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Presents the first English biography of Sebastian Masuda, the Japanese creator and artist renowned for shaping the global “Kawaii” subculture, exploring his journey, creative impact, and the deeper, rebellious meanings behind his colorful, neon-infused work

Sebastian Masuda is a Japanese creator who is globally known as the father of Japanese “Kawaii” (cute) subculture which originated in Harajuku. His work is characterized by bright neon colors that led to the emergence of Decora fashion. He wears several hats in the field of fashion, art, and entertainment and uses colorful and kawaii elements as his creative foundation.

Readership

Highschool and undergraduate students, Japanese pop culture enthusiasts, and the Decora subculture fans

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Presents the first biographical account of Sebastian Masuda written in English

Discusses in depth about the father of the Japanese Kawaii culture

Provides an interesting backstory of how the Kawaii culture emerged in Harajuku

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