

August 17, 2023



JAPAN FOUNDATION 

VIEWS FROM HORSEBACK: JAPANESE JOCKEY IN CANADA

TUESDAY, AUGUST 29
6:00 PM
@ JAPAN FOUNDATION,
TORONTO



SHORT FILMS OF THE AINU

in recognition of International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples



HAPPY AINU
Directed by YAMADA Yuichiro



**TONOTO KAMUY,
THE SPIRIT OF SAKE**
Directed by KAYANO Shiro



RAMETOKKOR YAN
Directed by YAMADA Yuichiro



**LANGUAGE IS A
PROOF OF PEOPLE**
Directed by KAYANO Shiro



Register to watch
Free admission

Stream Canada-wide
August 16-26, 2023

A selection of rare documentaries about Ainu language, sake, canoe-making, and modern life.



JAPAN FOUNDATION

The Japan Foundation, Toronto is hiring! We're seeking an **Administrative Officer** and a **Japanese Language Lecturer**, both one-year, full-time positions with possibility of renewal for up to four years. For details and how to apply, [please see here](#).

You can now watch a collection of [short films about the Ainu](#) online, available anytime from **now until August 26**, that explore the Ainu language, history, canoe-making, sake, and modern life.

Are you a new learner of Japanese? JFT and our colleagues in Brazil are working together to bring you the [JF Toronto x JF Sao Paulo Japanese Chat Event](#) on **August 23**. Sign up for an opportunity to chat with fellow learners from south of the Equator! Space is limited so don't wait!

Don't forget: on **August 29**, we're sitting down with Queen's Plate winner Daisuke Fukumoto for [Views From Horseback: Japanese Jockey in Canada](#). This is a final talk event in conjunction with our exhibition, [A Sense of Movement: Japanese Sports Posters](#) (featuring the Nippon Derby poster!), which will be heading into its last weeks.

Please note that from **August 26 to September 1**, the JFT Library will be closed for inventory.

For more upcoming JFT events, community news, as well as online resources, **see details below.**

SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

Now - August 31	JAPANESE LANGUAGE CLASSES	Early Bird Registration
Now - September 9	GALLERY EXHIBITION	A Sense of Movement: Japanese Sports Posters
August 16-26	ONLINE FILM SCREENINGS	Short Films of the Ainu
August 23	VIRTUAL STUDY SPACE	JF Toronto x JF Sao Paulo Japanese Chat Event
August 29	IN-PERSON TALK	Views From Horseback: Japanese Jockey in Canada

UPCOMING EVENTS



Film Screening Short Films of the Ainu

Wednesday, August 16 to Saturday, August 26
Online Film Screening | Admission Free | Registration Required

In recognition of [International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples](#), the Japan Foundation, Toronto is delighted to present a selection of rare short films that explore the Ainu language, history, canoe-making, sake, and modern life. These documentary shorts were made by filmmakers from the Ainu community of Hokkaido in northern Japan, also known as *Ainumosir* (アイヌモシリ), meaning “the land of the Ainu” or “the quiet earth where humans dwell.” While the films present contrasting perspectives of the historic and the contemporary, to show important traditions as well as modern Ainu lives, there are themes of ethnography, preservation, and survival that bind all of them.

[Register here](#)



JFT Virtual Study Space JF Toronto x JF Sao Paulo Japanese Chat Event

Wednesday, August 23, 7:45 PM - 8:30 PM (ET)
Online Event | Admission Free | Registration Required | Beginner to Late-Elementary Levels Only

Are you learning Japanese at the elementary level? Come and practice speaking Japanese in small groups with natives (volunteers + staff) and students from Brazil! Maximum 10 students from Canada.
Register in our virtual study space to attend!

[Register here](#)

In-Person Talk



Views From Horseback: Japanese Jockey in Canada

Tuesday, August 29 @ 6:00 PM (ET)

In-person Talk | Admission Free | Registration Required

In conjunction with our exhibition, [A Sense of Movement: Japanese Sports Posters](#) (which includes the Nippon Derby poster!), we continue to celebrate the athletic spirit.

On August 29, the Japan Foundation, Toronto welcomes jockey Daisuke Fukumoto to an evening of conversation. Mr. Fukumoto and moderator Mark Hashimoto will talk about his career as a professional horse jockey, his achievements at Canada's own Woodbine Racetrack, the cultures of horseracing in Japan versus Canada, as well as his feats on the international stage. Horse racing fans and laypeople alike will wish to tune in as we discuss Mr. Fukumoto's training regime, a modern-day jockey's relationship with animals, as well as his hopes for the welfare of racehorses after retirement.

[Register here](#)



The Japan Foundation, Toronto

Job Opening: Administrative Officer

Deadline: Friday, September 8 at 5:00 PM (ET)

We are seeking a full-time Administrative Officer for a period of one (1) year, renewable up to four (4) years. Must be fluent in professional Japanese. Applications must be received by Friday, September 8, at 5 PM (ET).

