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## Hiroto Inoue

### Funny Style

*Hiroto Inoue. Photography by Kiyokazu Nakajima*

Hiroto Inoue studied architectural engineering and worked at a construction company for ten years before changing careers. He opened a flower shop and dedicated most of his time to commercial flower designs, especially wedding flower decoration. The designs in this book show Hiroto Inoue from a different, far more personal side. Whether his background in engineering has something to do with it or not, Inoue excels in creating intricate geometric designs and compositions that often seem to defy gravity. He constructs solid and firm backdrops for his flowers with the thinnest and humblest of materials: slender blades of grasses, orchid roots, slithers of bamboo, strips of wood veneer and especially paper. These fascinating, carefully constructed backgrounds are adorned with few or just one single flower. It results in stunning designs that perfectly balance manmade and natural materials, structure and spontaneity.

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NATURE IS A TREASURE | 宝物  
VIOLA, HEUCHERA, CAREX, LOBULARIA MARITIME, PELARGONIUM GRAVEOLENS, BEGONIA,  
JASMINUM POLYANTHUM, PRIMULA, CALLUNA, PRUNUS MUME



COMPLEX RELATIONSHIP | 複雑な  
PHYLLOSTACHYS INGRAM, ZANTEDESCHIA,  
RANUNCULUS, TRACHYMENE COERULEA,  
CENTAUREA CYGNUS, GLORIOSA,  
ALLIUM SPHAEROCEPHALON



SIMPLE RELATIONSHIP | シンプルな  
XANTHORRHOEA, PAPHIOPEDILUM, MILTASSIA







“KOYORI”-A LINE OF LIGHT | ひと筋の光  
KOYORI, MILTASSIA, HELICHRYSUM PETIOLARE



PRAYER 祈り  
KOYORI, PHALAENOPSIS, CATTLEYA



RIDING ON THE WIND | 風に乗って  
CRATAEGUS CUNEATA, COSMOS ATROSANGUINEUS, CLEMATIS, VIBURNUM OCVLUS ROSEMARY,  
HELICHRYSUM, GLORIOSA, STEMONA JAPONIKA





SEASONAL WREATH WINTER TURN | 冬  
KOYORI, MILTASSIA, CATTKERIA, PAPHIOPEDILUM, PRUNUS MUME



“SLINKY” | スリンクキー  
OCHROMA PYRAMIDALE, ZINNIA, COSMOS ATROSANGUINEUS, CLETHRA, CAPSELLA BURSA-PASTORIS,  
CLEMATIS, LAGURUS OVATUS, LATHYRUS LATIFOLIUS, PETUNIA, HEUCHERA



PAPER TABLE DECORATION | 紙のテーブルデコ  
PAPER, PHYLLOSTACHYS INGRAM, BEALLARA, EPIDENDRUM, GLORIOSA,  
ONCIDIUM, IONOPSIS, MILTASSIA, JASMINUM POLYANTHUM,



MY FAVORITE MATERIAL.  
"KOYORI" | こより  
KOYORI, MILTASSIA



"WASHI" | 和紙  
WASHI, KOYORI, PAPHIOPEDILUM,  
MILTASSIA, STEMONA JAPONICA,  
DIANTHUS BARBATUS



## Biography

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Certified Skilled Professional on Flower decoration , Grade 1

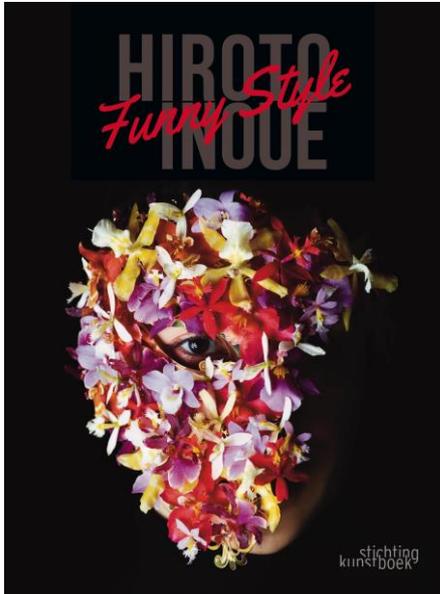
## Career highlights

- 2000 NFD Grand Prix 2001- Golden Flower Award
- 2001 NFD Japan Flower Design Award 2001-Hand tide Boutique-2nd
- 2002 Demonstration in Taiwan
- 2003 NFD Japan Flower Design Award 2003-Hand tide Boutique- Incentive Award
- 2004 NFD Japan Flower Design Award 2004-Arrangement-1st,Blue ribbon Award
- 2005 8th WAFA RUNNER UP TO BEST IN SHOW
- 2006 NFD Japan Flower Design Award -Arrangement WA -2nd  
Fuji Flower ship Grand Prize
- 2007 NFD Japan Flower Design Award 2007 -Objects- 3rd  
Demonstration in Taiwan
- 2008 - Japan Florist of the Year 2008 -3rd  
NFD Grand Prix 2008- Gold Award
- 2009 NFD Japan Flower Design Award 2009 -Arrangement free -2nd  
Japan Florist of the Year 2009 -3rd  
Flower Expo in Korea Demonstration( )
- 2010 NFD Japan Flower Design Award 2010 -Objects-3rd
- 2011 NFD Japan Flower Design Award - Grand Prize  
NFD Grand Prix 2011- Gold Award
- 2012 NFD Japan Flower Design Award -2nd
- 2015 Flower Japan Cup - Best in Show  
International Flower Design Contest Japan - Silver Award  
Tokyo Flower Award -2nd  
Certified Skilled Professional on Flower decoration National convention - Silver Award
- 2016 Fusion Flowers International Designer of the Year - Winner & Platinum Award
- 2017 Fusion Flowers International Designer of the Year - Sliver Award  
Flower Japan Cup - Gold Award  
International Flower Design Contest Japan - Silver Award  
Certified Skilled Professional on Flower decoration National convention- Bronze Award  
FDSS DREAM BALL2017 (Singapore)
- 2018 Flower Japan Cup - Best in Show  
International Flower Design Contest Japan - Bronze Award  
THE12th China International Orchid Show (China)  
Royal FLORIA PUTRAJAYA 2018 (Malaysia)
- 2019 Flower Moments 2019 Color Award(Korea)  
Workshop in PHS; Philadelphia Flower Show(USA)  
Workshop in Shanghai (Original qualification)
- 2020 Workshop in San Francisco; Occasion (USA)

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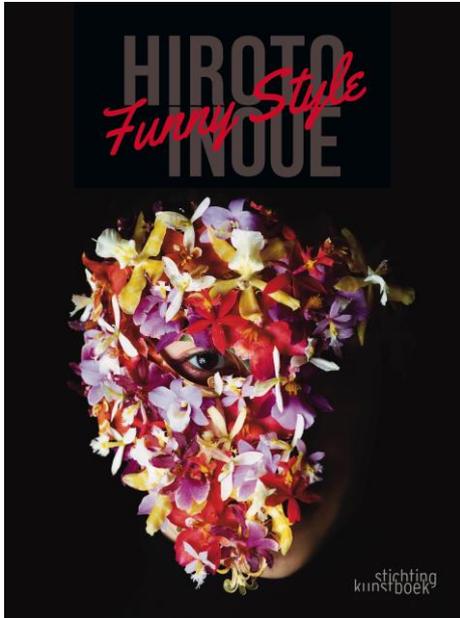
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