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EDUCATION

2025-Present	Acoustic Design Course, Graduate School of Design, Kyushu University
2020-2023	Department of Environmental Design, School of Design, Kyushu University
2019-2020	Department of Earth Resources, Marine and Civil Engineering, School of Engineering, Kyushu University

WORK EXPERIENCES

2021-2026	Kieth Flack, Fukuoka, Japan - Club staff, Lightning staff
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ACTIVITIES / ARTISTIC PRACTICE

2021-Present	Organized experimental music event series “hertz” in Fukuoka, Japan
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AWARDS

2025	Album “Field Recording Works 2018-2023” was selected as one of the “350 Best Records of 2025” by Thurston Moore (Sonic Youth)
2023	Group Choreography Award Winner - SENSE Genre Contest Team Choreography Award Winner - SENSE Only Contest

SKILLS

DAW: Composing, Mixing, Mastering
Language: Japanese (native), English
Dance: Popping, Contemporary dance

PUBLICATIONS

Kotaro Fukagawa, Kazuhiro Jo (2025) “Contemporary Reception of Noise Music: A Case Study of the Experimental Music Event “hertz” in Fukuoka” *Japanese Society for Sonic Arts*, Vol. 18, No. 1, pp. 90 - 98

SELECTED RELEASES

2026	Single “Live at Trigger Shanghai” , “Industrial Coast” , UK
2025	Album “Field Recording Works 2018-2023” , “hertz” , Japan
2025	DJ MIX “vvekapipo @ byyb.radio” , “byyb.radio” , China
2025	DJ MIX “Neurasthenia in Concrete Matter and Mirage” , “nuuma” , Georgia
2023	DJ MIX “Uneasy listening - #037” , “Amsterdam Alternative” , Netherlands

Selected Performances / Events

2026

“The Beginning of Japanese Electroacoustic” Festival (Invited) @Kyushu University, Fukuoka, Japan

“OOIOO no I wa Chiheisen” (Invited) @4.14, Hiroshima, Japan

Featured artist: OOIOO

“On Board” (Invited) @VENT, Tokyo, Japan

“freq - KRIKOR x FROID DUB” (Organize) @Kyushu University, Fukuoka, Japan

“hertz 4th Anniversary” (Organize) @Kieth Flack, Fukuoka, Japan

Featured artist: Merzbow

2025

“Herbert & Momoko Japan Tour” (Invited) @Kieth Flack, Fukuoka, Japan

Featured artist: Matthew Herbert

“Ear Against The Amp” (Invited) @Trigger, Shanghai, China

Featured artist: Torturing Nurse

“PRHYTHM” Festival (Invited) @Oita, Japan

“Carl Stone EXPE rience” (Invited) @Fukuoka, Japan

Featured artist: Carl Stone

2024

“asobouyo” (Invited) @Fukuoka City Botanical Garden, Fukuoka, Japan

“freq meets SEXTANS” (Invited) @Kyushu University, Fukuoka, Japan

Featured artist: SG/Andrew Pekler

“rural 2024” Techno & Experimental Music Festival (Invited) @Fukushima, Japan

2023

“Chaos Phenomena” (Invited) @Tropical Galaxy, Bangkok, Thailand

“Let's Go Scumming” @OCCII, Amsterdam, Netherlands

2022

“The Creators: Oto to Eizo no Hajimari wo tsumugu ten 2” (Invited) @Fukuoka City Museum, Fukuoka, Japan

Featured artist: Akiko Nakayama, Kiyoshi Izumi