STUDIOS

Globally renowned artist, technologist,
and *pioneering voice on creative AI*



Short Bio.

Drue Kataoka is a globally renowned artist, technologist, keynote speaker, CEO of her eponymous Silicon Valley studio, and one of the world's leading voices on the creative possibilities of AI.

Long Bio.

Drue Kataoka is a globally renowned artist and technologist, a rare fusion of ancient craft & frontier technology.

As founder and CEO of Drue Kataoka Art Studios in Silicon Valley, she has grown her practice to clients in over 30 countries on five continents, and launched two artworks into space. A pioneer in technology art harnessing AI, virtual reality, and EEG, she created *Up!*, featured in the first zero-gravity art exhibit in space at the International Space Station, and *Will Your Heart Pass the Test?*, a collaboration with Lucasfilm Industrial Light & Magic Immersive auctioned by Phillips for $252,000. She has been named a Young Global Leader (YGL) and Cultural Leader of the World Economic Forum and received the 2025 Innovator Award from the National Council of Women in GenAI. She is a member of the World Economic Forum's AI Global Alliance Frontier AI Systems & Capabilities working group.

The studio's physical works include the Ambrosias, reflective sculptures inspired by neural networks that transform light, color, and their surroundings, and Celestial Lace, bespoke and multi-faceted sculptures in mirror-polished stainless steel. Drue's early training in Tokyo in sumi-e, the ancient Zen art of Japanese ink painting, informs her philosophical and aesthetic approach across physical and digital media.

Her fluency across both worlds has made her one of the most sought-after voices on the creative possibilities of AI and machine intelligence. She has keynoted at the World Economic Forum's Annual Meetings in Davos, the Milken Institute Global Conference, a private summit for Sir Richard Branson on Necker Island, and the FutureTalks Arctic Expedition at the North Pole, with audiences spanning Google, Meta, Fidelity, Mastercard, and the Crown Prince Court of Abu Dhabi. Today, she is on a mission to help leaders build **The Vision Muscle™ :** the trained capacity to envision and create what doesn't yet exist.

Graduate of Stanford University. Executive education programs: Harvard Kennedy School Global Leadership & Public Policy; Yale University Foundations for Leadership in the 21st Century: Values.
