

# CV Noriko Matsubara

Artist, Children's Author & Illustrator

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**Bio:** b. Hachinohe, Japan  
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## Education

- 2008 **MA Fine Art**  
Central Saint Martins College of Art and Design, University of the Arts London, UK
- 2007 **Bachelor of Fine Arts, Visual Art**  
Sir Wilfred Grenfell College, Memorial University of Newfoundland, Canada
- 2000 **Bachelor of Education Degree**  
Yokohama National University, Yokohama, Japan

## Solo Exhibitions

- 2013 *A Tale of Two Socks: an exhibition of original artwork from the picture book Bocchi & Pocchi*, Gatehouse Arts Gallery, Harlow, Essex, UK
- 2012 *Noriko Matsubara The World of Chigiri-e*, Essex Record Office, Chelmsford, Essex, UK  
*Noriko Matsubara The World of Chigiri-e*, Harlow Central Library, Harlow, Essex, UK
- 2011 *A Window into Art*, Gatehouse Arts Gallery, Harlow, Essex, UK
- 2010 *Chigiri-e & Hishizashi Exhibition*, Cafe Olive, London, UK

## 2 and 3 Person Exhibitions

- 2012 *Life and Colour*, Gatehouse Arts Gallery, Harlow, Essex, UK
- 2007 *Different Views*, Arts and Culture Centre, Newfoundland, Canada
- 2006 *Discovering Cultures*, Arts and Culture Centre, Newfoundland, Canada

## Selected Group Exhibitions

- 2021 *Akshaya Patra, Exhibition of Artworks by Women Artists*, Lalit Kala Galleries, New Delhi, India
- 2014 *Harlow Open 2014*, Gibberd Gallery, Harlow, Essex, UK
- 2012 *Harlow Open 2012*, Gibberd Gallery, Harlow, Essex, UK  
*Seen*, Gatehouse Arts Gallery, Harlow, Essex, UK  
*Photo Open*, Gatehouse Arts Gallery, Harlow, Essex, UK
- 2011 *Drawn from Essex*, Gibberd Gallery, Harlow, Essex, UK  
*The improbability of a well-balanced mind*, Gatehouse Arts Gallery, Harlow, Essex, UK  
*Gatehouse Open*, Gatehouse Arts Gallery, Harlow, Essex, UK
- 2010 *SHOW 1*, Gatehouse Arts Gallery, Harlow, Essex, UK  
*Harlow Open 2010*, Gibberd Gallery, Harlow, Essex, UK
- 2009 *The MINUCO Art Show '09*, Coningsby Gallery, London, UK
- 2008 *MA Fine Art Degree Show*, Central Saint Martins College of Art and Design, London, UK  
*This Constant Cracking of the Surface*, Central Saint Martins College of Art and Design MA Fine Art  
*Interim Show*, Bargehouse Oxo Tower Wharf, London, UK
- 2007 *Segment*, 4th Year Students Exhibition, Visual Arts Program, the Queen Elizabeth the II Library at Memorial University of Newfoundland, Canada  
*Segment*, 4th Year Students Exhibition, Visual Arts Program, Sir Wilfred Grenfell College Art Gallery, Canada
- 2006 *Harlow Art Exhibition*, Harlow Campus Trust, Old Harlow, Essex, UK  
*Art in a Suitcase*, Noyelles, France  
*The Persistence of Multiples - Photogravure: An Intersection of Photography and Printmaking*, Anna Leonowens Gallery, Nova Scotia College of Art and Design, Halifax, Canada
- 2005 *The SeaRose Collection*, Humber Valley Resort, Newfoundland, Canada
- 2004 *Red Show*, Eastern Front Gallery, Toronto, Canada

## Curated Projects Exhibitions

- 2014 *Museum of Curiosities II*, Gatehouse Arts Gallery, Harlow, Essex, UK  
2012 *Museum of Curiosities I*, Gatehouse Arts Gallery, Harlow, Essex, UK

## Commissions

- 2021 Illustration for BBC Children's Bedtime Stories App, *Olanna's Super Senses*

## Collections

- SeaRose Collection, Husky Energy Inc., Canada  
Sir Wilfred Grenfell College Art Gallery Collection, Canada  
The Memorial University Archives, Print Collection, Sir Wilfred Grenfell College, Canada

## Awards & Honors

- 2007 University Medal for Academic Excellence in Fine Arts (Visual Art)  
2007 Heritage Newfoundland and Labrador Fine Art Competition, Second Prize  
2005 The Imperial Tobacco Canada Fine Arts Scholarship  
2005 Cottage Crafts Association Scholarship

## Publications

- 2016 *Bocchi and Pocchi's Big Surprise*, Troika Books, UK  
2014 *Bocchi and Pocchi and the Bird*, Troika Books, UK  
2013 *Bocchi + Pocchi: A Tale of Two Socks*, Troika Books, UK  
\*These titles have been translated into 6 languages (Spanish, Catalan, Chinese, Korean, Vietnamese & Japanese)

## Artist's Talks

- 2021 Public Seminar by Noriko Matsubara (online) organised by Newcastle University & Japan Sakura Network  
2019 Hachinohe Book Center, Hachinohe, Japan  
Memorial University of Newfoundland Harlow Campus, Harlow, Essex, UK  
2013 Abbotsweld School, Harlow, Essex, UK  
2012 Passmore Academy, Harlow, Essex, UK  
2011 Memorial University of Newfoundland Harlow Campus, Harlow, Essex, UK

