

JASCO Pulse eNewsletter – April 02, 2008

Dear JASCO Members and Friends:

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1. Spine Tingling Tales of Old Japan – Wednesday April 2, 2008 in 115 Jennings Hall (1735 Neil Ave.) 7pm.

Japan is an ancient culture with over two thousand years of ghosts, monsters, and changelings of one hundred different types and all are still haunting their favorite temples, bridges, mountains, and shrines. Jonatha and Harold Wright will be performing selections out of their book Spine Tingling Tales of Old Japan. Tico Sase will lecture and demonstrate a style of traditional Japanese dance. Please see [FLYER](#) for all the details.

2. JASCO Business seminar series: Environmental Issues, April 23, 2008 1-5pm.

JASCO presents an informative seminar with the following topics:

Ohio EPA Initiatives and Enforcement

Anticipated Impact of U.S. Political Changes on Environmental Policy & Enforcement

EPA Enforcement: What Have They Been Doing, and How is That Going to Change?

Insurance Solutions for Environmental Issues

Wednesday April 23, 2008 from 1-5pm at Dublin Community Recreation Center. See the English [FLYER](#) or Japanese [FLYER](#) for all details. The seminar is free and open to the public but registration is required. You may register via the flyer or register on line [at REGISTER](#).

3. Institute for Japanese Studies and East Asian Studies Lecture Series – “The History of Popular Culture in Japan”.

The Institute for Japanese Studies and East Asian Studies Center presents the East Asian Studies Lecture series - "The History of Popular Culture in Japan".

***Friday April 25th** will feature "The Development of Historical Fiction in Japan" with Dr. Scott Langton of Austin College. This lecture will be held at 115 Mendenhall from 1:30 - 3:30pm. See [FLYER](#) for details

*Finally, **Friday, May 16** will feature "The History of Shojo Manga (Girls Comics) in Japan". This lecture will be held at 115 Mendenhall Lab from 1:30 - 3:30pm. See [FLYER](#) for details.

4. K-12 Workshop – Global Spotlight on Elections April 26, 2008 from 9am – 4pm.

The Office of International Affairs and the Area Studies Centers at the Ohio State University invite educators from across the state to participate in a one-day professional development workshop. The objective of this workshop is to provide educators with information as well as the tools to explain, explore, and compare international election processes during this time in which our own national elections are in the forefront of our daily discussions. Please see [FLYER](#) for more details or e-mail questions to global101@osu.edu.

5. Chase Foreign Exchange Seminar – May 12 in Columbus

Chase cordially invites you to join us for a Foreign Exchange Seminar, In English, Featuring Tohru Sasaki, Foreign Exchange Executive Director & Chief Strategist with JPMorgan Chase, Tokyo, Japan. This seminar will address how the economic impact has affected the currency exchange rate between the Japanese Yen and the U.S. Dollar. See more information and other locations in the [FLYER](#) or in [Japanese](#).

6. 10th annual JASCO Golf Outing Fundraiser, May 20, 2008 at the Golf Club of Dublin.

Please join the Japan-America Society of Central Ohio for a day of golf, networking and fun at the tenth annual JASCO Golf Outing Fundraiser. Proceeds from this event will support JASCO's on-going educational and cultural programming for the Central Ohio community. We'll wrap up the day with a reception and awards presentation. Go to [FLYER](#) for all the details. If you have any questions please call the office at 614-292-0985 or e-mail at jasco@osu.edu.

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7. JASCO will offer a Japanese language camp for elementary and middle school kids this summer.

Details will follow soon but keep the dates open for our fun kids camp. This camp is for non-Japanese speakers who would like to learn a little and have a lot of fun. The details are being determined but the dates are: Monday, July 14 through Friday, July 18 for elementary school children ages 5-11
Monday, July 21 through Friday, July 25 for middle school students ages 12-17
Both sessions will run from 9am to 12pm in Dublin Ohio.

8. Hiroshima Exhibit at Wittenberg University, March 14 – April 14, 2008 with opening reception on March 14, 2008.

The exhibit is created by the Hiroshima Peace Museum in cooperation with the City of Hiroshima. There will be a panel discussion and a reception on Friday March 14 with Sachiko Masuoka, an 85 year old survivor of the atomic bombings, and Dr. Yuki Miyamoto, Assistant Professor of Comparative Ethics at DePaul University in Chicago. Please follow these links for more [information](#) and to view the [poster](#).

9. Art on a String exhibit at Capital University Schumacher Gallery, March 3, 2008 – April 11, 2008.

Kites were invented and popularized in Asia more than 3,000 years ago. Although many designs remain traditional, Asian kites feature a variety of imaginative shapes and are associated with festivals, holidays, and special events. (Please Note: The gallery is closed March 20 - 24 for Easter.) M-Sat 1pm-5pm

10. JASGC announces a Sake Tasting event on April 4, 2008 in Cincinnati from 5:30 – 9pm. Register by March 25.

Join the Japan-America Society of Greater Cincinnati for the 14th annual Sake Tasting event. Please see [flyer](#) for all the details.

