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JAPANFOUNDATION 

美意識と手仕事

Designers' talk by *matohu*
Aesthetics and Handicraft
 - The Design Philosophy of *matohu* -

Toronto April 23 & 24
 Montreal April 26

matohu fashion designers are coming to Canada.

Follow the Designers of *matohu* as they explore concepts of Japanese beauty, tradition, and sustainability in their work.

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THE MAKIOKA SISTERS

April 30, 6PM

A springtime screening for cherry blossom season

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Admission Free
 Register for Tickets

Co presented by:
 The Japan Foundation, Toronto
 &
 The Consulate General of Japan in Toronto

The Japanese fashion designers *matohu* will be in Toronto and Montreal. They will be presenting [Designers' Talks and take questions at our screenings](#) of their film *Mantles of Transience* on **April 23, 24 and 26**. Reserve a spot now to meet the people behind the brand and engage in a live Q&A to learn about their philosophy of design.

Online Japanese teachers have the chance to engage and discuss their classes, progress, and more during the [59th Sawakai for Japanese Teachers](#) on **April 24**. Registrations are open for teachers across Canada!

On **April 28**, [Let's raise them in Japanese! 6th seminar](#) will introduce parents to conversation strategies to encourage kids to speak Japanese at home, among other things.

You may also find Japan-related books and helpful resources for yourself and your kids at this month's [New arrivals at our Physical Library](#), as well as our [Digital Library](#).

It is never too late to continue your Japanese studies - join our intermediate-level [Japanese Language Classes](#) for the spring!

To welcome the spring blossoms in Toronto, we will be screening [The Makioka Sisters](#), a film about the changing of seasons and springtime. Catch the show on **April 30** and join us in celebrating this cherry blossom season!

Lastly, visit our ongoing gallery exhibition, [From Edo to Meiji: Transformation of Japanese Ceramics](#), now featuring an additional presentation of *Kutani-ware Display* dedicated to everyone affected by the Noto Peninsula Earthquake.

For more upcoming JFT events, community news and online resource recommendations, [see details below](#).

SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

Now	JAPANESE LANGUAGE CLASSES	Registration Open for Spring Term
Now - June 28	EXHIBITION	From Edo to Meiji: Transformation of Japanese Ceramics

April 23, 24 and 26	FILM SCREENING / IN-PERSON TALK	Japanese Fashion designers <i>matohu</i> in Toronto and Montreal
April 24	ONLINE TEACHERS' PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT	59th <i>Sawakai</i> for Japanese Teachers
April 28	ONLINE TEACHERS' PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT	Let's raise them in Japanese! 6th Seminar
April 30	FILM SCREENING	The <i>Makioka Sisters</i>

UPCOMING EVENTS



In-Person Talk + Film Screening Designers' Talk by *matohu*: Aesthetics and Handicraft The Design Philosophy of *matohu*

In TORONTO
Tuesday, April 23, 5:30 PM - 7:45 PM (ET): Documentary film screening +live Q&A with the designers
In-person @ Textile Museum of Canada | Admission Free | Registration Required | Click to [register](#)

Wednesday, April 24
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET): Designers' Talk | Click to [register](#)
6:00 PM - 8:30 PM (ET): Documentary film screening + live Q&A with the designers | Click to [register](#)
In-Person @ JFT Event Hall| Admission Free | Registration Required

In MONTREAL
Friday, April 26, 6:00 PM –8:00 PM (ET): Designers' Talk
In-Person @ École supérieure de mode (ESM) de l'ESG UQAM
Room DM-R310 (280 rue Sainte-Catherine Est OR Sainte-Catherine East Street, Montreal, Quebec) | Admission Free | Registration Required | Click here to [register](#).

The Japanese designer duo behind the brand *matohu* are bringing insights of their unique design philosophy centering around cultural values and innovation, to Toronto and Montreal. During the Designers' Talk, the designers will present the history, processes, and current status of *matohu*, taking the audience through a journey with video clips, images, and original clothes.

Audiences in both cities also have the chance to join the film screening of *Mantles of Transience*, a documentary following the creative process and past collections of *matohu*.

[Details here](#)



Online Teachers' Professional Development Online *Sawakai* for Japanese Teachers 59th *Sawakai* Topic: Japanese Language Specialist Arrived!

Wednesday, April 24, 8:00 PM - 8:40 PM (ET)
Online Event | Admission Free | Registration Required | Conducted in Japanese only

The JFT Online 'Sawakai' for Japanese Teachers is a place where teachers can share with others how their online classes are going. All topics are welcome, including if you have any ideas you would like to try out, anything you feel a little stuck on, etc. Why not take the opportunity to talk with other teachers from across Canada?

[Register here](#)



Online Teachers' Professional Development Let's Raise Them in Japanese! 6th Seminar 「日本語で育てよう！」第6回セミナー Topic: Parental Conversation Strategies to Encourage Children's Use of Japanese 子どもの日本語使用を促す親の会話ストラテジー

Sunday, April 28, 07:30 PM - 9:30 PM (ET)
Online Event | Admission Free | Registration Required | Conducted in Japanese only

In this seminar, we will introduce a conversation strategy to encourage children to speak using the home language. We will also discuss other things parents can do.

