessions) with handmade wooden pens <age group of 11~18> (Brewery Arts Centre, Kendal, UK)
- 2010-13 Served as a council member of the Lake Artists Society
- 2007-10 Series of illustrations for the Japanese translation of the books 'The Secret of The Sirens', 'The Gorgon's Gaze', 'Mines of the Minotaur' and 'The Chimera's Curse', published by Sayzansha (publisher of Harry Potter in Japan / Tokyo, Japan)
- 2004 Painting workshop at an orphanage in aid of HOPE International (Pursat, Cambodia)
- 2002 Series of illustrations for the Japanese translation of the book 'Chasing the Cherry Blossom' published by Ric (Tokyo, Japan)
- 2001 Series of illustrations for the book 'Chasing the Cherry Blossom' published by Lion Hudson (Oxford, UK)
- 1989 Curating several art exhibitions including legendary British fashion designer Christopher Nemeth at Gallery Mix (Tokyo, Japan)

Since being elected as a member of the Lake Artists Society in 2008, Sobue continuously exhibits at the Lake Artists Society's annual exhibition. Sobue's works are currently held in public and private collections in the UK, the Netherlands, Japan, China, Australia, Canada, and the USA.