



THE JAPAN SOCIETY OF BOSTON  
A BRIDGE BETWEEN CULTURES

# Monthly Newsletter



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**Miho Owens**

**Director & President**

[Information Development America](#)

**How long have you been working in Boston?**

I relocated to Boston in 2006 and have been working at Information Development America since 2016. I travel between Japan and Boston approximately three times per year.

**What does your company do?**

Our parent company, ID Holdings, is an IT firm; Boston-based Information Development America primarily focuses on technology scouting and recruitment. Last year, Information Development America established a subsidiary to enter the food and beverage business. In this column, I would like to introduce [Miraku Boston](#), the ramen restaurant that this new subsidiary is opening.



Miraku's ramen features a broth made with Rishiri kombu, brought directly from Rishiri Island

in northern Japan. The original Miraku Ramen, well known for its long queues, uses abundant Rishiri kombu to create a ramen that is light, yet rich and flavorful. Due to the remoteness of Rishiri Island, Miraku's "Yaki Shoyu Ramen" is often described as the hardest-to-get ramen in Japan. Come and enjoy it at our new Coolidge Corner shop, opening in mid-September.

Click [here](#) to read the full interview!

## Announcements from JSB

A banner for the JSB 2024 End of Summer Sale. It features a background image of a green field with a small, round, glass terrarium hanging from a string. The terrarium contains a small red flower and a small green plant. The text "JSB 2024" is in a large, bold, white font. Below it, "End of Summer Sale" is in a large, bold, white font with a black outline. To the right, "Online Fundraising Auction" is in a smaller, white font. On the left, there is a red square logo with white Japanese characters "協日本" and "JAPAN SOCIETY OF BOSTON" below it. Below the logo is a calendar icon showing "August 9 - 30".

**JSB 2024**  
**End of Summer Sale**  
Online Fundraising Auction

### JSB 2024 End of Summer Sale

Auction closes at noon on August 30th

To fundraise for our organization, we are holding a special End of Summer online silent auction featuring a variety of authentic Japanese goods. Please check out our offerings and find the perfect pieces to add to your home collection!

Due to the fragile nature of many of the items, we will not be offering shipping for this auction. Please consider this before placing any bids. All items will be delivered or picked up by you at a location in Boston or its surrounding neighborhoods, up to 10 miles outside of Boston. We will reach out to auction winners to coordinate the desired pickup/drop off location.

Auction

A banner for the Boston-Kyoto Design Contest 2024. It features a background of green and yellow wavy shapes. On the left, there is a red square logo with white Japanese characters "協日本" and "JAPAN SOCIETY OF BOSTON" below it. To the right of the logo is the text "Boston-Kyoto Design Contest 2024" in a large, bold, black font. Below the text is an illustration of a paint palette with various colors and a paintbrush. To the right of the illustration is a beige tote bag with a white rectangular area in the center. Inside the rectangle, it says "Your custom design here" and "PRINTABLE AREA" below it. To the right of the tote bag is an illustration of a paintbrush and a pencil.

**協日本**  
JAPAN SOCIETY OF BOSTON

## Boston-Kyoto Design Contest 2024

Designs for fundraising tote bag. Open to all!  
Submission deadline: September 15th, 2024

Your custom design here  
PRINTABLE AREA

## Boston-Kyoto Design Contest 2024

Submission deadline: September 15, 11:59PM ET

We are excited to announce our Boston-Kyoto Design Contest 2024, open now through September 15th. A winning design will be printed on beige tote bags available for purchase to fundraise for JSB.

We are holding this contest to celebrate the 65th anniversary of the Boston-Kyoto sister city relationship. In 1959, Boston's first sister city relationship was created with Kyoto, Japan and the two have been working together ever since to exchange ideas, culture, education, and technology to foster international understanding and goodwill.

The contest is open to all ages and multiple entrees are allowed. The top designs will be nominated by JSB, and then the final design will be chosen by popular vote. The winner of the contest will be featured and will receive a free bag with their design!

See website for all requirements. Submit designs through email to:

**[joanneha@japansocietyboston.org](mailto:joanneha@japansocietyboston.org)**

Any questions can also be directed to the same email.

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## JOHN E. THAYER III AWARD

### **John E. Thayer III Award** **[Applications now open for 2024](#)**

The John E. Thayer, III Award was established in 1991 to commemorate the work and commitment of John E. “Jack” Thayer, III, a longtime member of the Japan Society of Boston’s board of directors who was dedicated to furthering relations between Japan and the U.S. This award was established to recognize the achievements of individuals, groups of individuals or organizations that have made outstanding contributions to the progress of the understanding and friendship between the people of the United States and Japan.

**Application Deadline: Sunday, September 8, 2024**



# College Hub

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## The JSB College Hub

We have launched a new page on our website to gather and promote Japan-related college events, opportunities, and resources for college students and young adults pursuing Japanese studies!

Check out the hub below for more information, to view our current listings, or to submit an event or opportunity!

[Website](#)



## JSB Fundraising Apparel

Marie Romano's winning Japan-Boston design is now available to purchase as a T-shirt or sweatshirt to help us fundraise for JSB.

Check out our online shop to see the different colors and styles!

[Shop](#)

## JSB Programming

# GAKUENSAI

colleges/clubs  
career advice  
Japanese books  
networking  
and more!



