

RAKU Kichizaemon Tea bowl, Raku ware, kuroraku type 2012



MUROSE Kazumi Box, "Red Light", maki-e, mother-ofpearl inlay

Contemporary KŌGEI Styles in Japan

現代の日本工芸展

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Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens

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MURAKAMI Ryoko Kimono, "Hall of Sacred Dances", tsumugi silk 1999

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KŌGEI refers to the works of art which have evolved from the traditions of everyday life of Japan. A glimpse of the characteristic intricacy of the techniques and designs reveals how Japanese "Monozukuri (craftsmanship)" is the very backbone of the nation's modern development and has evolved with, and been honed by KŌGEI (art and crafts). Japan's state-of-the-art industrial goods are imbued with the outstanding utility and high level of artistry that you will find in KŌGEI.

This exhibition brings together approximately 90 KŌGEI-style artworks comprising ceramics, textiles, Urushi (lacquerworks), dolls, and works of metal, wood, bamboo, and glass made by 42 of Japan's most influential and leading KŌGEI artists. Firmly rooting their work in tradition, the internationally renown KŌGEI artists represented in this exhibition demonstrate a keen awareness of their own individuality, resulting in artworks that are both intuitively expressive and introspective.

Several objects (except ceramics, works of metal and glass) will be rotated with others during the course of the exhibition to preserve the quality of the piece and prevent deterioration. This process will further demonstrate the different styles and approaches of each artist.

This exhibition at the Morikami Museum, which is set amid elegant gardens in Delray Beach will enable visitors to encounter and nurture their understanding of, and interest in, the alluring features, diversity and profound nature of Japanese culture.

During the course of the exhibition, artists from Japan will be on hand to demonstrate important aspects of Japanese lifestyle and culture to provide visitors with a comprehensive understanding of KŌGEI styles in Japan. Along with other cultural presentations such as Tea Ceremony and Ikebana (flower arrangement), KŌGEI artists will provide additional lectures and demonstrations about the development of KŌGEI styles in Japan.



KIMURA Yoshiro Large bowl, ripple-mark pattern, cobalt-blue glaze



NAKASHIMA HarumiA Form Disclosing Absurdities-1305



NAKAGAWA Mamoru Vase, "Stream", inlays in rogin ground 2012



TANABE Shochiku Connection-Symbiosis 2013



MORIGUCHI Kunihiko Kimono, "Shikishi Paper", yuzen dyeing



MEN'YA Shoho Prayer Dance 2008



YAHATA Harumi Flowers-black 2011

Artist Lecture Wednesday, October 9, 2013 15:00-18:00

- MUROSE Kazumi, Urushi (lacquerware) artist, Holder of Important Intangible Cultural Property (MAKI-E)
- MEN'YA Shoho, the 14th MENSHO Doll Master