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An Avant-Garde Artist Yayoi Kusama



Yayoi Kusama was born in Matsumoto City,
Nagano Prefecture, Japan, a place known for being
surrounded by beautiful mountains.

She is the youngest daughter in her family,
who ran a big wholesale business that sold seeds
and seedlings to grow flowers and trees.
From a young age, Yayoi could hear flowers
and dogs speaking to her, and she suffered from
visions that made her believe she was being
surrounded by a grey curtain.



Every day, as a way to cope with her fear and trauma from these illusionary experiences, she drew the visions she saw. After the Second World War, Yayoi entered an art school, where she began to experiment with different styles.





What kind of world exists beyond these mountains?
She always had a dream to venture
into the unknown world, and to create her own art
in a place of freedom, where she could let her
imagination and creativity run wild.
Although at the time, it was not easy to travel overseas
for Japanese people, with high hopes, Yayoi flew
halfway across the world to the United States.

She rented a flat in New York City
where she drew and painted every day.
She exhibited paintings that looked like nets,
with sequences of white circles
as tiny as seashells painted over
black canvases. One of them was
even 10 meters long.



These white net paintings
with no center,
beginning, or end blew
the New Yorkers away,
catching everyone's
attention like no other.



From soft sculptures to
infinity mirrored rooms,
nude performances and many more,
one after the next,
Yayoi produced new art.

It has almost been 70 years. Not limiting herself to paintings or sculptures, but also with poems, novels, films, and fashion, Yayoi still continues to challenge herself to new things.

Every day, all she thinks about is art.

From day to night, her creativity never stops.



The artworks that she has created so far have been viewed by many people all over the world.



Now, with the establishment of the Yayoi Kusama Museum, everyone can visit and enjoy her works at any time. Thank you for visiting! Hope to see you again!