Friday, October 11 | 3-5pm



The Foundry: Red Room



## Japan Society of Boston Gakuensai

Friday, October 11th, 2024 - 3-5PM ET

The Foundry: Red Room

101 Rogers St, Cambridge, MA 02142

The Japan Society of Boston Gakuensai is a free festival where students from various colleges in the greater Boston area will present their schools' Japanese courses, clubs, events, study abroad programs, and any other resources for those studying or interested in studying Japanese.

In addition to universities, relevant organizations will also have booths to offer free resources for students interested in Japan such as career advice, travel support, and more. Please check the event page for a running list of participating organizations. If your organization is interested in participating as a booth, please email [joanneha@japansocietyboston.org](mailto:joanneha@japansocietyboston.org) for more information.

Make sure to stop by the JSB booth where we'll be offering event information/help, raffle prizes, student membership information, and a Japanese book fundraising sale/giveaway. To embrace the spirit of gakuensai, we will also make it a fun event with cultural performances to celebrate our shared appreciation for Japan!

Event is free and open to the public, but pre-registration is required. This event is sponsored by [Temple University Japan Campus](https://www.temple.edu/japan).

Register



### FILM SCREENING & DIRECTOR TALK

## 18X2 BEYOND YOUTHFUL DAYS

Sunday, Sept 29th | 10:30AM

@AMC Boston Common 19



DIRECTOR MICHIHITO FUJII



TAIWAN  
FILM  
FESTIVAL  
OF BOSTON

波士頓臺灣影展

## Ripples & Reflections

波光倒影

Sep. 28th-29th

AMC Boston Common 19

# "18x2 Beyond Youthful Days" Screening and Director Talk

Sunday, September 29th, 2024 - 10:30AM ET

AMC Boston Common 19

175 Tremont St, Boston, MA 02111

The Japan Society of Boston is co-presenting a screening of the Taiwanese-Japanese romance film "18x2 Beyond Youthful Days" followed by a talk with the director, Michihito Fujii.

In "18x2 Beyond Youthful Days," a lovelorn Taiwanese man embarks on a soul-searching odyssey across Japan, starring Kuang-Han Hsu (Greg Hsu) ("Marry My Dead Body," 2022) and Kaya Kiyohara ("In the Wake," 2021), this poignant and romantic journey captures the essence of youthful passion and longing, weaving a story that resonates deeply with the heart.

Born in 1986, director Michihito Fujii is a graduate of the Cinema Department at Nihon University's College of Art. Michihito made his directorial debut with OH! FATHER (2014), which is based on Kotaro Isaka's novel of the same name. His 2019 film, The Journalist, was nominated for six Japan Academy Prize categories, three of which it won, in addition to numerous other film awards.

Taiwan Film Festival of Boston (TFFB) strives to promote Taiwan's diverse cultures and languages, to educate international audiences about Taiwan, and to encourage dialogue about issues affecting humanity today. See their [website](#) to learn more and for full schedule of films.

Early Bird tickets on sale now for 40% off. Offer ends midnight on August 15th.

JSB members visit the [member-portal](#) for 40% off tickets with no expiration.

You have the option for one day, two day, or individual movie tickets.

Tickets

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HASHITOU

## HANDMADE HASHI MASTERCLASS

@ The Foundry  
Tuesday, September 17 | 6PM ET

\$30 TICKET  
\$27 JSB

*Make your own  
pair of chopsticks!*



## Handmade Hashi Masterclass

Tuesday, September 17th, 2024 - 6:00PM ET

The Foundry: The Point Room

101 Rogers St, Cambridge, MA 02142



\$30 General Admission / \$27 JSB members

*Hashi* is the Japanese word for chopsticks, an essential Japanese culinary utensil. Let's make our own with experts from Japan!

We are pleased to be able to offer a special 90 minute chopstick-making workshop led by Mr. Yasunari Uenaka, the 3rd generation CEO of [Hashitou](#), a famous chopstick company located in Tokyo's well-known kitchenware district, Kappabashi. He will be assisted by Mr. Mamoru Kaiho, who will make a short presentation on the history of these daily-used utensils. Each participant will have their own materials and tools to create a bespoke pair of chopsticks.

This class is open to anyone ages 13 and up. Those under 18 must register with a participating adult. We will be working with wood hand planers and other tools, so please be aware of the potential risk. By registering, you are acknowledging full responsibility for any personal injury.

Register

## A SWEET TRADITION: JAPANESE WAGASHI

\$45 General Admission | \$35 JSB Members



Friday, October 4th | 6PM

The Foundry: Red Room

**A Sweet Tradition: Japanese Wagashi**  
**with Shoji Yamaguchi of Suetomi from Kyoto, Japan**  
**Friday, October 4th, 2024 - 6:00PM ET**  
**The Foundry: Red Room**  
101 Rogers St, Cambridge, MA 02142

\$45 General Admission / \$35 JSB members

We are pleased to present a special wagashi event as part of our celebrations of the 65th anniversary of the Kyoto-Boston Sister City partnership this year. Wagashi is a type of traditional Japanese confection that is often served with tea, and made from plant-based ingredients such as mochi, anko, and fruit. Wagashi are painstakingly crafted with an emphasis on aesthetics, and use cooking methods that pre-date Western influence in Japan.