[Register here](#)



Film Screening
The Makioka Sisters 細雪

Tuesday, April 30, 6:00 PM (ET)
JFT Event Hall | Admission Free | Registration Required |
Presented in Japanese with English subtitles

Structured around the changing of the seasons, *The Makioka Sisters* follows the lives of four siblings who have taken on their family's kimono manufacturing business, in the years leading up to the Pacific War. This graceful study of a family at a turning point in history is a poignant evocation of changing times and fading customs, shot in rich, vivid colors.

Co-presented with the [Consulate-General of Japan in Toronto](#) in celebration of springtime and cherry blossom season.

[Register here](#)



Japanese Language Classes
Continue Learning Japanese With Us

Looking for somewhere to continue studying Japanese? Registration for our Spring term is now open! We offer online courses for various levels up to intermediate speakers (Intermediate B1/JLPT N3 level)

[Register here](#)

ONGOING EVENTS



Library News
April New Arrivals

[Visit the library](#) to borrow newly arrived titles! Ignite your child's love for Japanese language and culture with [Ohisama workbook first steps : Japanese textbook for multilingual children おひさまワークブック : 子どものための日本語](#), designed to nurture their curiosity and global awareness; embark on a vibrant graphic design journey through the bilingual book [Nagi Noda野田凷](#), renowned for her whimsical and edgy creations; explore the eclectic and dynamic streets of Tokyo through the lens of fashion with [Tokyo Fashion City](#) by Philomena Keet; and more!

[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](#)! Join a heartwarming journey with [Little Truck](#) by GOMI Taro, a delightful picture book perfect for toddlers braving their first adventures; if food is important to your travel experience, Matt Goulding's [Rice, Noodle, Fish: Deep Travels Through Japan's Food Culture](#) is a must-read to prepare for a flavourful journey through Japanese food, culture, history and geography; dive into the twisted world of NAKAMURA Fuminori's electrifying thriller, [Evil and the Mask \[Audiobook\]](#) exploring the blurred lines between good and evil; and more!

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

[Browse other ebooks and audiobooks](#)



Film Series
Keep Dancin', Okinawa!

May-July, 2024
Admission Free | Registration Required | All films presented with English subtitles

Keep Dancin', Okinawa! is a celebration of Okinawan stories, culture, and history, highlighted through themes of dance, music, and perseverance. Featuring screenings of documentaries, a classic family comedy, short films, and special guests. Join us to usher in springtime and summertime!

[Details Here](#)

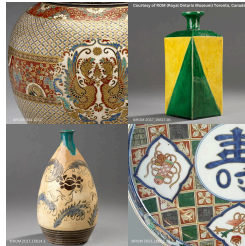


Film Series
Cinema Umami

June-July, 2024
Admission Free | Registration Required | All films presented with English subtitles

Join us at JFT for *Cinema Umami*! Cinema Umami is our documentary screening series with a focus on the joys of Japanese cuisine and the often underappreciated labour of love that goes into its creation. Quick tip, don't come hungry!

[Details Here](#)



Exhibition
From Edo to Meiji: Transformation of Japanese Ceramics

Now - Friday, June 28, 2024
In-person Exhibition | Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays
| Admission Free | Registration Required

This special presentation of the collection of the Royal Ontario Museum, Toronto, reveals that Western modernization and the demand for exports influenced Japanese ceramics during the transitional period of the late Edo period to the Meiji period.

Now with an additional presentation, **Kutani-ware Display** with contributions from Toronto collectors, dedicated to the victims and survivors of the earthquake on January 1st, 2024, in Noto Peninsula, Ishikawa, Japan.

[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](#)

COMMUNITY EVENTS



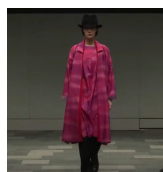
The Asian Canadian Writers' Workshop
LiterASIAN 2024

Saturday, May 4 & Sunday, May 5
In-person @ Multiple Venues in Vancouver | Ticketed Admission | Ticket Prices Vary

Embarking on a poignant literary exploration of Canada's historical tapestry, this year's festival examines both the challenges and successes of the meaning of redress. Join us for a compassionate and informative literary dialogue, where writers will explore the importance of amplifying Asian Canadian voices, promoting cultural understanding, and fostering a society that embraces diversity with open arms. This literary festival is an invitation to collectively embark on a journey of reconciliation, where acknowledgment, education, and empathy pave the way towards a more equitable and inclusive Canada.

[Details here](#)

ONLINE RESOURCE RECOMMENDATIONS



Visual Arts Recommendation
matchu 2023 A/W Collection

51 min. | Subtitled in English (only video presentation)

In association with *matchu*'s tour to Toronto and Montreal between April 14 and 26. Full video features the fashion demonstration and a



video presentation, "Journey from Palms of Hands Series 10 World of Sympathetic Vibration".

Watch here



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