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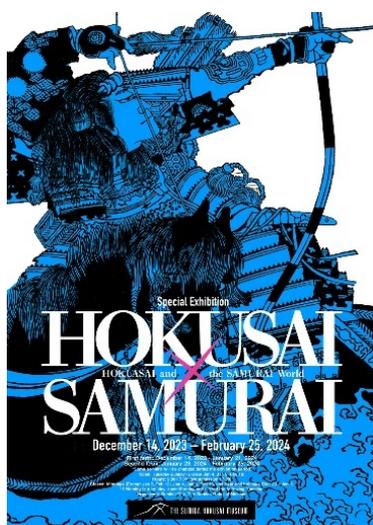
Special Exhibition "Hokusai and the Samurai World", Dec 14 - Feb 25

2023-2024 Ukiyo-e exhibition

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Hello from Tokyo! You can enjoy experiencing how Edo-period people saw samurai and their appearance as Hokusai and his pupils depicted them, "Hokusai and the Samurai World" in The Sumida Hokusai Museum Special Exhibition. This exhibition presents works depicting samurai, but not just famous warriors such as Minamoto no Yoritomo and Tokugawa Ieyasu. To Hokusai, who lived the Edo period, samurai were a familiar presence. These samurai also include people who lived, during two and a half centuries of peace, beside Hokusai and his pupils in the city of Edo, samurai as those artists saw them. Works depicting both actual battles and battle scenes as described in tales are also on display.



Special Exhibition Hokusai and the Samurai World

Term: December 14, 2023 – February 25, 2024

First term: December 14, 2023 - January 21, 2024

Second term: January 23, 2024 - February 25, 2024

*Some exhibits will be changed during the exhibition period.

Open: Tuesday - Sunday (Except Jan 4, Jan 9, Feb 13)

Hours: 9:30-17:30 (Last admission 17:00)

Closed: Mondays (Except Jan 8, Feb 12),

Jan 4, Jan 9, Feb 13, and Year-end holidays (Dec 29 – Jan 1)

*If Monday is a holiday, open Monday and closed the following Tuesday.

Organizers: Sumida City, The Sumida Hokusai Museum

Official Exhibition Website: <https://hokusai-museum.jp/SamuraiEN/>

Exhibition Highlights

This exhibition also includes works picturing swords, spears, and other battle gear. A *Tachi* signed *NOBUFUSA saku* (Important Cultural Property) from the collection of the Japanese Sword Museum will join other artifacts on display. As you compare actual swords with their depictions, enjoy, as you let your imagination run free, Hokusai's powers of expression.

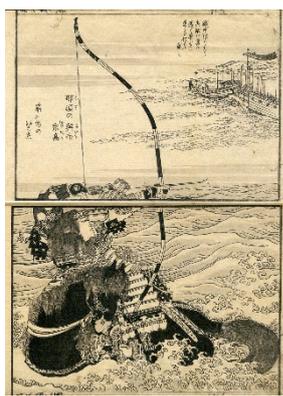
1: Famous Samurai, Portrayed by Hokusai



Katsushika Hokusai
*Kamakura no Gongorō Kagemasa and
Torinourmi Yasaburō Yasunori*
The Sumida Hokusai Museum (1st term)



Katsushika Hokusai
*Kusunoki Tamonmaru Masashige and
Yao no Bettō Tsunehisa*
The Sumida Hokusai Museum
(1st term)



Katsushika Hokusai
*Honor to Nasu no Yoichi Munetaka for
Shooting the Fan, from A Picture Book of
Japanese Warriors, Illustrated, Vol. 2*
The Sumida Hokusai Museum (all term)



Katsushika Hokusai
*Hachiman Tarō Minamoto no Yoshiie, from
A Picture Book of Japanese Warriors,
Illustrated, Vol. 1*
The Sumida Hokusai Museum (all term)

2: Samurai who Lived with Hokusai in an Age of Peace



Katsushika Hokusai
*Sekiya Village on the Sumida River, from the
series Thirty-six Views of Mount Fuji*
The Sumida Hokusai Museum (2nd term)



Katsushika Hokusai
*Mount Fuji seen in the Distance from Senju
Pleasure Quarter, from the series Thirty-six
Views of Mount Fuji*
The Sumida Hokusai Museum (all term *1)



Katsushika Hokusai
*A Kyōka Picture Book: Mountain upon
Mountains, Vol. 1*
The Sumida Hokusai Museum (all term *1)

*1: This work will be replaced by another with the same title halfway through the exhibition.

3: Hokusai's Wave and a Sword Crest Wave: A Joint Performance



Katsushika Hokusai
*Under the Wave off Kanagawa, from the series
Thirty-six Views of Mount Fuji*
The Sumida Hokusai Museum (all term *1)



*Katana signed Tsuda Echizen-no-kami
SUKEHIRO / Enpō 9 nen 8 gatsujitsu* (The
Japanese Sword Museum collection, all term)
*Above: Partially enlarged composite photo



Tachi signed NOBUFUSA saku (Important
cultural property, The Japanese Sword
Museum collection, all term)

▶ Katsushika Hokusai



Keisai Eisen, *Hokusai portrait*,
National Diet Library

Japanese *Ukiyo-e* artist Katsushika Hokusai (1760-1849) was born in Sumida, Tokyo. It is said that Hokusai moved more than 90 times during his 90-year life, spending most of his lifetime in Sumida, and left many works depicting the scenery of Sumida, including Ryōgoku Bridge, Mimeguri Shrine, and Ushijima Shrine. He vividly captured life in the Edo Period and is best known for the series “*Thirty-six Views of Mount Fuji*” which includes representative Japan’s most iconic artwork “*Under the Wave off Kanagawa*”, known internationally as *The Great wave*. His fascinating life and varied works spanning more than 70 years are more highly regarded today than ever, 160 years after his death. Today, he and his works are in the limelight as one of the most acclaimed artists in the world.

▶ Museum

The **Sumida Hokusai Museum** is the "growing museum" that provides information about Hokusai and his students to the local community and the world!

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New Year holidays: December 29 - January 1

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