We are honored to present a very special opportunity to observe a master wagashi maker right in Boston! Shoji Yamaguchi is coming from Kyoto, Japan to demonstrate

live wagashi methods and speak on topics such as the importance of seasonality in the art of wagashi making.

He is representing the famous wagashi store, [Suetomi](#), which has been well known for their dedication to heartfelt, non-mass produced sweets in Japan for over 130 years. Participants will be able to ask him questions and will be served tea and samples of small wagashi made by Yamagushi-san. Please note that you will not be served the specific wagashi being made in the demonstration.

Please take advantage of this rare chance to see a popular traditional wagashi maker in person. Limited space available. This event is age 16+, intended for adults. This is a fundraising event for JSB thanks to the generosity of Suetomi.

Register


# The Inventive Brush:

## Calligraphic Echoes from China, Japan, and Korea

On view from July 19 - October 13, 2024

Featuring the work of:

Curated by:  
Professor Aida Yuen Wong



Mike Yuguo Mei      Michiko Imai      YoungSun Jang

**The Inventive Brush:**  
**Calligraphic Echoes from China, Japan, and Korea**  
**July 19 - October 13, 2024**  
**Pao Arts Center**  
99 Albany St, Boston, MA 02111

*Inventive Brush: Calligraphic Echoes from China, Japan, and Korea* is curated by Professor Aida Yuen Wong and showcases the diversity of contemporary calligraphy, featuring the works of three Massachusetts-based artists: Mike Yuguo Mei, Michiko Imai, and YoungSun Jang.

Calligraphy has long been a revered art form in East Asian traditions and remains an integral part of East Asian and East Asian diaspora cultures. Each of the featured calligraphers are masters of their own art forms and have blended their classical training with innovation to create their own unique artistic styles. By presenting these works in a unified setting, audiences can explore the works not just as the words and characters, but as contemporary interpretations beyond the respective countries of the artists.

*The Inventive Brush: Calligraphic Echoes from China, Japan, and Korea* is a collaboration between the [Pao Arts Center](#), the Japan Society of Boston, and the



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# Japanese Celebration



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Saturday, Sep 28, 2024 | 4:10 PM



**Boston Red Sox Japanese Celebration**  
**Saturday, September 28th, 2024 - 4:10pm EDT**  
**Fenway Park**  
4 Jersey St, Boston, MA

Join the Boston Red Sox and the Japan Society of Boston in celebrating Japanese heritage and culture at Fenway Park on Saturday, September 28! Show your support as we honor the rich history, culture, and contributions of the Japanese-American community of New England.

Ticket holders who purchase tickets through this special offer will receive a Red Sox Japan jersey, available in sizes Adult Small to XL, with preferred sizes distributed on a first-come, first-served basis.

**If you would like to purchase seats near other Japan Society of Boston members and community, you may use [this link](#) to purchase tickets.** This will still include the complimentary jersey, but this link will direct you to our designated section.

Arrive early to enjoy lively traditional taiko drumming performances and other festivities that showcase the spirit of Japan. Classic Japanese ballpark food and drink will also be available for purchase.

Tickets

# Join the JSB Language Room

A Japanese and English  
Virtual Language Exchange



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Sponsored by:



Temple  
University  
Japan Campus

## JSB Language Room

Friday, September 20th, 2024 - 6:00 PM EDT

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Online

Practice your Japanese (or your English) at our next online Japanese / English language exchange. Our monthly language room is sponsored by Temple University, Japan Campus (TUU). TUU is the oldest and largest foreign university in Japan.

Theme: □□□□ "Japanese Art"

Register

## Programs for JSB Members

The following events and clubs are limited to Japan Society of Boston Members. Interested in joining but not yet a member of the Japan Society of Boston? Consider [becoming a Member](#) today! \*Please note that online only members can attend the online member only events, but not the in person member events.

Join our community of hundreds of Japan enthusiasts from Boston and beyond and support the Japan Society of Boston's mission to inspire curiosity, connection, and community. We are sustained by your donations.



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## SUMINAGASHI WITH JSB

Pao Arts Center

Thursday, September 12 | 6pm

**Suminagashi with JSB**  
**Thursday, September 12th, 2024 - 6:00 PM ET**  
**Pao Arts Center**  
99 Albany St, Boston, MA 02111

JSB members are invited to join us for a fun opportunity to try *suminagashi* and visit *The Inventive Brush* calligraphy exhibit.

We will meet at the Pao Arts Center in Chinatown and take a look at the current exhibition, [\*The Inventive Brush: Calligraphic Echoes from China, Japan, and Korea\*](#). Check out the link for more information regarding the exhibition.

Members will then be able to enjoy a mini workshop where we will learn about the history of Japanese *suminagashi*, another traditional art form using *sumi* ink, also known as ink water marbling, and create your very own mini *suminagashi* masterpieces to take home!

Register



**Connect with JSB!**  
**Tuesday, August 20th, 2024 - 6:00 to 8:00 PM ET**  
**Sakabayashi Sushi Tavern**  
665 Boylston St., Boston MA 02116

Join Japan Society of Boston staff and members for dinner at Sakabayashi Sushi Tavern in Back Bay! Connect with JSB is a great way to get to know us better, meet other society members, practice your Japanese in a casual environment, and enjoy great food at Japanese restaurants in Boston!