[Details here](#)



The Japan Foundation, Toronto

Job Opening: Japanese Language Lecturer

Deadline: Friday, September 8 at 5:00 PM (ET)

We are recruiting for a full-time Japanese Language Lecturer for a period of one (1) year, renewable up to four (4) years.

Application submission deadline: must be received by Friday, September 8 at 5 PM (ET).

[Details here](#)

Volunteer Opportunity

Online Japanese Conversation Volunteers



We are looking for volunteers with exceptional Japanese language skills (native level preferred, or at least JLPT N2 level) to help with our Virtual Study Space. As a Japanese Conversation Volunteer, you will be participating in group discussions with our students in Japanese, and answering questions regarding Japanese language/learning in a friendly manner.

[Apply here](#)



Japanese Language News

2023 Virtual Japanese Study Fair – Recordings now available!

Did you miss our Virtual Japanese Study Fair? Watch the presentations from Japanese language schools on your YouTube channel.

[Watch here](#)

ONGOING EVENTS



Japanese Language Classes

Register Now to Save!

Are you interested in studying Japanese? Registration for our September 2023 language courses is now open! We offer online courses for everyone from complete beginners (Starter A1) to intermediate speakers (Intermediate B1/JLPT N3 level).

[Details here](#)

Library News

August New Arrivals

[Visit the library](#) to borrow newly arrived titles! If you are an intermediate to advanced Japanese learner who is intrigued by global issues, enhance your language and critical thinking abilities with [Nihongo de pīsu : Nihongo x sekai no kadai o manabu](#) [日本語でPEACE : 日本語×世界の課題を学ぶ](#); transport to a peaceful Japanese mountain village with MIURA Shion's [Kamusari Tales](#)



[*Told at Night*](#) (a sequel to [*The Easy Life in Kamusari*](#)), a heartwarming tale of a transformative journey that weaves tradition, first love, and ancient legends; discover the grand finale of the epic space expedition following thrilling encounters and moral dilemmas with [*Galaxy Express 999 : TV Series Collection 3*](#) [Blu-ray] (for those watching this anime for the first time, start from [Collection 1](#)); and more!

*JFT Library will be closed Saturday, August 26 – Friday, September 1 for annual inventory. [JFT Gallery](#) and [JF Canada Digital Library](#) will operate as usual.

*A special 5-week loan period applies to physical items checked out in August 2023 (instead of the regular 3-week loan period).

[See full list here](#)

[Place a hold for pickup](#)



Library News

JF Canada Digital Library: Newly Added Ebooks and Audiobooks

Check out new ebooks and audiobooks just added to [JF Canada Digital Library](#)! Steve Ryfle's incredible biography on filmmaker [Ishiro Honda](#) is a must-read for fans of *Godzilla* and other classic Japanese sci-fi and fantasy films; Hermann Bayer's [Analysis of Genuine Karate](#) takes readers on a fascinating exploration of the authentic philosophies and practices of karate, which are often misguided; step into the poignant pages of [A Bowl Full of Peace: A True Story](#) by Caren Stelson and KUSAKA Akira, a powerful picture book about surviving the atomic bombing of Nagasaki; and more!

Apply for a new library card or renew your expired card [here](#).

[Browse other ebooks and audiobooks](#)



Gallery Exhibition

A Sense of Movement: Japanese Sports Posters

Dates: Now to September 9, 2023

Admission Free | Pre-registrations now open! | Open on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays



A Sense of Movement is an impressive international exhibition that explores the connection between Japanese graphic design and sports. Our collection presents a total of 68 pieces from 24 designers, from young professionals to great graphic design masters, who introduces the means to creatively convey sports and movement through two-dimensional printed media. Starting April 20, join us to experience the fruit of Japan's rich graphic design culture, from the 1964 Tokyo Summer Olympics to present day.

[Details here](#)

[Book your visit](#)



Dive Deeper into the World of Japanese Sports Posters with JFT Library's Book List

Have you already visited JFT gallery exhibition [A Sense of Movement: Japanese Sports Posters](#)? Fully immerse yourself in the world of Japanese sports posters by borrowing materials from the JFT library's curated [book list](#) before or after visiting the gallery! The [book list](#) includes select titles on Japanese sports, graphic design, and the designers behind this dynamic art form. Whether you are a sports fan or graphic designer/art lover, this book list will provide valuable insights and inspiration to deepen your understanding and appreciation of this captivating intersection of art and sport.

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[Details here](#)



Japanese Language Classes JFT Virtual Study Space

Online Space | Admission Free | Registration Required

Looking for a space to practice the Japanese language outside of class? Want to connect with fellow learners from all over Canada (or study alone if you wish)? Our free online 24/7 JFT Virtual Study Space is now open to all learners of Japanese in Canada. Here, learners can practice speaking, complete weekly language challenges, play games, chill, study together or alone, and more.

