

JASCO Pulse eNewsletter – December 14, 2006

Dear JASCO Members and Friends:

The holidays are fast approaching, so we want to wish you and yours a happy holiday season and a prosperous, healthy new year. As many of you know, 2007 will mark the 10th anniversary of our organization, so join us for a year of great events and new, member-only benefits by renewing your membership and helping us to continue our success!

Our office will be closed December 16 through January 2 in observance of the holiday season. See you next year!

- JASCO Staff

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1. Local Cultural Event: *Ukiyo-e* – Japanese Woodblock Prints at Frank Museum of Art, Otterbein College, 39 South Vine Street, Westerville – January 3 through March 9

The art of *ukiyo-e* ("pictures of the floating world") originated in the metropolitan culture of Edo (Tokyo) during the period of Japanese history, when the political and military power was in the hands of the shoguns, and the country was virtually isolated from the rest of the world. It is an art closely connected with the pleasures of theatres, restaurants, teahouses, geisha and courtesans in the even then very large city. View original prints from such famous *ukiyo-e* artists as Hokusai, Hiroshige, Kuniyoshi and Utamaro at the Frank Museum of Art on Otterbein College’s campus during this exhibition. The exhibition runs from January 3 through March 9. For more information, please visit [http://calendar.otterbein.edu:88/event_view.asp?EID=346&ID=1&cTYPE=1&month=1&year=2007&cate=.](http://calendar.otterbein.edu:88/event_view.asp?EID=346&ID=1&cTYPE=1&month=1&year=2007&cate=)

2. JASCO Movie Night: “The Life and Films of Kenji Mizoguchi” Lecture and Double Feature at the Wexner Center for the Arts, 1871 North High Street – Thursday, January 11, 2006, 6:00 P.M.

Join us for an evening of classic Japanese film. The Wexner Center for the Arts is offering JASCO members a discounted rate for the double feature on Thursday, January 11, 2007. First, hear Dr. Richard

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Torrance of The Ohio State University speak on Mizoguchi's career and then view two of Mizoguchi's works in a double feature showing of "Ugetsu" and "Sisters of Gion." Please RSVP to attend the film by calling 614-292-4002 or e-mailing jasco@osu.edu. We will need your e-mail address to send you the discount ticket. For more information, please visit http://jasco.osu.edu/events/2007/Mizoguchi_Flyer_011107.pdf.

3. Film Series: Kenji Mizoguchi at the Wexner Center for the Arts, 1871 North High Street, Columbus – Thursday, January 13 – Saturday, January 27

Hailed as one of the greatest Japanese filmmakers, Kenji Mizoguchi produced more than 85 films during his career, many of which were filmed during the silent era and no longer survive. The Wexner Center for the Arts will show six of his films over a two-week period in January, including "Ugetsu," "Sisters of Gion," "Sansho the Bailiff," "Street of Shame," "The Life of Oharu," and "Story of the Last Chrysanthemums." For a complete schedule of showings, please visit <http://www.wexarts.org>.

4. JASCO 8th Annual Japanese Language Speech Contest at Hagerty Hall, The Ohio State University – Saturday, March 3, 10:00 A.M.

Come and support high school and university students as they show off their Japanese-language speaking prowess! Students from across Ohio will compete for their chance to win fabulous prizes and bragging rights as this year's champion. The event is free and open to the public. More information will be available soon, but mark your calendars now.

5. JASCO's 10th Anniversary Party at the offices of Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease, 52 Gay Street – Wednesday, March 14 – 6:00 P.M.

Mark your calendars now for this celebration of our ten years in Central Ohio! This member-only invitation event is sure to be a memorable event, so make sure you renew your membership for 2007 to receive your invite! More information and official invitations will be sent out later this year.

6. Local Cultural Event: "Kabuki Sleeping Beauty" Play at Van Fleet Theater – March 16-18, 23-25

Combining theatrical techniques of Japan with the traditional Western fairytale story, this award-winning play takes a story children know to help illuminate a style of theatre they are likely not familiar with. For more information and ticket prices, please visit <http://www.davisprograms.com>.

