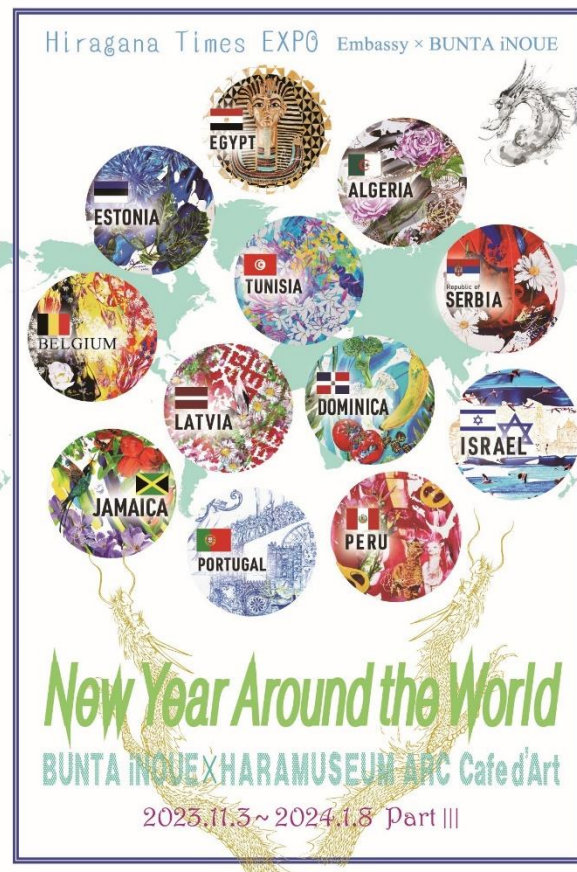




# HARA MUSEUM ARC

## SHOP@CAFÉ Vol. 15 Painting Maniac Bunta Inoue Part III: New Year Around the World

November 3 (Friday/national holiday), 2023 – January 8 (Monday/national holiday), 2024  
Café d'Art and The Museum Shop at Hara Museum ARC



SHOP@CAFÉ is a continuing series that offers for sale art that adds vibrancy to daily life under the catchphrase "Living with Art." For this 15th installment, we are pleased to present the work of the painter Bunta Inoue, who began artmaking in Ikaho from last year. Inoue's work will be presented and offered for sale in three differently themed seasonal parts in the summer, fall, and winter, featuring highly imaginative works inspired by nature and the environment, beauty, and love.

Part III of this event, the theme of which is "New Year Around the World," will focus on paintings that convey the culture and history of countries and regions around the world, works that were created for the *Painting Maniac Bunta Inoue x Embassy* project serialized in the bilingual magazine HIRAGANA TIMES. The event will include works that combine various motifs that symbolize each country, such as its national flag, national flower and climate. There will also be a large painting of a dragon, "love & love -Mother Earth-" which was inspired by the Chinese zodiac sign for 2024.

## Bunta Inoue

Inoue embarked on his artistic career in 1998 after studying under the painter Kuniyoshi Kaneko. His work includes Japanese-style painting, oil painting, installation art and calligraphy. Although active in many fields, including doing the character design and art supervision for NHK's puppetry drama TV series *The Three Musketeers* and *Sherlock Holmes*, both written by Koki Mitani, Inoue has continued to dedicate himself to painting, like the other self-proclaimed "Painting Maniac" Katsushika Hokusai.

The special exhibition *Takehisa Yumeji and Inoue Bunta: Love and Dreams that Transcend Time and Space* is being held for one year starting this spring at the Takehisa Yumeji Ikaho Memorial (in the Minatoya Salon on the 3rd floor of the main building "Kurofune-kan")



*love & love -Mother Earth-*, 2022 gold paint, gold powder and acrylic on canvas 116.7 x 363.5 cm

**Venue:** Café d'Art and The Museum Shop at Hara Museum ARC

**Period:** July 7, 2023 (Friday) - January 8 (Monday/national holiday) , 2024

–Part I *Blue*: July 7 (Friday)–September 3 (Sunday), 2023

Part II: September 9 (Saturday) - November 1 (Wednesday), 2023

Part III: November 3 (Friday), 2023 -January 8 (Monday/national holiday) , 2024

**Hours:** Cafe 10:00 am-4:30 pm, Shop 9:30 am-4:30 pm (admission until 4:00 pm)

**Closed:** Corresponds with museum closure.

### ■ INFORMATION

**Hours:** 9:30 am-4:30 pm (admission until 4:00 pm)

**Closed:** Thursdays (open on national holidays, December 28 and January 4), January 1

**Admission:** General 1,800 yen (1,500 yen\*), Students 1,000 yen (700 yen\*) [high school and university] or 800 yen (500 yen\*) [elementary and junior high], Seniors [70 and above] 1,500 yen (1,200 yen\*)

\*Online booking price.

\*Admission to Hara Museum ARC is required even when visiting only the Café d'Art or the Museum Shop.

\* Visitors may also view the current exhibition *Opposite the Sun Is Where the Blue Sky Lies – Works from the Hara Museum and the Hara Rokuro Collections Part II*.

**Advance online discount ticket (date-specific):** [https://www.e-tix.jp/haramuseum\\_arc/en/](https://www.e-tix.jp/haramuseum_arc/en/)

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