

August 31, 2023



It's official! On September 22 join us to welcome globally acclaimed manga artist **YUKIMURA Makoto!** The genius behind *Vinland Saga* and *Planetes* is coming to Canada for the first time and will be joining Dr. Max Dionisio (Royal Ontario Museum) and the Japan Foundation, Toronto for a special conversation in our event hall. Registrations for [The Pursuit of Purpose: Charting Vinland with YUKIMURA Makoto](#) opens on September 1!

Our physical library will be closed until September 5 for annual inventory. But you can still keep up with your reading goals and catch up on the [Vinland Saga](#) manga with our [JF Canada Digital Library](#). Available across North America 24/7!

Last but not least, it is the final week to stop by our gallery space and soak in our [A Sense of Movement: Japanese Sports Posters](#) exhibition! Don't miss your last chance to see masterful work from Japanese graphic designers before September 9. The exhibition will be closed this Saturday, September 2, for Labour Day weekend.

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

SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

Available Now	ONLINE TALK	Short Films of the Ainu: Filmmakers Conversation
Now	JAPANESE LANGUAGE CLASSES	Registration Open
Now - September 9	GALLERY EXHIBITION	A Sense of Movement: Japanese Sports Posters
September 22	IN-PERSON TALK	The Pursuit of Purpose: Charting Vinland with YUKIMURA Makoto
Now - October 31	ONLINE FILM SCREENINGS	JFF+ Independent Cinema 2023

UPCOMING EVENTS



Library News

Physical Library is Closed for Inventory but JF Canada Digital Library is Open 24/7!

Our physical library is currently closed for annual inventory, but you can enjoy ebooks and audiobooks in English/Japanese from [JF Canada Digital Library](#) 24/7!

Get ready to embrace fall with novels set in autumn! [The Forest of Wool and Steel](#) by MIYASHITA Natsu is a quiet, gentle atmospheric ode to music and nature with a beautiful autumn vibe throughout the story; YOSHIMOTO Banana's [Dead-End Memories](#) [Ebook & Audiobook] is a beautiful story of healing and discovery, unfolding against the backdrop of fall; MURAKAMI Haruki's [Pinball, 1973](#) is a prequel to the much-beloved classics [A Wild Sheep Chase](#) and [Dance Dance Dance](#) [Ebook & Audiobook], full of brilliant metaphors of autumn in transition; and more!

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

*Our [physical library](#) is re-opening on Tuesday, September 5th.

Browse other ebooks and audiobooks



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](#)



The Pursuit of Purpose: Charting Vinland with YUKIMURA Makoto

Friday, September 22, 6:00 PM – 7:15 PM (ET)

In-Person @ JFT Event Hall | Admission free | Registration required

Join us to welcome globally acclaimed manga artist YUKIMURA Makoto to Toronto! Widely recognized as the genius behind the science fiction series *Planetes* (『プラネテス』) and the Viking epic *Vinland Saga* (『ヴァインランド・サガ』), YUKIMURA Makoto has captivated fans around the world with his attention to historical accuracy, intricate battle scenes, compelling characters, and complex themes. Mr. Yukimura is coming to Canada for the first time to attend the [Toronto International Festival of Authors \(TIFA\) 2023](#) as one of the featured guests. In the lead-up to his TIFA appearance on Saturday, September 23, secure your spot for this event at JFT on Friday, September 22 to meet Yukimura-sensei as he sits down with Dr. Max Dionisio (Royal Ontario Museum) to unravel the secrets of creativity.

P.S. Registration opens on Friday, September 1 at 7:00 PM (ET). Event registrants can enter a drawing to win a ticket to an autograph session at the JFT Library from 7:30 PM to 8:30 PM on the same day.

[Details here](#)



Japanese Language Resource Link Updates

The website link has changed for the following Japanese language resources: Marugoto Site, Minna no Kyouzai Site (みんなの教材サイト), Minna no Can-do Site (みんなのCan-doサイト), and JF Standard for Japanese-Language Education (JF日本語教育スタンダード). Check out the details below!

[Details here](#)

ONGOING EVENTS



Online Talk

Filmmakers Conversation: Short Films of the Ainu

Watch now on the [JFT YouTube Channel](#)

In conjunction with our [Short Films of the Ainu](#) online program, we invite you to join us for a special conversation about the preservation of Ainu culture, family, language, and identity, through the lens of documentary filmmaking. Featuring director YAMADA

Yuichiro and director MIZOGUCHI Naomi (who will speak on behalf of director KAYANO Shiro).

[Watch here](#)



Japanese Language Classes Learn Japanese with us!

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](#)



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](#)



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

EXPOSITION Entrée gratuite Free admission EXHIBITION

Découvrez ces petits objets pratiques japonais, originaires de l'ère Edo mais au design actualisé.
Discover these small Japanese practical objects, born in the Edo era but of contemporary design.

