Bi-Weekly Newsletter: Upcoming Japan Events

September 30th - October 13th, 2019

Now open for Registration:
10/9 October Language Exchange
10/17 Book Talk: Pico Iyer
11/8 Kocarina Concert
Register Now!

Meet our new Operations Manager, Danielle Archer!
Danielle has studied Japanese language and culture for more than 10 years. She holds a B.A. in East Asian Studies and did a Fulbright Fellowship at Kyushu University in Fukuoka, Japan. Come say hi to her at our next event!

We are now on Instagram!
The Japan Society of Boston is catching up! Follow us on Instagram at jsb1904 to stay in the JSB loop!

Follow us on Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn and Instagram!

Please scroll to the bottom of our newsletter for more Japan related community events!

Japan Society of Boston Events

Oct Japanese/English Language Exchange

Thursday, October 9th, 2019 from 6:00 - 8:00pm
CIC Boston, Meridian Room, 5th Floor
50 Milk Street, Boston, MA 02109
Now free for all!

Join us and celebrate the Halloween season with conversations about scary stories. We will spend half the time speaking Japanese and half speaking English. Bring your ghost stories and have fun learning Japanese with KAIDAN!

Register Here

BOOK TALK: PICO IYER

A Beginner's Guide to Japan: Observations and Provocations and Autumn Light: Season of Fire and Farewells

Thursday, October 17, 2019 at 7:00 PM
Harvard Book Store, 1256 Mass Ave, Cambridge, MA 02138

Join us at the Harvard Book Store as we welcome Pico Iyer, "globe-trotting journalist, memoirist and travel writer extraordinaire" for a discussion of his two newest books, A Beginner's Guide to Japan: Observations and Provocations and Autumn Light: Season of Fire and Farewells. Following Pico Iyer's presentation, there will be a Q&A session, followed by a book signing.

To learn more, please visit here.

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JAPAN SOCIETY OF BOSTON BOOK CLUB

The Lady and the monk: Four Seasons in Kyoto by Pico Iyer

Tuesday, October 29, 2019 from 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
50 Milk Street, "Homer" on the 18th floor, Boston, MA
Do you love Japanese literature? The JSB Book Club will be meeting to discuss *The Lady and the monk: Four Seasons in Kyoto* by Pico Iyer. The purpose of the JSB Book Club is to strengthen the Boston community of Japan enthusiasts by coming together to discuss Japanese literature.

This is a member only event
To learn more, please visit the [JSB website](#).

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**Allure of the Shamisen**

*with Janet Pocorobba, Lesley University*

**Wednesday, October 30, 2019 at 6:00pm**

3rd Floor, Mosaic, 245 Main Street, Cambridge, MA

JSB Members $5 per person | $10 General Admission

Join us for an insightful discussion about the history and features of the shamisen with Janet Pocorobba, author of *The Fourth String: A Memoir of Sensei and Me*.

Janet Pocorobba's involvement with Japan stretches back more than twenty years. She has studied shamisen, the three drums of the kabuki orchestra (ko-tsuzumi, o-tsuzumi, and shimedaiko), and Japanese dance. She has performed in concert halls, schools, museums, culture fairs, backyards, and in the home of the Consul-General of Japan in Boston. In 2009, she created and toured, "17 Views of a Shamisen," a spoken word and music performance relating the paradoxes and angst of cross-cultural living.

[Register Here](#)

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**Kocarina Charity**
Concert
Kurotaro Kurosaka and Japan Kocarina Ensemble

Friday, November 8th, 7:00pm
New England Conservatory of Music Plimpton Shattuck Black Box Theatre
255 St. Botolph st. Boston, Ma 02115

Free Admission/Registration Required

Japan's leading Kocarina pioneer, Kurotaro Kurosaka, will bring his musical talents to grace the ears of Bostonians with his Kocarina charity concert. Admission is free and the event is being held in hopes to bring greater awareness of the tragedy and loss of all those affected by the 2011 Tohoku earthquake and ensuing tsunami and Fukushima nuclear power plant disaster. All donations will be forwarded to the families and individuals still in the recovery process.

