

# **JASCO Pulse eNewsletter – October 03, 2007**

Dear JASCO Members and Friends:

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### **1. The Hand of Toshiko Takaezu**

This exhibition features the work of one of America's greatest living artists and is made possible by her remarkable generosity. In 2006, Toshiko Takaezu (1922- ) donated 14 ceramics from her personal collection to the Zanesville Art Center. The Art Center had purchased three works from the artist in 1963, while she was still head of the Ceramics Department at the Cleveland Institute of Art. The exhibition will also include a fine selection of pieces from the collection of Ron Wetherell.

### **2. Managing U.S. Operations in the Global Automotive Market October 11, 2007**

The Cincinnati USA Regional Chamber, with the Japan-America Society of Greater Cincinnati and the European American Chamber of Commerce, present a panel discussion by Cincinnati USA international leaders in the automotive / part manufacturing industries. They will share insights and experiences in managing manufacturing U.S. operations in the global automotive market. This event explores recent key concepts in managing manufacturing operations concurrent to the changing structure of the U.S. automotive industry. Details at [Global Automotive Market](#). Follow the link to “Chamber of Commerce” then “Calendar of Events”

### **3. “Chikanobu: Modernity and Nostalgia in Japanese Prints. September 8 – October 28, 2007**

Yoshu Chikanobu was an extremely productive and important woodblock-print artist of the Meiji era. Born in 1838, he died in 1912, the last year of the Meiji. Chikanobu is significant because he hasn't been studied much even though he had a significant output of work during this period.

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The show runs September 8 through October 28, 2007 at the Denison Museum in Burke Hall, 240 W. Broadway, at Denison University in Granville. Hours are 1-4 pm daily during the academic year and by appointment. Call 740-587-6255 for more information!

### **4. Japanese language class offered for beginners. – October 10, 2007 Deadline Oct. 5, 2007**

A beginner's level Japanese language class is being offered by JASCO! The class runs 8 weeks from Oct. 10 – Dec. 5, 2007 in Oxley Hall. The class time is 6:30 – 8pm on Wednesday nights with no classes the week of Thanksgiving. Deadline to register is Oct. 5, 2007. Follow the link [Japanese Language class](#), for more details and to register.

### **5. Japanese-Language Proficiency Test. – December 2, 2007 Deadline for registration October 5, 2007**

The Japanese-Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) is an internationally accredited language examination, offered in four different levels, designed to measure a person's Japanese skills. Last year, JLPT test takers numbered over 437,000 in 46 countries. Those who pass the JLPT receive a Certificate of Proficiency and, as a result, are better able to market their Japanese skills. (con't on next page) Registration is required and must be made between August 1 and October 5, 2007. The fee is \$50 for levels 1 & 2, and \$40 for levels 3 & 4. There are various testing sites throughout the country. For more information see the website at [www.jflalc.org](http://www.jflalc.org)

### **6. BJT Business Japanese Proficiency Test Application Deadline October 10, 2007**

The Business Japanese Proficiency Test (BJT) was created to promote the inflow of skilled human resources from overseas. BJT is intended for business-related people whose mother tongue is not Japanese and are learning Japanese as a foreign language or second language. Registration is currently open until Wednesday October 10, 2007. The test date is November 18, 2007. Please visit [BJT Proficiency Test](#) for more information and to apply.

### **7. Hiroaki Umeda will perform at the Wexner Center October 4, 2007 – 8:00pm**

Hiroaki Umeda is one of Japan's most promising young choreographer / dancers to revitalize the international scene. His ultra-contemporary approach retains traces of butoh and street dance forms even as it explores a radically minimalist aesthetic that flashes between the sublime and the violent, fluid grace and sudden shock waves of movement. (from wexarts.org). More information, including ticket price, can be found at [Hiroaki Umeda](#)

### **8. Japan Hatai Calligraphy Exhibit Oct 5, (2-6:30pm) Oct. 6, (10am-6:30pm) and Oct. 7, (Noon-4pm)**

Go to [www.cincinnatiijas.com](http://www.cincinnatiijas.com) for details regarding this free event open to the public.

### **9. BORIS and Damon & Naomi with Kurihara at the Wexner Center Friday, October 5, 2007 at 9:00pm**

Friday October 5, 2007 9:00pm at Black Box on the Mershon stage. Japanese mega-rock trio returns with another special event, joining forces with Michio Kurihara and Damon & Namoi from Boston. Find additional information, including ticket price at [BORIS](#).

### **10. An Afternoon of Classical Music October 14, 2007 with Junichi Hirokami**

Please join us on October 14th for an afternoon of extraordinary music conducted by Japanese maestro Junichi Hirokami. Please go to <http://www.columbussympphony.com/> for details regarding the concert. There is also a link to see Junichi Hirokami. <http://www.youtube.com/columbussympphony>.

### **11. JASCO Fall Picnic October 21, 2007**

Join your friends and colleagues on October 21<sup>st</sup> from 1-3 at the annual Fall Picnic. Bring a favorite dish to share and table service for your family. The event is free to member and \$5 for non-members (per family). JASCO will provide the beverages and fun activities for people of all ages. More details, including directions and RSVP information is available on our website. Open [Fall Picnic](#) for all the details.

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### **12. 11<sup>th</sup> Annual ikenobo Ikebana Flower Arrangement Exhibition.**

Come and experience the traditional Ikenobo-Style Japanese Ikebana arrangement. Special attractions include workshops, demonstrations, miniature displays as well as café corners. The event is at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, 600 Metro Place North, Dublin, Ohio 43017. For additional details go to <http://www.columbusarts.com/eventdetail.php?EventId=52091>, e-mail [Ikebana\\_Room101@yahoo.com](mailto:Ikebana_Room101@yahoo.com) or call the society at 614-717-0259.

### **13. JASCO's year end party December 11, 2007**

Save the date for JASCO's year end party, Tuesday December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2007 from 6-8! More details coming soon.

### **14. Shakuachi lessons at Chinese Martial Arts Institute in Columbus**

Michael Chikuzen Gould will teach Shakuachi lessons on Saturdays and / or Sundays. Follow link for more details. [Shakuachi lessons](#)

### **15. Volunteers needed to share Japanese culture!**

Are you looking to share your knowledge of Japanese culture with others? If so, this is the opportunity for you! We are currently looking for volunteers with knowledge of Japanese culture such as tea ceremonies, Japanese dance and drumming to name a few. JASCO receives many requests for individuals with these talents. If you are interested, please contact Mr. Nori Ito at (614) 292-4002 or by email at [ito.12@osu.edu](mailto:ito.12@osu.edu).

### **16. ConsuLink Newsletter now available from the Consulate General of Japan in Detroit!**

The Consulate General of Japan is now offering the ConsuLink Newsletter! Check it out at [www.cgjdetroit.org](http://www.cgjdetroit.org).

### **17. The Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO) Midwest Newsletter**

The Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO) has released a newsletter highlighting changing economic fundamentals in Japan. The latest installment can be viewed at [http://www.jetro.org/documents/JETRO\\_Midwest\\_Aug07.pdf](http://www.jetro.org/documents/JETRO_Midwest_Aug07.pdf).

### **18. Columbus Council on World Affairs (CCWA) eNews**

Checkout the Columbus Council on World Affairs upcoming events and information at [www.columbusworldaffairs.org/upcomingevents.php](http://www.columbusworldaffairs.org/upcomingevents.php).