



Bears from Japan Soyo

I have always loved painting and been influenced by art. I began to learn to paint in oils from my grandfather at a young age. Later, when studying in Paris, I became inspired by European culture and antique bisque dolls and teddy bears.

I am completely fascinated by the nostalgic atmosphere that surrounds teddy bears, which is part of a culture not found in Japan. My work focuses on capturing the feelings associated with this. When making a bear, I try to imbue it with life, and the feelings one had as a child, feelings of being hugged, or the feelings you have when you hug a baby, grandchild or beloved pet. I also try to give my bears a classic appearance that will endure, in the hope that they continue to be loved for a long period of time.

In 2014 I abandoned oil painting and began working full-time as a teddy bear artist. I have won many awards in various countries and I come from Japan every year to participate in teddy bear events around Europe. I enjoy my travels to

Europe where I can meet with my close friends and fans of my work.