This event is brought to you in collaboration with the Japanese Association of Greater Boston and the Consulate-General of Japan in Boston.

Register Here

Other Japan Events Around Boston

Wegmans Sushi Fest

Friday and Saturday 10/18-10/19, 11am - 7pm

Yayoi Kusama: LOVE IS CALLING


Experience the excitement of Japan’s famed Fukuoka Fish Market at Wegmans! Unique, in season fish flown directly from Fukuoka Seafood Market! Come find Aji, Masaba, Kisu, Kamasu, Ebodai, Kasago, Kinmedai, Shiroika, Kobudai, Sawara, Isaki, Aohata, Itoyori, Ishidai, Akamutsu, Madai, Kawahagi, Houbou, Ishimochi, Hamachi, Hon Maguro, and others, all in ONE place!

Fish, not your thing? No problem. You’ll find A5 Wagyu beef, Japanese Sake, Whiskey and many other Japanese products.

Stop in for the "Maguro no Kaitai" show (whole tuna portioning) at 1pm, Saturday 10/8.

The Institute of Contemporary Art
25 Harbor Shore Drive
Boston MA 02210

An icon of contemporary art, Yayoi Kusama (b. 1929, Matsumoto, Japan) has interwoven ideas of pop art, minimalism, and psychedelia throughout her work in paintings, performances, room-size presentations, outdoor sculptural installations, literary works, films, design, and architectural interventions over her long and influential career.

LOVE IS CALLING will be accompanied by a focused presentation drawn from the ICA’s collection titled Beyond Infinity: Contemporary Art After Kusama that will offer insight into Kusama’s influences and her important legacy on contemporary art.

Public Taiko Workshop for Beginners

Saturday, October 26th
6:00 - 8:00pm

Brookline Ballet School
1431 Beacon St
Brookline, MA 02446

Bring a friend or bring a group of friends! Designed as an engaging social activity, this one time workshop will focus on learning some of the basics of taiko drumming and having fun! We’ll give some

Free Film Screening: Shoplifters
Directed by Hirokazu Kore-Eda

Tuesday, October 8, 2019
7:00pm

Carling-Sorenson Theater
231 Forest Street
Wellesley, MA 02457
Sorenson Center for the Arts
background on the art form, tell you a little about the instruments, get you warmed up with some stretches, give an overview on how to stand and hold your bachi (drum sticks), then teach you some basic patterns to a song!

Price to join in is $30 per ticket

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Free and open to the public. Registration strongly recommended.

Awarded the prize for best film at the 2018 Cannes Film Festival, Shoplifters tells the story of a poor Japanese family who ekes out a living by resorting to petty crime. One day they find an abandoned child and take her into their ramshackle, already crowded home. With humor and empathy Shoplifters reveals itself to be not just a family saga but also a harrowing indictment of society, a poignant examination of the nature of love, and a celebration of the ties that bind.

Co-presented by the Global Film Series and the Arts and Humanities Division.

Tufts Sunday Concert Series: Japanese Traditional & More

Sunday, October 13th
3:00 - 5:00pm

Distler Performance Hall, Granoff Music Center
20 Talbot Ave, Medford, MA 02155

Japanese jazz and classical chamber music with koto, shamisen, and shakuhachi. Featuring Sumie Kaneko, Ralph Samuelson, and Ayakano Cathleen Read.

Free; no tickets required

Goro: Expression in Five Forms

Opening Reception November 2nd, 3-5pm
Artist Talk November 3rd at 2pm
November 2 – 26, 2019
Lacoste/Keane Gallery
25 Main St Concord MA 01742

Suzuki Goro is an important and colorful artist from Japan. For over 50 years, his extraordinary craftsmanship and free spirit has led him to amass an engaging body of work that joins tradition and innovation. Even from the young age of 16, Goro showed an unusual talent for ceramic arts. This will be his first solo exhibition in the Boston area.