

# Major David Bowie photo exhibition coming to Kulturhuset

**The exhibition *Bowie by Sukita – From London to Japan* will open at Kulturhuset in January 2023. Japanese photographer Masayoshi Sukita is behind many of the most iconic photos ever taken of David Bowie. Now his work is being shown in Sweden for the first time, in an extensive exhibition of more than 100 photographs from the early 1970s.**

– David Bowie continues to inspire new generations with his music and his art. His unpredictability, his mix of styles, his crossing of genders and genres have all distinguished his artistry. The fact that he never adapted to the expectations of society made him an important role model for many. Sukita's photographs capture precisely that – the artist who went his own way, says Maria Patomella, curator at Kulturhuset Stadsteatern.

The exhibition features over 100 photographs and gives a unique look into the collaboration and 40-year-long friendship between Masayoshi Sukita and David Bowie. The two met via Sukita's friend Yasuko Takahashi, a stylist whose works included Bowie's stage costumes during his Ziggy Stardust period. The meeting was the beginning of a long friendship. Sukita followed Bowie for 40 years, becoming the photographer behind many of the most famous images of the artist – like the portrait on the cover of the legendary album *Heroes* from 1977.

Masayoshi Sukita was born in 1938 in Nogata, Japan. After studying photography, he moved to Tokyo in 1965, where he worked as a fashion and commercial photographer. In the early 1970s, Sukita found a fondness for the music and art scenes of New York and London. Besides his partnership with Bowie, Sukita also photographed artists like Iggy Pop, Joe Strummer, Y.M.O, B52, Devo, P.I.L., as well as in film industry greats like Jim Jarmusch and Shuji Terayama.

In 2009, Sukita was represented in the exhibition *Who Shot Rock & Roll* at New York's Brooklyn Museum. In 2012, solo exhibitions were held at the Tokyo Metropolitan Museum of Photography and the Paul Smith Space Gallery in London. In 2013, he was responsible for many of the material in the exhibition *David Bowie is* at London's Victoria & Albert Museum, which broke visitor records. That same year, a large retrospective of his work toured through Japan.

Two music videos with David Bowie are featured in the exhibition – the films *Blackstar* and *Lazarus*, both directed by Johan Renck.

Throughout the exhibition period, a series of films about David Bowie will be screened at Kulturhuset's cinema Klarabiografen.

**BOWIE BY SUKITA  
FROM LONDON TO JAPAN**

Galleri 5

Exhibition period: End of January until August 2023.

Curator: Maria Patomella

Co-curators: Maurizio Guidoni & Vittoria Mainoldi

The exhibition is a production by Kulturhuset Stadsteatern in partnership with One Arte Contemporanea and photographer Masayoshi Sukita.

Read more about the exhibition [here](#).

Low-resolution images available [here](#).

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