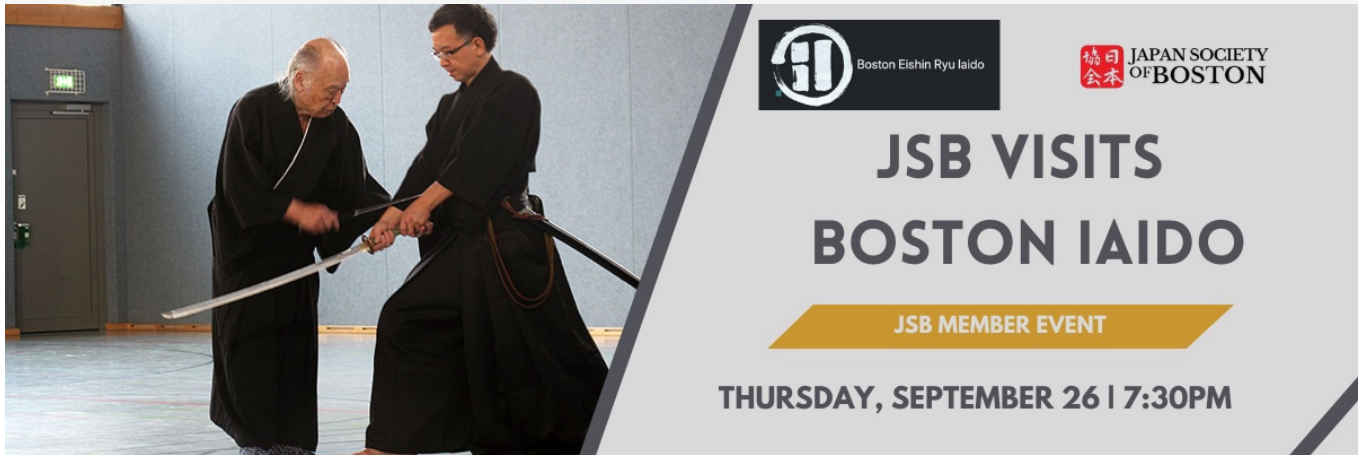
The restaurant's name, Sakabayashi, comes from the balls of cedar leaves that decorate the doorways of sake breweries in Japan, signifying that a fresh batch of sake is ready. This recently opened restaurant offers a unique blend of Japanese traditional small plates with a modern twist.

See their [website](#) for their full menu. And check out the [video](#) we took of some of their signature dishes.



This event is open to JSB members only. Registrants are welcome to bring a plus one, but their guest must be included in the registration. All attendees should be prepared to pay for their own meal/drinks.

Register



**JSB Visits Boston Iaido**  
**Thursday, September 26th, 2024 - 7:30 PM ET**  
**Cambridge War Memorial Recreation Center**  
1640 Cambridge St, Cambridge, MA 02138

Iaido, the Way of the Sword, is the art of drawing and using the traditional Japanese sword. Iaido was practiced by the ancient Samurai for centuries. Did you know that actors on the 2024 hit period drama *Shogun* were instructed by masters from the Vancouver Iaido branch?

[Boston Iaido](#) is a martial arts school focused on Iaido. Established in 2003 and led by Cuong Nguyen-Sensei 7th Dan (Renshi), it is an official dojo of the World MJER Iaido Federation.

For our visit, Iaido masters will begin with a presentation to introduce the history and principles of Iaido and an explanation of their dojo and lineage, followed by a demonstration by members of the dojo. The majority of our visit will be a hands-on beginner Iaido workshop for any members who would like to try out Iaido for themselves.

Register



## JSB Film Club

**Wednesday, August 28th, 2024 - 6:00 to 8:00 PM ET**  
**Online**

Our club's first animated film is *Miss Hokusai* (2015), directed by Keiichi Hara. A fictionalized version of real historical figures, it shows the life and works of Japanese artist and ukiyo-e painter Katsushika Hokusai, as seen from the eyes of his daughter, Katsushika O-Ei. See Edo period Japan come to life in these animated scenes.

Watch the [Trailer](#)

Read about Hokusai on our monthly blog: [Famous in Japan](#)

Films should be viewed in advance of our meetings. This film can be viewed for free on sites like Dailymotion, rented from the [Boston Public Library](#), or purchased online at various sites.

The Japan Society of Boston Film Club meets on the last Wednesday of every other month to discuss great classic and contemporary Japanese films. The purpose of our club is to support the community of Japan film enthusiasts in the New England region by creating a space for thoughtful and sociable discussion.

