

Greetings

The Nara Prefectural Museum of Art will be holding its collection exhibition, “Come, See, Talk, and Explore an Art Museum” for this year’s summer holiday period.

The artworks selected from our collection for this exhibition all have themes or motifs suitable for children and tailored to their level of development, and are organized around two main themes: “Let’s find colors and shapes!” and “Let’s make a story!” To enjoy this exhibition to its fullest, we encourage museum visitors to talk with family and friends while viewing the artworks. This approach is known as “Visual Thinking Strategies”. We also offer various art appreciation programs during the exhibition period, such as the Art Card Activity and “Hello Museum” which is an art appreciation program for babies and their family.

This time we focus mainly on paintings and crafts produced from the Meiji era to the present, and selected from the “100 Masterpieces from the Collection of Nara Prefectural Museum of Art”. We invite you to enjoy a selection of works representative of our museum.

Other related programs include a variety of art experience events, such as workshops in which participants can engage in authentic artistic activities under the guidance of an artist or expert in the field, and the “Art Summer Festival”, which allows participants to enjoy crafts and other hands-on activities.

Also featured are exhibitions of works by children and young people. The exhibitions include a collaborative display of works from the Art Science Department of Osaka University of Arts and a joint exhibition of works by junior high school art clubs in Nara City, whose members participated in a national art competition titled *Art no Koshien*. Please take a moment to appreciate the various forms of artistic expression of our future artists.

This exhibition was designed to enrich children’s artistic experiences. We hope that this exhibition will help visitors become more familiar with the Nara Prefectural Museum of Art, which we believe will help make our museum a comfortable place for everyone.

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to the Japan Foundation for Regional Art-Activities and all others involved for their generous support in making this exhibition possible.

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