

KOGEI Art Fair Kanazawa 2024

SPECIAL EVENTS

As part of the KOGEI Art Fair Kanazawa 2024, Japan's only art fair dedicated to *kogei* crafts, a unique events are offered through a special related program.

Please note: This is a "meet on site, leave on site" event, and transportation to the venue is not included.

Special Visit to the Exhibition at the National Crafts Museum with "Touch&Talk"

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This special visit to the exhibition, held from Friday, September 6 through Sunday, December 1, features commentary from the curator of the Imaginal Crafts exhibition, followed by a chance to view the works on display.

"Touch&Talk" Hands-On Visit

"Touch&Talk" is an interactive way for guests to experience crafts, through hands-on encounters with example crafts from the collection of the National Crafts Museum. This event focuses on works by leading artists, including living national treasures like Yasokichi Tokuda and Kunie Komori, as well as other masters of contemporary crafts.

Co-organizers: National Crafts Museum

Details

Date and Time: 10:00 to 12:00 and 13:30 to 15:30,
on Saturday, November 30

Venue: National Crafts Museum (3-2 Dewa-machi, Kanazawa)

Capacity: 20 people per session

Fee: ¥3,000 per person

About the National Crafts Museum

The National Crafts Museum first opened in 1977 as an annex to the National Museum of Modern Art in Tokyo, called the Kogeikan Crafts Gallery. For nearly half a century since, it has been Japan's only museum dedicated to crafts and design-centric works, working to further the development of these fields and increase public awareness. In 2020, it was relocated to Kanazawa and reopened as the National Crafts Museum, becoming a freestanding museum in its own right.

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Special Commentary

Japan's only art fair with a focus specifically on artisanal crafts (*kogei*). Forty galleries from Japan and abroad gather at the Hyatt Centric Kanazawa, to exhibit and sell works by promising up-and-comers, as well as by well-established internationally active artists. This year's Kogei Art Fair will feature a special tour of the event floor, with commentary, for an excellent opportunity to hear about recommended artists, popular galleries, and trends in crafts, and to get a closer look at the works on display

Details

Date and Time:

14:00 to 15:30 and 16:00 to 17:30 on Friday, November 29;

14:30 to 16:00 and 16:30 to 18:00 on Saturday, November 30;

and 14:30 to 16:00 on Sunday, December 1

Venue: Hyatt Centric Kanazawa (1-5-2 Hirooka, Kanazawa)

Capacity: 10 people per session

Fee: ¥6,000 per person (includes entry to VIP lounge)

●VIP Lounge

The Hyatt Centric Kanazawa, the venue for Kogei Art Fair Kanazawa 2024, has a rooftop terrace bar on the 14th floor that will serve as a private lounge for the event. Enjoy intimate encounters with crafts, such as local sake served in cups made by artisans, as well as encounters with artists.



Exploring Antique Art

ISHIGURO SHOUTEN Co., Ltd.

This antique shop dates back to 1904, and still features beautiful wood latticework on its exterior. The building itself, a Kanazawa *machiya* townhouse, has been designated a Tangible Cultural Property by the national government. Inside, you'll find a choice selection of tea ceremony items and other antiques, as well as modern and contemporary craft items. Ishiguro Shoten is celebrating their 120th anniversary in 2024 by December 1; visitors to the celebration can enjoy tea served in antiques, while looking at masterpieces from the 19th and early 20th centuries. (No reservation nor entry fee needed for simply looking around the shop; business hours are 10:00 to 17:00 during November 29 to December 1)



Details

Date and Time: 16:00 to 17:00 on Friday, November 29 and 15:30 to 16:30 on Sunday, December 1
Venue: 53 Jikken-machi, Kanazawa
Capacity: 10 people per session
Fee: ¥3,000 per person

HIRAJYUU

Since their founding around the mid 19th century, this shop has traded in antiques, particularly tea ceremony items. For generations, the family has prided itself on their refined sense of taste and style, continuing on to the eighth-generation owner of this shop today. This event is built around the theme of "The Joys of Drinking Vessel Crafts," and the shop owner will talk about the beauty of sake cups and servers, as well as dishes and utensils, all alongside light refreshments and sake.



Details

Date and Time: 11:30 to 13:30 and 16:00 to 18:00 on Saturday, November 30
Venue: 3 Shimoomi-cho, Kanazawa
Capacity: 2 people per session (maximum 3)
Fee: ¥10,000 per person

Kashimoto Kin' yodo

This cozy shop offers a selection of tea ceremony utensils and other items carefully curated by the owner. For this visit, the group first heads out from the shop's location near the Higashi Chaya District, followed by a walk through town to a traditional chaya geisha entertainment venue, where guests enjoy a drink served in an artisanal craft item. The owner loves Kanazawa, and the walking tour covers more than just antiques, with plenty to learn about when it comes to local culture and history. (No reservation nor entry fee needed for simply looking around the shop; business hours are 10:00 to 17:00 during November 29 to December 1)



Details

Date and Time: 10:00 to 11:00 and 14:30 to 15:30 on Friday, November 29
Venue: 1-8 Shimoshin-cho, Kanazawa
Capacity: 10 people per session
Fee: ¥3,000 per person

Shirai Bijutsu

Shirai Bijutsu is located near the 21st Century Museum of Contemporary Art. It was originally founded with the goal of offering a choice selection of excellent items that would delight customers. Today, the shop has a focus on local art with ties to Ishikawa, from the late 19th through mid 20th century. During the visit, the owner will talk about various precious items in his collection, and guests will also be able to enjoy tea and sweets at the historic Shoutou-an tearoom at the 21st Century Museum of Contemporary Art. (No reservation nor entry fee needed for simply looking around the shop; business hours are 10:00 to 17:00 during November 29 to December 1)



Details

Date and Time: 13:30 to 14:30 on Saturday, November 30 and on Sunday, December 1
Venue: 1-2-27 Hiroosaka, Kanazawa
Capacity: 10 people per session
Fee: ¥3,000 per person

Tohda Shoten

Toda Shoten was established in 1975, and handles a wide variety of works of art, with a focus on crafts and tea ceremony utensils from the local region. This tour features a lineup centered around lacquerware decorated with *maki-e*, which has long been highly prized internationally. The shop also has a tearoom inside it, providing guests with a quiet space to experience the tea ceremony using antique items. (No reservation nor entry fee needed for simply looking around the shop; business hours are 10:00 to 17:00 during November 29 to December 1)



Details

Date and Time: 14:00 to 15:00 on Friday, November 29 and 15:30 to 16:30 on Saturday, November 30

Venue: 3-13 Yasue-cho, Kanazawa
Capacity: 10 people per session
Fee: ¥3,000 per person

Please contact the tour operator, Expressions (kogeiartfair2024@expressions.co.jp), to let them know you are interested in signing up for a tour.

Organizer: NPO Syuto Kanazawa

Reservations are open until Monday, November 25.