



Makoto Fujimura



Makoto Fujimura is an artist, writer, and speaker who is recognized worldwide as a cultural shaper. A Presidential appointee to the National Council on the Arts from 2003-2009, Fujimura served as an international advocate for the arts, speaking with decision makers and advising governmental policies on the arts.

Fujimura's work is exhibited at galleries around the world, including [Dillon Gallery](#) in New York, Sato Museum in Tokyo, The Contemporary Museum of Tokyo, Tokyo National University of Fine Arts Museum, [Bentley Gallery](#) in Arizona, [Gallery Exit](#) and Oxford House at Taikoo Place in Hong Kong, and Vienna's [Belvedere Museum](#). He is one of the first artists to paint live on stage at New York City's legendary Carnegie Hall as part of an ongoing collaboration with composer and percussionist [Susie Ibarra](#).

A popular speaker, he has lectured at numerous conferences, universities and museums, including the [Aspen Institute](#), Yale and Princeton Universities, Sato Museum and the Phoenix Art Museum. Fujimura founded the International Arts Movement in 1992, a non-profit whose "Encounter" conferences have featured cultural catalysts such as [Dr. Elaine Scarry](#), [Dennis Donoghue](#), [Billy Collins](#), [Dana Gioia](#), [Calvin DeWitt](#) and [Miroslav Volf](#).

Fujimura's second book, [Refractions: A Journey of Faith, Art and Culture](#), is a collection of essays bringing together people of all backgrounds in a conversation and meditation on culture, art, and humanity. In celebration of the 400th Anniversary of the King James Bible, [Crossway Publishing](#) commissioned and published The [Four Holy Gospels](#), featuring Fujimura's illuminations of the sacred texts.

In 2011 the [Fujimura Institute](#) was established and launched the Four Qu4rtets, a collaboration between Fujimura, painter [Bruce Herman](#), Duke theologian/pianist [Jeremy Begbie](#), and Yale composer [Christopher Theofanidis](#), based on T.S. Eliot's Four Quartets. The exhibition will travel to Baylor, Duke, and Yale Universities, Gordon College and other institutions around the globe.