11. Zensai: The Horticulture of Japan – Cleveland Botanical Garden April 5, 2008.

The Garden puts the spotlight on Japan with "The Japanese Garden: Photographs by Haruzo Ohashi," a major exhibit touring for the first time from the permanent collection of The Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens in Florida. Also, look for exhibitions of Bonsai and Ikebana, as well as fine art pieces from the renowned Verne Collection.

Cleveland Botanical Garden, 11030 East Blvd., Cleveland, OH 44106
Phone: (216) 721-1600 Website <http://www.cb garden.org>

12. Canton Symphony Orchestra presents 100th anniversary of MacDowell Music Club – April 5, 2008

Celebrate 100 years of the MacDowell Music Club with the return of Kotaro Fukuma, pianist, to Canton. The MacDowell Music Club honors the life and works of American composer and pianist Edward MacDowell. Fukuma will play the MacDowell Piano Concerto No.2. The Brahms Academic Festival Overture, a crowd favorite, will be performed on this concert. Schubert's Symphony No. 9, nicknamed "The Great," established him as a master of the form and "bears within it the seeds of everlasting youth."

Sponsored by KeyBank at Umstattd Hall, 2323 Seventeenth St. NW, Canton, OH 44708
Phone Number: (330) 452-2094 Website <http://www.cantonsymphony.org>

13. Enjoy a Marvelous Meal and Benefit the Columbus Symphony Orchestra at Doc Henderson's in Marysville.

The Woman's Association of Columbus Symphony Orchestra presents "Dinner with Maestro Junichi Hirokami and Friends" Monday April 7, 2008 – 6:30 – 9:30pm. The cost is only \$50 per person for a Three-Course-Dinner in their private 2nd floor dining area (stairs required). Please see the [FLYER](#) for all the details and to register

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14. A Curious History of Clothing in Communist China. Tuesday, April 8, 2008 at Cleveland State University.

Clothing was once prominent in understandings of what constituted the difference between China and the rest of the world. For outsiders it was the single most obvious feature of Chinese society during the Mao years. Professor Finnane's work combines an account of how fashion has been equated with modernity, progress and the West with a history of clothing in twentieth-century China. In this lecture she considers the fate of fashion in Communist China, showing that despite the difficulties of "dressing up" in the era of the Mao suit, there were some surprising points of convergence between fashions in China and the West during the Cold War years. Please see more information at [FLYER](#).

15. Annual Japanese Pedagogy Workshop for K-16 Japanese Language teachers. April 19, 2008 at the University of Pittsburgh.

This years program is geared to all levels K-16 and will be led by Dr. Yasuhiro Shirai, Mr. Hiroyuki Nagahashi Good, and Ms. Jennifer Murawski of the University of Pittsburgh. The workshop is free and breakfast and lunch will be provided. However it is important that you register in advance by **MONDAY, APRIL 14, 2008**. Please contact Brenda G. Jordan at jordanb@ucis.pitt.edu with any questions.

16. Ohio University Sakura Festival on April 12, 2008 from 12-3:30pm

Join the Ohio University Student Association for the Sakura Festival on April 12, 2008 from 12pm to 3:30pm. There will be a chorus of Japanese songs, pop and traditional dance performances, kendo demonstration as well as activities that everyone can participate in like Radio Exercise and Tanko Bushi dance. There is a plan to illuminate the cherry blossoms. 175 cherry trees were originally donated from Chubu University, our sister institution in Kasugai City, central Japan, to commemorate OU's 175 anniversary in 1979. There are now 200 trees in total.

Directions to event: Drive US-33 east approximately 1.5 hours. About 5-10min. after passing by the entrance to "The Plains" you will see the view of OU campus on your right. Exit US-33 and go right to Richland Ave. The first traffic signal is the entrance to the campus. Turn right and cross the bridge. Tail Great Park is on the left at the end of the bridge. The sakura trees extend along the river from Tail Great Park.

17. The Columbus Chapter of the U.S. Fund for UNICEF cordially invites you to attend the 40th annual benefit for UNICEF.

Featuring Sakura Playing the koto, a harp-like Japanese instrument. Sunday, April 13, 2008 at 2:00pm at the Clintonville Woman's Club, 3951 North High Street, Columbus, Ohio, 43214.

RSVP by response card or by calling 614-488-8860 by Friday, April 4, 2008

Minimum suggested donation is \$10.00. See [FLYER](#) for all the details.

18. JETRO offers a trip to Mexico to learn more about the rapidly growing Mexican automobile industry, April 21 – April 24, 2008.

Please see the [flyer](#) for all the details. Please be advised this tour will be in Japanese only.

19. Artisan "Raku Firing" at the Artisan Center at Maple Creek – April 26, 2008.

Bring your bisque clay pieces and join in this 16th Century Japanese Firing Technique. Smoke, Fire, and unique glazes are all part of this process. Spectators welcome. Bisqued pottery is available to purchase. Artisan Center at Maple Creek, 527 Maple Creek, Moscow, OH 45153

Phone Number: (513) 876-0081 Additional Information <http://www.maplecreekart.com>

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20. Dublin Takio Group Gala, April 27, 2008 at 1pm and 4pm at Dublin Jerome High School.