7. JASCO Golf Outing at Golf Club of Dublin – Tuesday, May 22, 11:30 A.M.

Mark your calendars now and join us for a day of golf, networking and fun to support JASCO's ongoing educational and cultural programming for the Central Ohio community. More information will be available soon, so check our website for details.

8. Local Cultural Event: 27th Ohio Regional Bonsai Show at Dawes Arboretum in Newark – Friday and Saturday, June 9-10

Experience the art of bonsai and view more than 100 bonsai specimens at this annual show. For more information, please visit the Arboretum's site at <http://www.dawesarb.org/events/special-events-public.asp>.

9. JASCO celebrates 10th anniversary in 2007; 2007 membership renewal drive underway

In just a few weeks, JASCO will enter its tenth year of existence in Central Ohio. Celebrating our tenth anniversary is a milestone achievement in our mission to bring the Japanese and American communities together in friendship and cooperation. Since our founding in 1997, our membership has grown considerably, now providing more than 70 corporations and 400 members with annual programs that

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serve their business, cultural, educational and social needs. As we reflect on the successes of the last ten years, we gratefully acknowledge that none of this would have been possible without the continued generosity of our members. Your annual support provides us with the funding to offer a wide-ranging list of events, programs and services each year. We hope that you'll join us in celebrating our tenth anniversary next year by renewing your corporate or individual/family memberships for 2007. Watch your mailboxes for your invoices, or visit our website at <http://jasco.osu.edu/memship.html> to download a membership form. Our office can now accept credit cards (Visa, Mastercard, American Express and Discover) to make renewing your membership even easier! Here's to ten successful years!

10. Application available for JASCO's 8th Annual Japanese Language Speech Contest (Saturday, March 3, 2007): deadline February 7, 2007

The JASCO Japanese Language Speech Contest is an annual competition designed to showcase and challenge the Japanese-language speaking and comprehension skills of high school and university students throughout Ohio. The contest is open to high school and university students in Ohio who have not lived in Japan for more than six months or who do not come from homes where Japanese is spoken regularly. Speeches are three minutes in length and can cover any topic. Applicants must submit a standard-sized cassette recording of their speech along with an original, handwritten version of the speech and one photocopy by Wednesday, February 7, 2007. Submissions for each category (high school and university) will be reviewed by a panel of Japanese-speaking individuals, and finalists will be chosen to compete in the contest on Saturday, March 3, 2007, on The Ohio State University campus. Prizes are awarded to first-, second- and third-place winners in both categories. For more information and application materials, please visit <http://jasco.osu.edu/events/2007/2007SpeechContestFlyer.pdf> or contact JASCO at 614-292-4002 or jasco@osu.edu.

11. Application available for Youth for Understanding USA (YFA USA) scholarships to Japan through Japan-US Mutual Understanding Program (JUMP); deadline February 13, 2007

YFU USA is currently accepting applications for full-year scholarships to Japan. The Japan-US Mutual Understanding Program for the 21st Century (JUMP) offers 25 high school students the opportunity to spend an academic year in Japan. Sponsored by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Japan, JUMP commemorates the 50th anniversary of the signing of the San Francisco Peace Treaty. The government of Japan hopes to create a mutual understanding between the U.S. and Japan through youth exchanges like JUMP. Applicants must be U.S. citizens, sophomores or juniors at the time of application and must have birthdates between 12/1/88 and 1/15/92. Applicants must also have academic grade point averages of 3.0 or above on a 4.0 scale. Prior language skills in Japanese are not required; however, applicants must have strong interests in Japanese culture and language. JUMP recipients are required to depart for Japan in early March 2007 and return to the U.S. in January 2008. JUMP recipients must pay a \$600 tuition contribution; the rest of the tuition is covered by the JUMP scholarship. Personal expenses for passports, visas and spending money are not included. The deadline to apply is February 13, 2007. For more information about this program or to download the application booklet, please visit <http://www.yfu-usa.org>.

12. New job opportunities posted on IJS website

New jobs have been added to the website, so check them out if you're looking for a new opportunity!
<http://japan.osu.edu/jobs.php>

If you know of any Japan-related programs that may be of interest to JASCO members, please send the information to jasco@osu.edu to be included in an upcoming JASCO Pulse and added to our calendar. Also, please forward this message onto others who may be interested in its contents.

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