



Auspicious Beauty — Art for the New Year

November 21 (Friday), 2014 – January 4 (Sunday), 2015

Kankai Pavilion (Traditional East Asian Art)



1. *Landscape of Mt. Fuji* (detail), Shiba Ko'kan, Edo period



2. *Yang Guifei playing chess*, Kano Sotoku, Edo period



3. *A hundred cranes* (left screen), Mori Tetsuzan, Edo period



4. *Landscape of Yodo River* (detail), Maruyama Okyo, Edo period

It is the time of year again when we feature paintings and crafts with auspicious imagery to welcome in the New Year. It is an opportunity to gaze upon this aspect of Japanese customs and aesthetics passed down through the ages. 2015 is the Year of the Sheep. The word “sheep” contains the ideogram for “beautiful,” and thus the theme this time is auspicious symbols and beautiful women. Selected contemporary works from the Hara Museum Collection will also be on display in the Kankai Pavilion where classical meets the modern.

[Featured Works]

Traditional Art: *Princess Wangzhao-jun*, set of twelve hanging scrolls by painters of the Kano school, Kano Shirojiro Sadanobu, hanging scroll, Edo period / *Landscape of Yodo River*, Maruyama Okyo, hand scroll, Edo period / *Landscape of Mt. Fuji*, Shiba Ko'kan, hanging scroll, Edo period / *A hundred cranes*, Mori Tetsuzan, pair of six-fold screens, Edo period / *Seaside landscape with sunrise*, Yokoyama Taikan, hanging scroll, Meiji period and others

Contemporary Art: Edward Kienholz, *The Billionnaire Deluxe*, 1976/77 / Robert Mapplethorpe, *Flower #1-#3*, 1977-81 and others

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Hours: 9:30 am - 4:30 pm (last entry at 4:00 pm)

Closed: Thursdays and January 1 *Closed temporarily in the event of severe weather.

Admission: General (over 12) 1,100 yen, Students 700 yen (high school and university) or 500yen (elementary and junior high), Free for Hara Museum members; 10% discount for a group of 20 or more; Combination ticket for Hara Museum ARC and Ikaho Green Bokujo (except during Golden Week): General 1,800 yen; Students 1,500 yen (high school and university) or 1,400 yen (junior high), 800 yen (elementary) *Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Getting There: By train: Take the Joetsu Shinkansen to Takasaki, change to the Joestu Line, and disembark at Shibukawa. From Shibukawa, ARC is 10 minutes away by taxi or 15 minutes by bus (take the Ikaho Onsen bus to “Green Bokujo Mae”). By car: 8 kilometers (about 15 minutes) from the Kan-etsu Expressway Shibukawa Ikaho Interchange (in the direction of Ikaho Onsen).

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