[Register here](#)

JAPAN FOUNDATION SUPPORTED EVENTS



Consulate General of Japan in Montreal Contemporary Wood-carved Netsuke

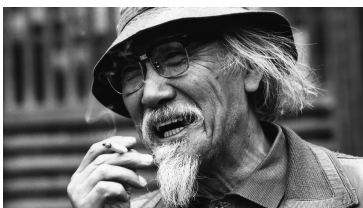
Now to Saturday, September 2

Exhibition @L'Artothèque, Montreal, QC | Admission free

Contemporary Wood-Carved Netsuke, the Japan Foundation's traveling exhibition, is an innovative contemporary crafts exhibition presenting 65 works by contemporary netsuke carvers and artists. A netsuke is a non-slip toggle that has been used since the Edo period (1603-1868) to secure the small personal items such as money pouches, inrō (medicine container), or tobacco containers worn suspended on cords from the obi (a sash worn with kimono). The netsuke has been called a tactile craft. *Nare* in Japanese, and perhaps "patina" in English, changes that arise over time from actually touching them, is regarded as a distinctive resonance that makes netsuke rich and vital.

[Details here](#)

The Cinematheque



Suzuki Seijun 100

Thursday, August 17 to Monday, September 4

Film Series @ The Cinematheque (Vancouver) | Ticketed

Admission: Prices Vary

Suzuki Seijun contains multitudes. In 1991, at the first-ever North American retrospective of his films, arranged by Tony Rayns at VIFF, he was an underrated firebrand in need of discovery and canonization. Now, on the occasion of Suzuki's centenary and a new publication by William Carroll—the first in the English language to take all of Suzuki's directorial works into consideration—The Cinematheque is presenting twelve films as part of the final stop of the [Suzuki Seijun Retrospective Tour](#) across Canada. Six of the twelve films were curated by William Carroll and The Cinematheque added six more to round out an in-depth look into Suzuki's iconic career.

[Details here](#)



Audain Art Museum (Whistler)

Manabu Ikeda: Flowers from the Wreckage

Dates: Now to Monday, October 9

Hours: Thursday to Monday, 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM (PT)

Exhibition in Whistler, BC | Paid Admission | Ticket Prices Vary

Following a trip to the Canadian Rockies in the summer of 2012, Manabu Ikeda produced a large-scale drawing, 'Meltdown' (2013). This work is Ikeda's personal reflection on catastrophic events in Japan in 2011. 'Meltdown' uses imagery of the majestic Canadian landscape to convey the impact of our way of life on the forces of nature.

Curated by Kiriko Watanabe, the Audain Art Museum's Gail & Stephen A. Jarislowsky Curator, this is Ikeda's first solo retrospective in North America showcasing over sixty works from national and international collections.

[Details here](#)



Japan Foundation

JFF+ Independent Cinema 2023

Now to Tuesday, October 31

Online film screenings

The Japan Foundation will launch a special program called JFF+ Independent Cinema 2023 to shed light on the mini theaters that support the cinema culture of Japan.

The lineup of streamed films includes those recommended by mini theaters throughout Japan, as well as by international film critics and film festival directors. Videos that introduce each participating mini theater,

their communities, and the feelings of their staff, will also be produced and streamed. Together these will introduce the current state of cinema culture and regional culture in Japan from multiple angles.

[Details here](#)

COMMUNITY EVENTS



Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre **Musical “Naomi’s Tree” by KARAKORO**

Thursday, August 17, 7:00 PM (ET)

Live Musical | Ticketed Admission: Prices Vary

Based on the picture book "Naomi's Tree" by Joy Kogawa, director of KARAKORO, Yoko Matsui, adapted it to a musical. The story is about Naomi, a Japanese Canadian girl who lost her mother in the atomic bombing during World War II when Japan and Canada were at war. Once upon a time, in the land of the rising sun, now known as Japan, there was a beautiful cherry tree. The cherry tree said, "Oh, how gentle and peaceful this place is!" Many, many years passed and the beautiful tree became known as Friendship Tree.

KARAKORO is a performing arts group in Osaka Japan and they perform in Japan and internationally. The group has performed three times at the Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre in 2013, 2014 and 2015.

[Details here](#)

ONLINE RESOURCE RECOMMENDATIONS



Visual Arts Recommendation

Tale of Genji in Paintings, a Scroll and a Shikishi Board

「描かれた『源氏物語』—近世の絵巻と色紙」
伝土佐光吉筆『源氏物語色紙』・住吉具慶筆『源氏物語絵巻』

22 min. 31 sec. | with auto-generated English subtitles

[Watch here](#)

[Visit original here](#)



Performing Arts Recommendation

The Magic of Japanese Traditional Instruments Series Koto 箏

Okuda Utanoichi, Yamaki Senga

奥田雅楽之一（おくだ うたのいち）、山木千賀（やまき せんが）

12 min. 46 sec. | with English subtitles

Watch here



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