

JASCO Pulse eNewsletter – December 19, 2007

Dear JASCO Members and Friends:

Don't miss out on upcoming events in the community and around the world in this issue of the JASCO PULSE!

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1. [An Evening of Classical Music and Reception with Junichi Hirokami and the Columbus Symphony. January 12, 2008. Reception at 6:00pm, concert at 8:00pm.](#)
2. [Beginner Japanese Language Class January 9 – February 27, 2008 on the OSU campus.](#)
3. [JASCO's 9th annual Japanese Speech Contest, March 1, 2008 on The Ohio State University Campus](#)

Other Event

4. [Japanimania – January 19, 2008, 4:00 -6:00pm at Northwest Library. Registration required \(807-2656\)](#)
5. [Art on a String – March 3, 2008 to April 11, 2008 at Capital University Schumacher Gallery.](#)
6. [The Hand of Toshiko Takaezu – September 23, 2007 through January 1, 2008](#)

Job opportunities (goes directly to website – <http://japan.osu.edu>)

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News and Announcements

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1. An Evening of Classical Music and Reception with Junichi Hirokami and the Columbus Symphony. **Deadline to purchase tickets is December 28th.**

Please join us for an evening of extraordinary music conducted by Japanese Maestro Junichi Hirokami with a special reception before the concert. Please see all the detail in English at [English concert flyer](#) and all the details in Japanese at [Japanese concert flyer](#).

2. Japanese language class offered for beginners, January 9- February 27, 2008. **Deadline to register is Friday December 19, 2007.**

A beginner's level Japanese language class is being offered by JASCO. You do not need to be a member of JASCO to join the class. This class is designed for beginners with no Japanese language skills and those wanting to brush up on their basic skills. The class will meet on Wednesdays for 8 weeks from 6:30-8pm at 109 Oxley Hall on the OSU campus (1712 Neil Ave. at 12th). Please see all the details at the follow the link [Japanese Language class](#). Please call Noriyuki Ito at 292-4002 with any questions you may have.

3. 9th Annual JASCO Japanese Language Speech Contest

Wild about the Japanese Language or just enjoy a good challenge? The Japanese Language Speech Contest is the place for you to be! Meet others who are learning Japanese and who are interested in Japan! Win great prizes! Categories for both high school and college students. See [FLYER](#) for all the details and an application **Deadline is January 30, 2008**

4. Japanimania – January 19, 2008 at Northwest Library

Head to the library for Japanimania! Break out your kimono and join us as we celebrate Japanese culture through crafts, candy and more! Lots of activities are planned including making candy sushi, origami, and more. Program runs from 4:00 – 6:00pm. Space is limited so register today! Call 807-2656 to register.

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5. 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. **Opening Reception: Friday, March 7, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.**

(Please Note: The gallery is closed March 20 - 24 for Easter.) M-Sat 1pm-5pm

6. The Hand of Toshiko Takaezu

This exhibition features the work of one of America's greatest living artist's and is made possible by her remarkable generosity. In 2006, Toshiko Takaezu (1922-) donated 14 ceramics from her personal collection to the Zanesville Art Center. The Art Center had purchased three works from the artist in 1963, while she was still head of the Ceramics Department at the Cleveland institute of Art. The exhibition will also include a fine selection of pieces from the collection of Ron Wetherell.

7. Shakuhachi lessons at Chinese Martial Arts Institute in Columbus

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

8. 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.

9. 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.

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

The Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO) has released a newsletter highlighting changing economic fundamentals in Japan. The latest installment can be viewed at [JETRO October, 2007](#) or go to the homepage at [JETRO](#).

11. Columbus Council on World Affairs (CCWA) eNews

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