

YUKO KUDO - 工藤優子

Biography

Yuko Kudo is native Japanese and immigrated to the United States in June 2003, landing in Los Angeles, California, and settling there for 10 years until moving to New York City in 2013. Yuko is a multi-dimensional artist and creator. She uses art and storytelling to create community, while reminding people they are not alone. Yuko is the Founder and Artistic Director of the *"I AM" Series*, which showcases artists' talent within themes focusing on claiming one's various, complex identities and belonging. Through her work as a photographer, she has appeared in Forbes and TIME magazines, among other media outlets.

Yuko Kudo was a finalist for the Roger Sturtevant Musical Theatre Award for the Actor's Equity Association. Her latest work includes a self produced musical SOLO show entitled, *"Good Bye... Love"*, focusing on diversity, immigration and women's empowerment. Also, she has been facilitating the creation of collaborative educational spaces focuses on the intersection of art and activism. Proud member of Prime Produce Apprentice Cooperative and Think Tank for Theatrical Innovation.

Work History/Curation

02/21/2021

"I Came Here To Be Love"

One-Woman-Musical-Show,

Written and performed by Yuko Kudo

Dir. Brandon Rumaker, Produced by Shino Frances, Virtual Dir. Kyle Beckley

11/2020 - Current

"Untapped StoryTellers"

Mini Documentary Series

Executive Producer

09/2020 Poupelle of Chimney Town

Off-Broadway Musical; Based on Bestselling Japanese Picture book

Language/Cultural translator, Assistant Director

*** Presented Virtually on Sept 18 and 19 2020

08/06/2020 "Hiroshima 75th Memorial"

Global Listening; Peace+Art+Music, Hiroshima - New York

Produced by Midheaven Network

Featured Artist

06/2020 - Current

"Love+Live+Life" Podcast

Conversations about Art+People+Social Good

Host

06/20/2020 "Capsule Hack"

Virtual Conference & Hackathon for Climate Crisis

Featured Artist

03/08/2020 "Women and Arts in times for Climate Emergency"
Partnered with Women In Music, United Voices 4 Peace, Prime Produce Apprentice Cooperative
Curator, Featured Musical Performer

02/22/2020 "Good Bye.. Love"
One-Woman-Musical-Show, Written and performed by Yuko Kudo
Dir. Brandon Rumaker, Produced by Shino Frances

01/30/2020 "Our BRAVEST: Honoring Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Legacy"
at FDNY
Featured Musical Performer

12/13/2019 "Coming to America Podcast Fundraiser"
Guest Musical Performer

10/03/2019 "Environmental Justice through Arts"
Partnered with NYU CALA, Emmy Award Winning Filmmaker Lisa Russell
Curator & Moderator

8/16/2019 "Home; My Heart"
One-Woman-Musical-Show ; Written and performed by Yuko Kudo
Directed by Brandon Rumaker

4/18/2019 "Crime and Punishment ; Mass Incarceration through lenses of Arts"
Partnered with NYU CALA
Curator & Moderator

03/08/2019 "Female Driven Community Building"
Partnered with Civic Hall, NYC
Curator

2017-2019 "I AM" Series
Monthly Performance Series for local artists.
NYC, Westchester
Producer, MC, Performer

10/5/2015 National Asian Artists Project 5 year Gala
Directed by Richard Jay-Alexander, Artistic Director Baayork Lee
NYU Skirball Center
Chorus member

06/15/2014 "After the Storm" The Kennedy Center
Benefit Concert for the Victims of Typhoon Haiyan in Phillipine
with Lea Salonga, Lou Diamond Phillips
Chorus Member

“I AM” Series (2017-2019)
Artistic Director, Founder
Curated Workshop for Artists ; topic includes Mental Wellness, Financial literacy, Mindfulness,
Entrepreneurship
Facilitated Monthly Circle for Artists
Produced monthly Performance Event

Photographer for
Public Theatre Mobile Unit
doTERRA Leadership Magazine
UnleaSHE x Boo2Bullying Global Photo Campaign NYC

Publications

CauseArtist - <https://www.causeartist.com/why-artists-are-the-future-leaders/>
theCnnekt <https://www.thecnnekt.com/spotlight/2019/1/14/yuko-kudo-founder-of-i-am>
Cision PRweb [https://www.prweb.com/releases/
social_conscious_entrepreneur_gives_a_voice_to_struggling_immigrant_artists_with_a_solo_performance
_in_nyc_on_august_16/prweb16504475.htm](https://www.prweb.com/releases/social_conscious_entrepreneur_gives_a_voice_to_struggling_immigrant_artists_with_a_solo_performance_in_nyc_on_august_16/prweb16504475.htm)
Seek the Joy <https://www.seekthejoypodcast.com/joy-corner/yukokudo>

Awards

Finalist for Roger Sturtevant Musical Theatre Award for the Actor's Equity Association

Education & Skills

Akahira Music Academy, Aomori, Japan 1987-2002
Theatre of Arts, CA 2004-2007
Anthony Mindl Acting Workshop
National Asian Artists Projects's Broadway Chorus

Fluent in Japanese & English, Classical Pianist, Photographer, Dancer, Writer
RYT Certified Yoga Instructor, Reiki Practitioner, Basic Cooking Skills,