[Register](#)



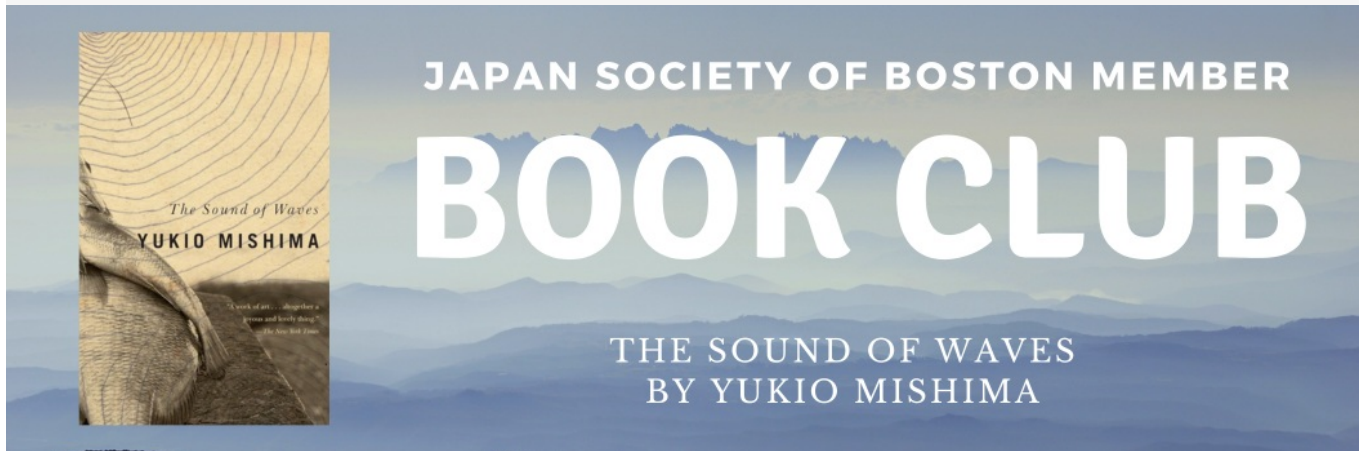
## Between the Lines

**Thursday, September 5th, 2024 - 6:00 PM EDT**  
**Online**

We will be taking a break for the summer months of June, July, and August and continuing our meetings in September with *The Ink Dark Moon* as translated by Jane Hirshfield and Mariko Aratani. This work has wonderful translations of poetry by Ono no Komachi, a key figure in Japanese literature.

You may find a copy of the book [here](#).

Register



### JSB Book Club

**Wednesday, September 25th, 2024 - 6:00 PM EDT**  
**Online**

Do you love Japanese literature? The JSB Book Club will be meeting to discuss *The Sound of Waves* by Yukio Mishima.

The JSB Book Club is revisiting a favorite author, the complex and profound Yukio Mishima. This novel is a timeless story of first love. A young fisherman is entranced at the sight of the beautiful daughter of the wealthiest man in the village. They fall in love, but must then endure the calumny and gossip of the villagers...

Find a copy [here](#). You are welcome to read any translation.

The JSB Book Club meets on the last Wednesday of every other month to discuss great modern Japanese novels. The purpose of our club is to strengthen the Boston community of Japan enthusiasts by creating a space for thoughtful and sociable discussion.

Register

**Signature Content from JSB**





# #MEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

Japan Society of Boston

[japansocietyboston.org/](http://japansocietyboston.org/)

## Member Highlight

The Japan Society of Boston is pleased to introduce you to the wonderful members of our community through this blog series.

Each month we feature a JSB member and ask them to share with us their Japan Story.

**This month:** [David and Naomi Wilsey](#)

*This photo of David and Naomi was taken in Asakusa, Tokyo in April 2023 celebrating their 50th anniversary. The kimono is from Naomi's grandparents with the Endo monsho (crest). During this trip, they visited Tokyo, Kyoto, and Shimoda.*



[Read the Blog](#)

## JSB MEETS JET ALUMNI

An interview series on alumni experiences in Japan



## JSB Meets JET Alumni

As part of our partnership with the [United States Japan Exchange and Teaching Alumni Association](#) (USJETAA), the Japan

Society of Boston features a new JET Alumni in our monthly blog!

This month's JET Alum is [Vivian Chen](#) (Shimane 2016-2018).

"Tsuwano is an old castle town known as the "Little Kyoto of the San-in Region." Koi fish swim up and down the canals along the main street of Tsuwano. The town is famous for hosting the Tsuwano Yabusame Festival every year, where you can watch skilled archers shoot targets on horseback. It's exhilarating to see archers gallop on their horses down a narrow dirt track while aiming their arrows to split wooden panels in half. I cannot recommend it enough to others considering touring the prefecture. Don't sleep on Shimane!"



[Read the Blog](#)

# FAMOUS IN JAPAN

*Celebrities from Around the World*



## Famous in Japan

Studying individuals from around the world who are famous in Japan, both past and present.

This month we are featuring [Sadako Ogata](#), a prominent politician who was the first Japanese national elected as the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and oversaw refugee operations during a time of ravaging conflict in the former Yugoslavia, Rwanda, East Timor and other regions. Read the blog to learn more about her groundbreaking humanitarian work.



## Other Japan-Related Events

SATURDAY, AUGUST 10 | 2:00 PM

### AN AFTERNOON OF KOREAN DANCE AND CALLIGRAPHY

*featuring artist YoungSun Jang*



#### **An Afternoon of Korean Dance and Calligraphy**

**Saturday, August 10th, 2024 at 2:00 PM**

**Pao Arts Center**

99 Albany St., Boston, MA 02111

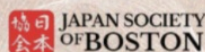
Spend the afternoon exploring our current exhibit [The Inventive Brush: Calligraphic Echoes from China, Japan, and Korea](#) with Korean Cultural Society of Boston and calligrapher Professor YoungSun Jang. The program will open with a Korean cultural dance performances by Boston Korean Traditional Dance Group. Afterward, join master calligrapher and exhibiting artist YoungSun Jang and his wife, Hannah Jang, to learn more about Korean Hangeul script with Korean name-writing.

