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The New Within the Old:

Contemporary Art from the Hara Museum Collection

May 20 (Friday) – June 26 (Sunday), 2016

Kankai Pavilion (Traditional East Asian Art)



Kazuo Shiraga, Untitled, 1964

About once every year since opening in 2008, the Kankai Pavilion, a venue where traditional art (the Hara Rokuro Collection) meets contemporary art (the Hara Museum Collection), has devoted its entire space exclusively to the display of contemporary art. On this occasion, we feature works by artists connected with internationally acclaimed Gutai art movement that arose during the 1950s within the Kansai region of Japan. These include a painting by Kazuo Shiraga displayed in the venue's tokonoma (alcove) space, as well as works by Sadamasa Motonaga. Also on display are works by Jean Fautrier, Pierre Soulages and Toshimitsu Imai—painters of the Arte Informale movement who were active in France during the same period as Gutai. We invite you to experience the visual dialog between these artworks within the tranquil space of the Kankai Pavilion's sho-in style architecture and enjoy the spirit and expression of a different age.

Featured Artists

Jean Dubuffet, Jean Fautrier, Henri Michaux, Jean-Paul Riopelle, Pierre Soulages, Toshimitsu Imai, Kazuo Shiraga, Sadamasa Motonaga and others

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

Closed: Thursdays *Subject to temporary closure in the event of severe weather.

Admission: General 1,100 yen, Students 700 yen (high school and university) or 500 yen (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), half price for those over 70, discount for groups of 20 or more *Children must be accompanied by an adult.

*For residents of Gunma Prefecture: Free admission for elementary and junior high school children every Saturday during the school term/200-yen-discount on admission for up to five persons upon presentation of the Guchoki Passport. 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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