The Three Hiroshige

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Outline

After the first generation Utagawa Hiroshige, who became popular as a scenery Eshi, the Hiroshige name was succeeded for five generations. Within the five generations of the Hiroshige, the ones that depicted the most scenery paintings as an Ukiyo-e painter were the first three. The three Hiroshige depicted the liveliness of rapidly changing Japan from the end of the Edo era to the mid-Meiji era.

This exhibition will focus on the scenery prints depicted by the first, second, and third generation Hiroshige and will attempt at comparing the work of each. Please also enjoy scenery Ukiyo-e prints by Eshi other than the three Hiroshige.

Access by train:
Take the JR Tokaido Line and get off at Yui Station. It is a 25-minute walk or 5-minute taxi ride from there.

Access by car:
There are 21 parking spaces at the museum (Yui Honjin Park Parking)

From Osaka, Nagoya area
Exit the Tomei Expressway at the Shimizu IC and it is 20-minutes by Route 1 from there.

From Tokyo, Yokohama area
Exit the Tomei Expressway at the Fuji IC and it is 25-minutes by Route 1 from there.

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Exhibition Highlights

First Generation Hiroshige and the Two Hiroshiges
Shigenobu and Shigemasa, who studied under Hiroshige I, succeeded the Hiroshige name and became successful Ukiyo-e painters. This exhibition will exhibit the works of the two Hiroshiges, which depicted the same subject as their master, Hiroshige I, to compare their differences in style. We hope you notice the expressions inherited from their master, as well as their unique individual styles.

There Will Also Be Exhibitions of Rare Works by the First Generation Hiroshige!

“Hanshita-e (Master Drawing)”
Hanshita-e are the final drafts in making the woodblock of Ukiyo-e. They are pasted directly on the woodblock and are carved along the lines. Regularly, Hanshita-e will disappear in the process of creating Ukiyo-e but a few survived as they were not passed on to the carving process. This exhibition will introduce Hanshita-e with famous places as the theme.

“Nakatsugawa on a Rainy Day”
In the Sixty-nine Stations of the Kiso Kaidō Road series by Hiroshige I and Keisan Eisen, there is an extremely rare piece called the Sixty-nine Stations of the Kiso Kaidō Road “Nakatsugawa” (also known as Nakatsugawa on a Rainy Day). In addition to “Nakatsugawa on a Rainy Day”, there is also “Nakatsugawa on a Sunny Day”. It is said that the woodblock for “Nakatsugawa on a Rainy Day” disappeared, and the variant edition, “Nakatsugawa on a Sunny Day” was created as a replacement.
Artworks

Scenery Prints and the Times Depicted by the Three Hiroshiges

Scenery of landscapes do not change radically over a short period of time. This is why Ukiyo-e scenery prints continued to sell over years and decades due to popular demand. However, the heart of the city in Japan changed radically during the end of Edo period and Meiji era with Perry’s expedition arriving in Japan, damages by the large earthquake in Ansei, and the rapid modernization after the opening of ports. The Eshi that were successful in capturing the times were the first to third generation Hiroshiges. This exhibition will focus on the scenery prints by the three Hiroshiges, and introduce the modernization of Japan depicted in the prints.

The Many Forms of Hiroshige

This exhibition will be Kachō-ga (painting of flowers and birds) by Hiroshige I, Yokohama-e and Chabako-e by Hiroshige II, and the Kaika-e (modernization pictures) by Hiroshige III. The exhibition will look at work other than their iconic scenery prints.

Related Event / Gallery Talks by a Museum Curator

Date: February 12 (Sun.), March 19 (Sun.)
13:00 - 13:30
Cost: Free *museum entrance fee is required
Language: Japanese
Meeting place is the entrance hall of the museum. No pre-registration needed; unlimited enrollment
About of Museum

Shizuoka City Tokaido Hiroshige Museum of Art

Shizuoka City Tokaido Hiroshige Museum of Art is the first art museum in Japan to focus on the works of Edo Ukiyo-e Artist, Utagawa Hiroshige. There are approximately 1400 landscape woodblock prints and other works within the Hiroshige collection, including Hiroshige’s masterpieces Fifty-Three Stations of the Tōkaidō (Tōkaidō Hoeidō Edition) and One Hundred Famous Views of Edo. We aim to promote a new culture of Ukiyo-e through curated exhibitions connecting Ukiyo-e with contemporary works. Visitors can enjoy the magnificence of internationally loved Ukiyo-e works from Edo to the present.

About Hiroshige

Utagawa Hiroshige (1797 - 1858) Ukiyo-e artist

He became a pupil of Toyohiro Utagawa when he was about 15 years old. His work Fifty Three Station of the Tōkaidō (Tōkaidō Hoeidō Edition) caused a great sensation, after that he continued to create Ukiyo-e prints about the Tōkaidō and the landscape of Edo and became famous as landscape artist. While he was working on what is considered his late-life masterpiece, One Hundred Famous Views of Edo, Hiroshige fell ill and passed away at the age of 62. Hiroshige's bold composition and lyrical style is loved by all and his works continue to influence artists all over the world.

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