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We are holding a special exhibition,

HOKUSAI Presents a Riot of Demons

from June 21st (Tue) - Aug 28th (Sun), 2022



Highlights of this Exhibition

Since ancient times, Japanese have believed in the existence of demons, incorporated demons into everyday life, and lived alongside them. Demons frequently appear in myths, legends, performances, novels, manga, anime, games—creative works of many types. Demons are deeply rooted in Japanese hearts and are a major component in shaping the spiritual world of Japan. Demons also often appear in *ukiyo-e*, which took their subject matter from classic literature and performing arts as well as from *yomihon* (novels), a new literary form that developed in the Edo period.

- A total of approximately 145 ukiyo-e works related to demons by Hokusai and his students will exhibit in the first and second halves of the exhibition!
- A variety of demons! Scary demons, sad demons, lovable demons...
 See Hokusai's imagination and brushwork in his depiction of Japan's various types of demons.
- O This exhibition introduces demon-related works from the popular A Hundred Tales series of polychrome prints, illustrated block-printed books, and other sources to explore how Hokusai, with his prodigious genius, perceived and expressed demons.
- ◎ It also includes a rare brush-drawn painting by Hokusai being exhibited by our museum for the first time!



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We hope you will enjoy the force generated by this gathering of demons as Hokusai depicted them!



Katsushika Hokusai, The Thunder God, Applying Violent Punishment, Burns Down the Palace and Kills King Virūdhaka and His Vassal, from Life of Shakyamuni, Illustrated, Vol. 6, The Sumida Hokusai Museum (All term)

Hokusai has included the thunder drums, a traditional accompaniment of the Thunder God, but has added distinctive features of his own, including having the god grinning terrifyingly fiercely and riding not on a cloud but on a $Raij\bar{u}$, a beast that descends from the sky with a thunderbolt. The result is a more tense, lean figure with greater power.

Exhibition Information



Title: HOKUSAI Presents a Riot of Demons

Term: June 21, 2022(Tue.) - August 28, 2022(Sun.) First term: Jun 21st-July 24th / Second term: July 26th-Aug 28th

Section 1. What Are Demons? Section 2. People Who Became Demons, People Who Met Demons Section 3. Demons in Myths and Epics Section 4: Familiar Demons



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Next Exhibition

Hokusai's Book World An Unknown Domain of Woodblock Printed Books

Term: September 21st(Wed) - November 27th(Sun), 2022 First term: Sep.21st (Wed) – Oct.23rd (Sun) Second term: Oct.25th (Tue) – Nov.27th (Sun)
Closed: Every Monday or the following day if it is a national holiday.
* Opening: October 10th (Mon / Holiday)

* Closed: October 11th (Tue)

Hours: 9:30-17:30 (last admission 17:00)
Website: https://hokusai-museum.jp/BookWorldEN/
Organizers: Sumida City, The Sumida Hokusai Museum
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Hours: 9:30-17:30 (Last admission 17:00)
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Access

*5-minute walk from the Toei Oedo Line Ryogoku Station A3 exit

*9-minute walk from JR Sobu Line Ryogoku Station East exit

*5-minute by Sumida Loop Bus from the JR Sobu Line Kinshicho Station North exit



Visitor Guidelines : Health and Safety During Your Visit for Keeping us All Safe

- We're conducting temperature checks at entry. Please refrain from visiting if you have a cough, sore throat, fever, fatigue, etc. If you're sick, please stay home. Avoid visiting if you have symptoms of COVID-19, have been diagnosed with COVID-19 within the past 14 days, or have been in close contact with someone infected with or experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 within the past 14 days.
- 2. Please wearing a face covering. Please cover your mouth with a mask, handkerchief, tissue, etc. when coughing or sneezing.
- 3. Please disinfect your hands and fingers when entering the facilities. We're providing handsanitizing stations for visitors.
- 4. Please refrain from talking in the exhibition room.
- 5. Please do not touch the display case in the exhibition room.
- 6. Please disinfect your hands and fingers before and after viewing touch by hand the touch screen panel.
- 7. The passengers in the elevator are limited to three people. However, families and caregivers can use it together.



Our efforts to prevent COVID-19.

- 1. We're limiting the number of people in our museums, galleries, restrooms, elevators to allow for safe social distancing.
- 2. We're providing hand-sanitizing stations for visitors throughout our facilities and conducting more frequent and enhanced cleaning.
- 3. The space used by customers has already been disinfected. Handrails, elevator buttons, toilethandle, and tap, are disinfected several times a day.
- 4. We're requiring that visitors always wear face coverings. Our staff at the museum who meet customers, wear masks.
- 5. We have installed a virus splash prevention panel at the reception/museum shop.
- 6. To keep a safe and good environment in the building, we may restrict admission, and the staff speaks to the visitor to call attention.
- 7. We do not accept new reservations for group viewing.

*Please check the Sumida Hokusai Museum official website for details before visiting.