

Kyoto City KYOCERA Museum of Art Reopens in Spring, 2020

Introducing Renewal Project and Inaugural Exhibition Programs



Kyoto City KYOCERA Museum of Art, formerly known by Kyoto Municipal Museum of Art is pleased to introduce the details of the renewal project and inaugural exhibition programs.

Founded in 1933, the Kyoto Municipal Museum of Art is known as Japan's oldest public art museum housed in its original building, and its classical visage has been highly appreciated for 85 years.

In 2017, naming rights were offered to promote the renewal project and Kyocera Corporation concludes a 5 billion JPY 50 year naming rights contract. In proceeding the redevelopment project, the museum has adopted the innovative plan co-designed by two leading Japanese architects: Aoki Jun and Nishizawa Tezzo among open call proposals. It has sought to address issues related to the structure of the Main Building dating from 1933 and to be a venue meeting all requirements to function as a museum in contemporary society while preserving historical architecture. Later in April 2019, the architect Aoki Jun was appointed as director of the museum.

The New building is currently under construction and scheduled to reopen in Spring 2020 after three-year absence. It will add on several new spaces such as KYOCERA Square, a sloped open space where visitors gather and interact; Higashiyama Cube, a gallery

dedicated to showcase various forms of contemporary art; The Triangle, a space for emerging artists and new galleries in the South Wing of the Main Building which is a space for the permanent collection that highlights Kyoto's four seasons.

[Inaugural Exhibition Programs]

Taking full advantage of the features and functions of these spaces, the Museum will introduce a full range of modern to contemporary art genres to enhance Kyoto's special culture of nurturing both tradition and innovation.

250 Years of Kyoto Art Masterpieces - Mar. 21 (Sat) – Dec. 6 (Sun), 2020

HIROSHI SUGIMOTO - POST VITAM - Mar. 21 (Sat) – Jun. 14 (Sun), 2020

THE Doraemon Exhibition KYOTO 2020 - Jul. 4 (Sat) – Aug. 30 (Sun), 2020

ANDY WARHOL KYOTO - Sep. 19 (Sat), 2020 – Jan. 3 (Sun), 2021

Heisei Art 1989 – 2019 (provisional title) - Jan. 23 (Sat) – Apr. 11 (Sun), 2021

[Pre-Opening Events]

The Celebrating Colors! pre-opening events featuring internationally active artists will be presented in advance of the March 21, 2020 official opening of Kyoto City KYOCERA Museum of Art. These are intended to offer experiences to enjoy different types of art and color. We expect the events to build anticipation as people 'find their own color' and feel a part in the Museum's renewal.

Pre-Opening Events: Celebrating Colors!

1. Kito Kengo installations
ghost flowers - Dec. 21 (Sat) – May 31 (Sun), 2020 (tentative)
untitled (hula-hoop) - Mar. 21 (Sat) – May 31 (Sun), 2020 (tentative)
2. KYOCERA Square Winter Concert - Dec. 21 (Sat), 2019
3. Main Building Illumination by Takahashi Kyota - Starting on Dec. 21 (Sat), 2019 –

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