[Register](#)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 | 2:00 PM

### CHINESE CALLIGRAPHY WORKSHOP

*with Mike Yuguo Mei*



**Chinese Calligraphy Workshop**  
**Saturday, September 21st, 2024 at 2:00 PM**  
**Pao Arts Center**



Join Chinese master calligrapher Mike Yuguo Mei, featured artist from Pao Arts Center's latest exhibit [The Inventive Brush: Calligraphic Echoes from China, Japan, and Korea](#), for a workshop on Chinese Calligraphy. Spend the afternoon learning the basics of Chinese calligraphy. All supplies will be provided. Registration is required.

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A promotional banner for the 'Symphonic Anime Concert'. The banner has a dark background with a bright, glowing light source in the upper left. On the left, there are logos for 'FIVE FOUR live', a circular logo with a stylized 'R', and 'SOHO'. The main title 'SYMPHONIC ANIME' is written in a large, stylized, glowing font. Below it, 'ANIME ORCHESTRA CONCERT' is written in a smaller, white font. On the right, the text 'Boston Symphony Hall' and 'Friday, September 13th, 2024 at 7:30 pm' is displayed. Below this, the heading 'Composers in Attendance' is followed by three circular portraits of composers: Yasuharu Takanashi, Yuki Hayashi, and Makoto Miyazaki. Below each portrait is their name and the anime series they are associated with: 'Naruto, Fairy Tail', 'My Hero Academia', and 'Spy x Family, One Punch Man' respectively.

FIVE FOUR live SOHO

Boston Symphony Hall  
Friday, September 13th, 2024 at 7:30 pm

Composers in Attendance

Yasuharu Takanashi  
Naruto, Fairy Tail

Yuki Hayashi  
My Hero Academia

Makoto Miyazaki  
Spy x Family,  
One Punch Man

SYMPHONIC ANIME  
ANIME ORCHESTRA CONCERT

**Symphonic Anime Concert**  
**Friday, September 13th, 2024 at 7:30 PM**  
**Symphony Hall**  
301 Massachusetts Ave, Boston, MA 02115

Symphonic Anime, the ultimate anime live concert featuring the most memorable songs from popular anime series such as Naruto, Attack on Titan, My Hero Academia, Spy x Family, Spirited Away, and many more performed by a full orchestra and choir, will come to North America for the first time this Fall.

Over 100 musicians, including iconic female vocalist Nan Sathida, will take the stage for more than two hours to perform memorable themes from across all genres of anime. As a special bonus for fans, three of the most accomplished anime composers of our generation will be in attendance at the concerts: Yasuharu Takanashi (Naruto, Fairy Tail), Yuki Hayashi (My Hero Academia), and Makoto Miyazaki (One Punch Man, Spy x Family).

JSB members visit the [member-portal](#) for 15% discounted tickets! Not applicable for VIP tickets.

Tickets



**Sake Day East**  
**Saturday, September 21st, 2024 at 4:00 PM**  
100 High St., 9th Floor, Boston, MA 02110

Sake Day East 2024 is an opportunity to taste more than 70 sake. Explore sake from our Japanese brewers or enjoy a more local taste thanks to our two American brewers: Brooklyn Kura and Farthest Star Sake. Learn from sake experts, enjoy delicious food and more.

If you would like to learn more about sake, we recommend joining one of our guided tastings. These sessions will be led by well-known sake experts and feature specially selected sake. Guests receive a commemorative tasting cup and have access to tasting over 70 Sake and more! Light appetizers will be served. Additional food available for purchase.

The Giveback: A percentage of total event sales will be going to [2024 Noto Peninsula Earthquake Sake Brewery Support Project](#).

JSB members visit the [member-portal](#) for \$10 off any ticket type for this event. See [ticketing website](#) for all information regarding different events and ticket types.  
This event is for ages 21 and over. Please bring a valid ID.

[Tickets](#)

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Our host for our recent online program, [Gyotaku: A Deep Dive, Nate Garrett](#), will have an exhibition of Gyotaku pieces at the Maine Maritime Museum until September 24th, 2024. Visit to see the traditional Japanese art form/record keeping method in person!

“Kindred Tides” is an homage to the 30-year anniversary of the sister state relationship between Maine and Japan’s Aomori Prefecture. Featuring finely detailed gyotaku artwork, artist Nate Garrett invites viewers to discover the

# KINDRED TIDES

THE GYOTAKU ARTWORK OF NATE GARRETT

JUNE 28<sup>TH</sup> – SEPT. 24<sup>TH</sup>

MAINE MARITIME MUSEUM  
BATH, MAINE



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beauty of fish species native to the Gulf of Maine and the Sea of Japan. Nate's masterful technique captures delicate scales, fins, and vibrant colors that bring to life schools of Striped Bass and Madai, Acadian Redfish, and Himachi, offering a window into the unseen world beneath the waves.



Sound Bites

## Shakuhachi: A Talk and Performance on the Japanese Flute

Thursday, September 5, 2024

6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Edward H. Linde Gallery (Gallery 168)

Included with General Admission

**MFA/Boston**

## Shakuhachi: A Talk and Performance on the Japanese Flute

Thursday, September 5th, 2024 at 6:00 PM

Museum of Fine Arts Boston

Edward H. Linde Gallery (Gallery 168)

Catch a performance by Elizabeth Reian Bennett as she shares how the shakuhachi, a Japanese flute made from bamboo, is made and played. Find out what we know about the first flutes, which came out of China in the 8th century.

