

Kimono upcycling textile art exhibition in Shibuya

Showcasing upcycled kimono artworks

sequence MIYASHITA PARK: March 20 (Fri, National Holiday) – April 19 (Sun), 2026

bonobo LLC will hold an exhibition introducing textile art works created by repurposing kimono at the hotel “sequence MIYASHITA PARK” in Shibuya, Tokyo, from March 20 (Fri, National Holiday), 2026 to April 19 (Sun), 2026.



This exhibition features artworks created by Lena Okamoto, a textile artist from the kimono upcycling art project “ikasu” at bonobo LLC, with sequence MIYASHITA PARK providing the venue.



Sharing a new expression of Japanese culture from Shibuya

This exhibition offers a space where visitors can casually experience kimono textiles, a new expression of Japanese culture.

We showcase the appeal of “Kimono Textile Art,” which updates Japanese tradition with a contemporary sensibility, broadcasting it from the heart of Shibuya to the world.

ikasu's upcycled art: Breathing new value and stories into retired kimonos

In many Japanese households, numerous kimono and obi that have fulfilled their roles lie unused. However, due to fewer opportunities to wear them and the difficulty of storage, they are often discarded rather than passed down to the next generation.

ikasu utilizes these antique kimonos and obi, and furniture as materials. Respecting the history and memories held within each piece, we reconstruct them into contemporary textile art. By enhancing the inherent beauty of the materials and elevating them into works that complement modern spaces, we connect Japanese culture and stories to the future.



Another key characteristic is the pursuit of “all-upcycling,” fully utilizing materials without waste—for example, using antique paulownia wood chests (kiri tansu) as framing materials, in addition to kimono and obi.

Event Overview

- Dates: March 20 (Fri, National Holiday) – April 19 (Sun), 2026
- Venue: sequence MIYASHITA PARK (4F hotel lobby and the café & bar “VALLEY PARK STAND”)
- Admission: Free

Artist Profile ~Lena Okamoto~

Lena Okamoto is a leading figure who breathes new life into kimono that have served their role, reviving their history, patterns, and even the sentiments of their owners as art, and delivering the beauty of Japanese culture and sustainability to the world

~Artist details available here~

<https://www.kimono-ikasu.com/pages/our-philosophy>

~Artworks available here~

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About sequence MIYASHITA PARK

A hotel born inside Shibuya’s new landmark “MIYASHITA PARK,” about a 3-minute walk from Shibuya Station (Tokyo Metro) B1 Exit. Featuring an open design integrated with an urban park, it offers a stay that lets guests feel greenery and a sense of spaciousness despite being in the center of Shibuya. “VALLEY PARK STAND,” connecting the park and the hotel, serves as a café, a lounge, and a new starting point in Shibuya.

- Address: MIYASHITA PARK North, 6-20-10 Jingumae, Shibuya-ku, Tokyo
- Official website: <https://www.sequencehotels.com/>



ikasu Exhibition & Awards

- Oct 2024: Exhibited at five Takashimaya stores (Kyoto, Osaka, Nihonbashi, Shinjuku, Yokohama)
- Feb 2024: Honorable Mention, 5th All Japan Art Open Call Exhibition
- Mar 2024: Tokyo Metropolitan Bureau of Industrial and Labor Affairs Director's Award, Japan Handmade of the Year 2024
- Apr 2024: Mr. & Mrs. Abe Arts & Culture Prize
- May 2024: Exhibited at World Art Dubai
- Apr 2025: Exhibited at World Art Dubai

Numerous other exhibitions domestically and internationally. Details here

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