

Power of the Spirit, the Sage and the Imagination October 11 (Saturday) – November 19 (Wednesday), 2014

Kankai Pavilion (Traditional East Asian Art)

In Japan, a variety of imaginary characters endowed with unique powers appear in many of the tales that have been passed down through the ages. Over time, these characters came to be used in a variety of cultural contexts including as subject matter in artworks to convey religious meaning, the wish for long life, prosperity for one's descendants, and other auspicious tidings.

In the paintings and other artworks introduced here, we see such images as a dragon with the power to bring rain, a sage with supernatural powers and the goddess Bodhisattva transforming into a different form in response to a human prayer. A unique feature of the Kankai Pavilion is the simultaneous display of traditional art along with selected works of contemporary art from the Hara Museum Collection.



1. Pair of cranes and an old pine tree, Shen Quan, Qing dynasty, 18th century

[Featured Works]

Traditional Art: *Portrait of Lei Zi*, Sesson, Muromachi period / *Avalokitesvara appearing from the calm*, Kano Tan'yu, Edo period / *Dragon and tiger*, Kano Tan'yu, Edo period / *Pair of cranes and an old pine tree*, Shen Quan, Qing dynasty and others **Contemporary Art:** Andy Warhol, *Pepsi*, 1976–86 / Jae-Eun Choi, *Homage to Mozart*, 1991 / Anish Kapoor, *Void*, 1992 and others

2. Portrait of Lie Zi, Sesson, Muromachi period

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

Closed: Thursdays *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.

Directions: 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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3. Dragon and tiger, Kano Tan'yu, Edo period (one of a pair)