## Library & Book Shop Visits

- 2019 Hachinohe Book Center (Japan), Hachinohe Nango Library (Hachinohe), Hachinohe Portal Museum (Japan), Annfield Plain Library (County Durham), Whickham Library (Newcastle upon Tyne)  
2018 Consett Library, Belmont Library, Chester-le-Street Library, Newton Hall Library (County Durham)  
2015 Leaf Cafe (Hertfordshire)  
2014 The Epping Bookshop (Essex), Harlow Library (Essex), Hoddesdon Library (Hertfordshire), Bishop's Stortford Library (Hertfordshire)

## Press File

- 2020 **"Interview: Noriko Matsubara,"** Mr Partner, No. 361, May 10, 46-47. (Japan)  
**"Creator's desk – children's author Noriko Matsubara,"** Daily Tohoku, February 4, 11. (Japan)  
2019 **"Dream comes true – UK based children's author Noriko Matsubara's Japanese edition published,"** Toonippo, August 20, 12. (Japan)  
**"The world of picture book shared with visitors – UK based Noriko Matsubara's first event in Japan,"** Daily Tohoku, August 12, 13. (Japan)  
**"Bocchi and Pocchi A Tale of Two Socks by Noriko Matsubara,"** Tokyo Shinbun, July 26, 20. (Japan)  
Available from: <https://sukusuku.tokyo-np.co.jp/life/19130/>  
**"Newly released picture book Vol.239 - A sock has gone missing!"** mi:te, June 24. (Japan) Available from: <https://mi-te.kumon.ne.jp/contents/article/11-6039/>

- “**Popular picture book, the long-awaited Japanese edition,**” Daily Tohoku, May 28, 21. (Japan)
- “**Interview with Noriko Matsubara,**” EhonNavi [internet], May 16. (Japan) Available from: <https://www.ehonnavi.net/specialcontents/contents.asp?id=441>
- “**Children's author debuted in the UK published by Iwasaki Shoten,**” Shinbun no Shinbun, March 22, 3. (Japan)
- 2016 “**Bocchi & Pocchi’s Big Surprise by Noriko Matsubara,**” Lancashire Evening Post, August. (UK)  
Available from: <http://www.lep.co.uk/lifestyle/books/book-review-wartime-drama-a-gunpowder-plot-and-a-trainee-witch-1-8074234>
- 2014 “**Bocchi and Pocchi and the Bird by Noriko Matsubara,**” Parents in Touch, July. (UK)  
Available from: <http://www.parentsintouch.co.uk/Book-reviews-fiction-age-2-to-5-page-12>
- “**Bocchi + Pocchi and the Bird by Noriko Matsubara,**” Our Book Reviews Online [internet], July 28.  
Available from: <http://www.ourbookreviewsonline.blogspot.jp/2014/07/bocchi-pocchi-and-bird-by-noriko.html>
- “**Author launches children’s book in library,**” Harlow Star, July 26, 7. (UK)
- “**Book review: A picture perfect summer of fun,**” Lancashire Evening Post, July 24. (UK) Available from: <http://www.lep.co.uk/what-s-on/reviews/books/book-review-a-picture-perfect-summer-of-fun-1-6743313>
- “**Blast from the past: Noriko Matsubara,**” International Student Newsletter, A Memorial University of Newfoundland Publication, Volume 3, Issue 5, February, 8-9. (Canada) Available from: <https://www.grenfell.mun.ca/current-students/Documents/International%20Student%20Services/FebruaryNewsletter2014.pdf#search=International%20Student%20Newsletter>
- 2013 “**The power of art for education and welfare,**” Daily Tohoku, October 26. (Japan)
- “**Bocchi and Pocchi A Tale of Two Socks by Noriko Matsubara,**” Our Book Reviews Online [internet], August 13. Available from: <http://ourbookreviewsonline.blogspot.com/2013/08/bocchi-and-pocchi-tale-of-two-socks-by.html>
- “**All aboard for the holidays!**” The Independent on Sunday, July 21, 55. (UK) Available from: <https://www.independent.co.uk/arts-entertainment/books/features/childrens-summer-reading-treats-for-the-very-young-8722948.html?origin=internalSearch>
- “**Noriko Matsubara Interview & Competition,**” Book Events for Children [internet], May 27. Available from: <http://www.bookeventsforchildren.co.uk/noriko-matsubara-interview-competition/>
- “**Book Club,**” Teach Nursery, Issue 3.4, May, 77. (UK)
- 2008 “**Review: Central St Martin’s MA Fine Art Show,**” Londonist [Internet], February 1. (UK) Available from: [https://londonist.com/2008/02/we\\_really\\_didn](https://londonist.com/2008/02/we_really_didn)
- 2007 “**‘Different views’ on exhibit at city center,**” The Western Star, January 19, 4. (Canada)
- 2006 “**Faire ses valises, c’est un art: Rencontres Artistiques,**” Le Journal d’Abbeville, June. (France)
- Alain Monti. “Des Terre-Neuviens en visite en baie,”** Le Courrier Picard, June. (France)
- “**Cultures work together in spirit of camaraderie,**” Grenfell Connects, 11. (Canada)
- “**Multi-cultural exhibit wrapping up Tuesday,**” The Western Star, January 28, 4. (Canada)
- 2005 “**Sir Wilfred Grenfell College, Husky Energy unveil SeaRose Collection,**” The Western Star, May 24, 13. (Canada)
- “**SeaRose collection inspires students, family,**” The Humber Log, May 18-24, 7. (Canada)
- “**Opening of SeaRose Collection: amazing experience: student,**” Gazette, A Memorial University of Newfoundland Publication, Volume 37, No. 4, May 19, 1. (Canada)