Presented in collaboration with MFA's Musical Instruments department.

Included with general admission.



# HIROSHIMA-NAGASAKI PEACE MEMORIAL 2024

*Saturday, August 10 | 8pm EDT*

## **Hiroshima-Nagasaki Peace Memorial 2024** **Saturday, August 10th, 2024 at 8:00 PM** **First Church Boston & Online**

Please join the Actors Refuge Repertory Theatre on Saturday, Aug 10th at 8:00 PM at the beautiful First Church in Boston for a night of remembrance and peace. This event aims to honor the victims of the Hiroshima and Nagasaki bombings, while promoting peace and unity between Boston and Oita, Japan.

Experience moving performances, insightful speakers, and a sense of community as we come together to reflect on the past and strive for a peaceful future. Let's join hands and spread the message of peace!

Please see the event [website](#) for full program and details.

This event will also be [live streamed](#).

Miso, a traditional Japanese fermented soybean seasoning that originated over 1,000 years ago, is at the heart of Japanese cuisine. As a fermented food, miso is not only tasty but also nutritionally superior and is considered a Japanese superfood, especially for promoting a healthy gut environment.

Join our friends at KO KYOTO to explore miso packed with the wisdom of our ancestors, from various perspectives such as Japanese culture, history, nutrition, medicine, and gut health.

## A KO · KYOTO SPECIAL WORKSHOP



Sun. August 11, 1 - 3pm

At Upstairs at Bow,  
Bow Market's Event Space

### Discover the Art of Miso

Traditional Japanese Fermented Superfood  
with  
Dr. Chie, MD, FOOD DOCTOR



KO · KYOTO is a boutique retail shop,  
representing unique goods from Kyoto Japan

In this workshop you will :

Learn about miso and your microbiome  
Have the opportunity to taste various  
types of miso and dashi

Learn and experience how to make your  
own instant "miso bouillon ball"

Enjoy Japanese snacks and refreshments

All ingredients used will be high-quality, authentic  
products from Japan.

Allergens: soybean, rice, barley, fish, sesame,  
seaweed

Cost: \$120, JSB members see [member-portal](#)  
for 10% discount

Register

TATSUZO SHIMAOKA :



Plate  
Sabi glaze with impressed and relief rope pattern  
3 x 19 x 19"  
#234

## PUCKER GALLERY

### *Fine Choices 2024*

Featuring: Tatsuzo Shimaoka

29 June through 1 September 2024



Vase  
Rope and slip inlay  
10.25 x 5.5 x 5.5"  
#7

Vase  
Rope and slip inlay  
10.25 x 6 x 4"  
#223

### **Fine Choices 2024** **June 29 - September 1, 2024** **Pucker Gallery**

240 Newbury Street, 3rd floor, Boston, MA 02116

"Fine Choices" is Pucker Gallery's annual exhibition featuring artwork from Pucker Gallery artists. This year the featured artist is late Pucker Gallery artist Tatsuzo Shimaoka (1919-2007), who was designated a Living National Treasure of Japan in 1996.

Check out this year's [Exhibition Catalogue](#)  
Watch the Tatsuzo Shimaoka [Webinart](#)

"Fine Choices featuring Tatsuzo Shimaoka" will be on view at Pucker Gallery from  
29 June through 1 September 2024.

Info



**Sonic Symphony Concert**  
**Sunday, September 15th, 2024 at 7:00 PM**  
**Symphony Hall**  
301 Massachusetts Ave, Boston MA 02115

JSB friend and member Shota Nakama brings the music of Sonic to Boston through a live orchestral concert! Get ready to run down memory lane at Sonic speed!

Sonic Symphony is an immersive live experience that celebrates more than three decades of music from SEGA's iconic mascot. From the classic 8-bit and 16-bit tunes, to rock bands and EDM, this concert will take you on a musical journey through the colorful world of Sonic the Hedgehog. Relive your favorite Sonic moments, brought to life by a full symphony orchestra. Sonic Symphony will be an electrifying tribute to the music that has defined generations of gamers, old and new. Don't miss the chance to experience the sounds of Sonic like never before.

JSB members visit the [member-portal](#) for 20% discounted tickets!

Tickets



# Yoko Miwa Jazz Trio

See Yoko Miwa in Cambridge  
and Boston!



## Yoko Miwa Jazz Trio Cambridge and Boston

Yoko Miwa, acclaimed jazz pianist and longtime faculty at Berklee College of Music, will be playing a number of shows in and around Boston in the summer and early fall. She is often accompanied by Scott Goulding on drums and various bassists including Brad Barrett, Will Slater, Matt Stavrakas, or John Sullivan.

See her [website](#) for more details and full schedule.

Tickets



## Japanese Tea Ceremony September 29th, 2024 at 2:00 PM EDT The Art Complex Museum 189 Alden St, Duxbury, MA 02332

A ritual practice of preparing and drinking tea, the Japanese tea ceremony is a symbol of Japanese formality and spiritual aestheticism. The ritual is known in Japan as “chanoyu,” which literally translates to “hot water for tea.” Traditionally, it would be practiced in a specialized space called a tea house, designed specifically for tea ceremony gatherings.