Join the Dublin Takio Boosters for a fundraiser concert. The gala is at Dublin Jerome High School, 8300 Hyland Croy Road, Dublin, OH 43016. Tickets are \$5.00 and can be purchased at the door. The performance will be approximately one hour and will include a silent auction, raffle and concessions. Go to <http://www.freewebs.com/tdtg/upcomingperformances.htm> for information about the Dublin Takio Group.

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21. Nikkatsu Studios: 1960s Japanese Action Cinema. May 2, 2008 at 7pm at the Wexner Center.

Two films will be shown: *A Colt is My Passport* and *Red Handkerchief*. A thrilling mix of French New Wave and Hollywood influences, the action movies produced by Nikkatsu Studios in the 1960s included yakuza films and jazz-inflected youth pictures, a combination that provided an interesting depiction of postwar Japan. The films of Seijun Suzuki (*Branded to Kill*, *Tokyo Drifter*) are the most widely seen examples of the studio's projects from this era; this four-film series provides a wonderful opportunity to see some of the other most entertaining films from the height of Nikkatsu's "New Action" period. See more information on the [Wexner Center website](#).

22. Dublin Taiko Group workshop on Taiko, the festival drumming of Japan!

Participants will learn about the different taiko in the taiko ensemble, proper stance for playing taiko, and will learn a song to be performed at the end of the workshop for family members and friends. Please see their [FLYER](#) for more details and to register.

23. The Japanese Garden at the Wexner Center, May 23-25, 2008.

Take a magical ride on an incredible Japanese garden carpet. For more than two decades, TPO from Tuscany has distinguished itself as a "visual theater company," and The Children's Cheering Carpet is one of its crowning achievements. Bonsai, stones, water, a Zen garden, and other elements of a Japanese garden appear on the interactive, magic carpet stage. It initially seems like just a big white carpet, but its digital images and sounds respond to the pressure of the feet or body. As the performance begins, a company member tells a story about how the garden was born. Audience members sit around the carpet, and a dancer starts to animate areas of the surface corresponding to five gardens in the original story. Then children in the audience are invited to explore and animate the gardens themselves, experiencing the reconstructed natural environment through their own senses. All week long, visitors will be able to see and investigate the carpet between shows during the Wexner Center's normal gallery hours. Go to the Wexner center [website](#) for more details.

24. Columbus Asian Festival, May 24 and 25, 2008 at Franklin Park Conservatory.

Join all the fun at the Columbus Asian Festival! The event is free and there are many activities for people of all ages. Please go to the website <http://asian-festival.org/index.do> for all the details.

25. "One-day Consulate" for Japanese Nationals in the Columbus area. The deadline to apply for a new/extended passport is April 9, 2008.

The Columbus area "One Day Consulate" for Japanese Nationals will be held on June 11 for renewing passports. But you must apply by April 9, 2008. A copy of your passport must be submitted as part of the application, and you must bring your old passport on June 11 to receive a new passport. The current passport will expire when a new passport is issued. There is a rule which states that a new passport cannot be issued if you plan on going back to Japan between May 5 and June 11, 2008. If you are planning a trip to Japan during those dates, please contact the Detroit Consulate General beforehand. If you would like to renew your passport, please turn in your application to the COJAC office before Wednesday, April 9. For more information, visit: www.cojac.org

26. Shukuhachi lessons at Chinese Martial Arts Institute in Columbus

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

27. New Program, Family Support Program, started at Asian American Community Services (AACS)

Asian American Community Services (AACS) is excited to announce our new program called Family Support Program (FSP). This program helps Asian immigrant families who have experienced any types of violence. FSP assists Asian people in understanding and appropriately utilizing the American social system such as legal/court system, medical system, system of child protective services, and the educational system. For more detailed information, please visit our website at

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<http://aacsohio.org/Servicesen/YouthFamily/FamilySupportProgram>. We are also looking for volunteers who directly work with the people who are suffering the violence. For more information, please visit <http://aacsohio.org/Servicesen/YouthFamily/FamilySupportProgram>.

28. 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 jasco@osu.edu. Please join our volunteer meeting to meet other volunteers and JASCO staff.

29. 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.

30. The Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO) Midwest Newsletter.

The Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO) has released a newsletter highlighting changing economic fundamentals in Japan. Go to the link [JETRO](#) to see the following newsletters:

- Focus Newsletter – Ongoing snapshot of Japan's macroeconomy.
- Going Mobile Japan – Mobile industry topics and highlights from Japan.
- JETRO Spotlight USA – JETRO USA's national e-newsletter.
- Midwest Newsletter – News and updates from JETRO Midwest.
- Show Biz Japan – Japan's entertainment industry.

31. Columbus Council on World Affairs (CCWA) eNews

Checkout the Columbus Council on World Affairs upcoming events and information at [CCWA](#).