

You're beautiful ~ *Bijin-ga* from Fukuda Collection

Female beauty has been a perennial subject of art from the earliest times. Japanese artists evolved a distinctive way of exploring the inner and outward beauty of women in a genre known as *bijin-ga*, literally beautiful-woman painting. Some artists used celebrated beauties as their models. Others depicted figures from legend, stories, and drama, and some left lingering evidence of past encounters with beauty they could not forget. The artists' diverse ideas, and ways of expressing them, exert a lasting fascination. Each work seems to be fired by the desire of the artist to say to the subject, "You're beautiful."



Works on show in the first venue, Saga Arashiyama Museum of Art and Culture, trace the roots of *bijin-ga* in *ukiyo-e* portrayals of women. Here you can see paintings by Utagawa Hiroshige and Hokusai and other noted *ukiyo-e* artists. To these are added paintings of beauties by artists who were active in Kyoto in the early modern period. Each incidentally documents the hairstyles, textiles, and mode of dress that were current at the time of painting. Arranged to show how *bijin-ga* evolved from *ukiyo-e*, the exhibition includes masterful works from the 19th and 20th centuries that illustrate the changing ways artists viewed women.

Exhibition Overview

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April 19 (Fri.) 2024 to July 1 (Mon.), 2024

Dates 1st Period: April 19 (Fri.) to May 27 (Mon.) 2024

2nd Period: May 29 (Wed.) to July 1 (Mon.) 2024

Opening
hours 10:00 am – 5:00 pm (last entry 4:30 pm)

Closed May 28 (Tue.) for exchanging exhibits
June 18 (Tue.) for facility inspections

General / University student: ¥1000 (¥900)

High school student: ¥600 (¥500)

Elementary / Junior high school student: ¥400 (¥350)

Entry fee Disabled person and up to one helper: ¥600 (¥500)

* Prices in parentheses are for groups of 20 or more

* Free for preschool children

<Combo ticket with the Fukuda Art Museum>

General / University student: ¥2,300

High school student: ¥1,300

Elementary / Junior high school student: ¥750

Disabled person and up to one helper: ¥1,300

Organizers Saga Arashiyama Museum of Arts & Culture

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