The Art Complex Tea House, Sho-fu-an or “Wind in the Pines,” was designed by Sano Gofu and built in Kyoto, Japan in 1969. It was reassembled at the museum in

1975 under the direction of Yasahiro Iguchi of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston. It is a *sanjo daime* (3 and ¼ mat) hut with two doors (one for service and one for tea) and a *daime tokonoma* or alcove.

The ceremony begins at 2:00 p.m. and admission is free.  
All are welcome on a first-come, first-served basis.

Info



## **Boston Red Sox One Piece 25th Anniversary Celebration**

**Wednesday, August 28th, 2024 at 7:10 PM EDT**

**Fenway Park**

**4 Jersey St, Boston, MA**

Grab your mighty crew and let's set sail for the One Piece Night at Fenway Park! Join us to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the hit anime *One Piece* on Wednesday, August 28. Join your fellow Straw Hat Pirates to help cheer on the Red Sox as they take on the division rival Toronto Blue Jays! Only ticket holders who purchase through this special offer will receive a bobblehead of Monkey D. Luffy repping a Red Sox uniform.

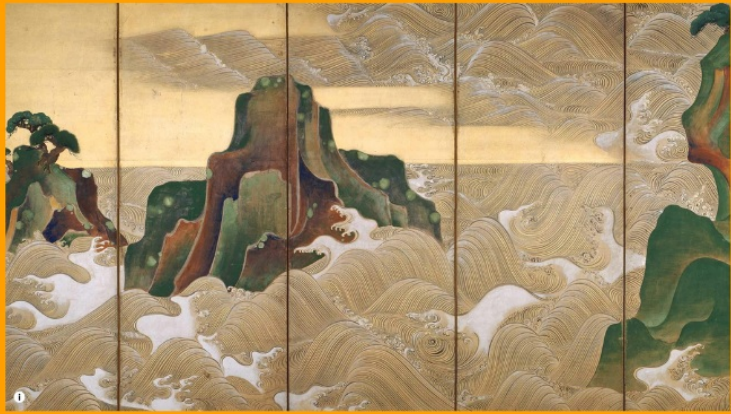
Additionally, arrive early for a pregame party with music, a cosplay event, and much more! Join Luffy on his search to become King of the Pirates. Don't miss this epic adventure!

Tickets

# MFA Boston

**Opens May 11**

## Arts of Japan



### Arts of Japan Starting May 11, 2024 [Museum of Fine Arts Boston](#)

The MFA has one of the most comprehensive collections of Japanese art anywhere in the world. Reimagined galleries explore Japan's art and visual culture from the 7th century to today, including painting, sculpture, decorative arts, and selections from the Museum's vast collection of ukiyo-e prints. Evocative spaces include the renovated Japanese Buddhist Temple Room, which opened in 1909, and an adaptation of a traditional tea room, with tatami mats and an alcove. Multimedia displays illuminate performative art forms, such as Nō theater, bringing their drama to life.

The new space for the Museum's unparalleled Japanese collection—which was the first of its kind in America when established in 1890, and now holds about 100,000 objects—will change regularly, giving visitors the opportunity to see even more works in a setting that honors and celebrates Japan's rich history and cultural legacy.

Info

# MFA Boston

**April 13–September 2, 2024**

## Songs for Modern Japan

**Popular Music and Graphic Design, 1900–1950**



### Songs for Modern Japan April 13 - September 2, 2024 [Museum of Fine Arts Boston](#)

*Songs for Modern Japan: Popular Music and Graphic Design, 1900–1950* explores how sheet music covers provide a window into Japanese society and culture during



this period of immense transformation. Visitors discover how leading Japanese graphic designers of the day interpreted modernist international art movements like Art Nouveau and Art Deco, and how demand for military sheet music with propagandist images grew in the 1920s and '30s, reflecting the country's imperialist aspirations. Through investigating styles of graphic design, bold typography, genres of music, and the societal environment in Japan, visitors get a glimpse of how design and music celebrating modernity and globalism gave way to endorsing nationalism.

About 100 sheet music covers from the collection of Mary and Robert Levenson—alongside paintings, photographs, textiles, music, film clips, and musical instruments from the period—capture the dynamic effects of international artistic exchange and the profound societal shifts in a globalizing Japan. The exhibition presents an opportunity to draw parallels between this pivotal time in Japan's history and today.

Info

**MFA/Boston**

## **Toshiko Takaezu: Shaping Abstraction**

September 30, 2023 - September 29, 2024



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[Museum of Fine Arts Boston](#)

Saundra B. and William H. Lane Galleries (Gallery 332)

Born in Hawaii to parents of Okinawan ancestry, Toshiko Takaezu (1922–2011) was a technically masterful and innovative artist best known for her ceramic sculptures, which she treated as abstract paintings in the round. The MFA holds a significant collection of Takaezu's pottery—more than 20 examples are featured here alongside loans from private collections.

Challenging traditional presentations of American abstraction, “Toshiko Takaezu: Shaping Abstraction” celebrates the extraordinary range of Takaezu's work, aiming to make her contributions more widely known. It is organized in partnership with the Noguchi Museum and the Toshiko Takaezu Foundation.

Info

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