CONTEMPORARY WOOD-CARVED

Netsuke

CONTEMPORAINS EN BOIS SCULPTÉ

5 août - 2 septembre 2023 10 août - 2 septembre 2023 Vernissage

L'Artothèque, 5725 Saint-André, Mt. (Métro Rosemont)

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Japanese Cultural Foundation Japan International Exchange Foundation

JAPAN FOUNDATION L'Artothèque

Consulate General of Japan in Montreal Contemporary Wood-carved Netsuke

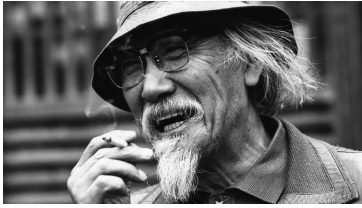
Now to Saturday, September 2
Exhibition @L'Artothèque, Montreal, QC | Admission free

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

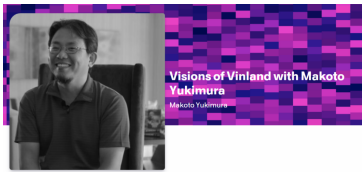
Now to Monday, September 4



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](#)



Toronto International Festival of Authors
Visions of Vinland with Makoto Yukimura

Saturday, September 23, 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM

In-person in Toronto, ON | Paid Admission: Ticket Prices Vary

The internationally renowned Manga creator, Makoto Yukimura comes to Canada for the first time, offering a rare glimpse behind the scenes of the vivid, vicious world of *Vinland Saga*, the bestselling books that inspired the hugely popular Netflix adaptation.

Spanning 13 volumes, Thorfinn's quest to avenge his father and find peace in a new land takes him on an epic journey from Iceland to England, Denmark, the Byzantine Empire and back again, facing battle, brutality & betrayal every step of the way. Now, it's finally time for Thorfinn to discover the land he's dreamed of since he first sat at the feet of the great Leif Ericson – Vinland. Join Makoto Yukimura in conversation with Miles Baker, Managing Director of the Toronto Comic Art Festival for an unique and inspiring event.

Yukimura will sign a limited number of books at 3pm, with a limit of one book per audience member. Pre-registration for this signing event is required.

[Details here](#)



JFF+ Independent Cinema 2023

盆唄/BON-UTA, A Song from Home

Now to Tuesday, October 31

Online film screening | Admission free | Registration required

Subtitles are available in ไทย, 繁體中文, 简体中文, Bahasa Indonesia, Español, English | Director: NAKAE Yuji

In 2015, four years after the Great East Japan Earthquake, the people of Futaba Town in Fukushima Prefecture, forced to continue to live scattered in evacuation destinations, are concerned about the preservation of their traditional "Bon Uta". However, during this difficult time, they find that the tradition of Bon Odori (Bon dance)

has been inherited by people who had immigrated to Hawaii from Fukushima over 100 years ago.

[Watch 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

Momo Films

***The Zen Diary* 土を喰らう十二カ月**

Various dates in September

Film Screening across Canada | Ticketed Admission: Prices Vary |

Director: NAKAE Yuji



Adapted from Tsutomu Mizukami's book, *The Zen Diary* follows Tsutomu, a man who lives alone in the mountains, writing essays, cooking food with vegetables he grows and mushrooms he picks in the hills. His routine is happily disturbed when Machiko, his editor/love interest, occasionally visits to pester him for his next manuscript. She loves to eat, and he loves to cook for her. Tsutomu seems content with his daily life. However, a close brush with death will now force him to decide on what he values most in life and what he must choose going forward.

[Dates and details here](#)



Centre for the Study of Global Japan
Cultivating STEM/STEAM Thinkers: Linking Policy, Research, and Practice

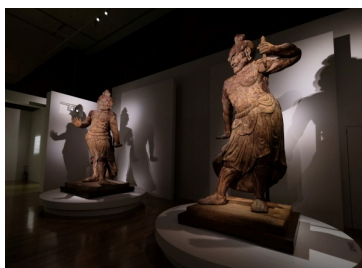
Wednesday, September 20, 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM

Come attend the Centre for the Event of Global Japan symposium! A leading panel of experts will be joining us to discuss "Cultivating STEM/STEAM Thinkers: Linking Policy, Research, and Practice."

This event will take place in person in the Campbell Conference Facility, Munk School of Global Affairs & Public Policy, 1 Devonshire Place, Toronto, ON.

[Register here](#)

ONLINE RESOURCE RECOMMENDATIONS



Visual Arts Recommendation
A Quick Look at Niō Sculptures: Gate Guardians at Tokyo National Museum 仁王像 東京国立博物館

Tokyo National Museum
 9 min. 13 sec. | with English subtitles

[Watch here](#)



Performing Arts Recommendation
Taiko Drum 太鼓

TŌSYA Roō, CHIYOZONO Takeshi
 藤舎呂鳳 (とうしゃ ろおう)、千代園剛 (ちよぞの たけし)

National Theatre of Japan

12 min. 59 sec. | with English subtitles

Watch here



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