
NEWS & EVENTS > London | Souzou : Outsider Art from Japan | exhibition

FROM - TO
28 MAR 2013 - 30 JUN 2013

London | Souzou : Outsider Art from Japan | exhibition





The Wellcome Collection in London presents more than 300 works for the first major display of Japanese Outsider Art in the UK. The 46 artists represented in the Souzou show are residents and day attendees at social welfare institutions across Japan. The wonderfully diverse collection comprises ceramics, textiles, paintings, sculpture and drawings.

'Souzou' has no direct translation in English but a dual meaning in Japanese: written one way, it means creation, and in another it means imagination. Both meanings allude to a force by which new ideas are born and take shape in the world.

The exhibition has been organised in association with Het Dolhuys, the Museum of Psychiatry in Haarlem (the Netherlands) and the Social Welfare Organisation Aiseikai (Tokyo). It reflects the growing acclaim for Outsider Art – often defined as works made by self-taught artists perceived to be at the margins of society – while questioning assumptions about the category itself.

Eschewing a purely biographical approach, the show will be object-led, with a startling array of works offering singular and affecting explorations of culture, memory and creativity. A series of documentary films featuring a selection of the exhibiting artists will play at the end of the exhibition.

Image: Untitled by Shinichi Sawada; 2006-10, clay, natural glaze; private collection [[view full image](#)]

SIMILAR CONTENT

DEADLINE
11 AUG 2017



OPEN CALLS
INTERNATIONAL MALAYSIA SINGAPORE

DEADLINE
09 DEC 2013



RESIDENCIES
INTERNATIONAL JAPAN

FROM - TO
29 SEP 2018 - 10 DEC 2018

Oceania exhibition opens in London



FROM - TO
05 AUG 2017 - 05 NOV 2017

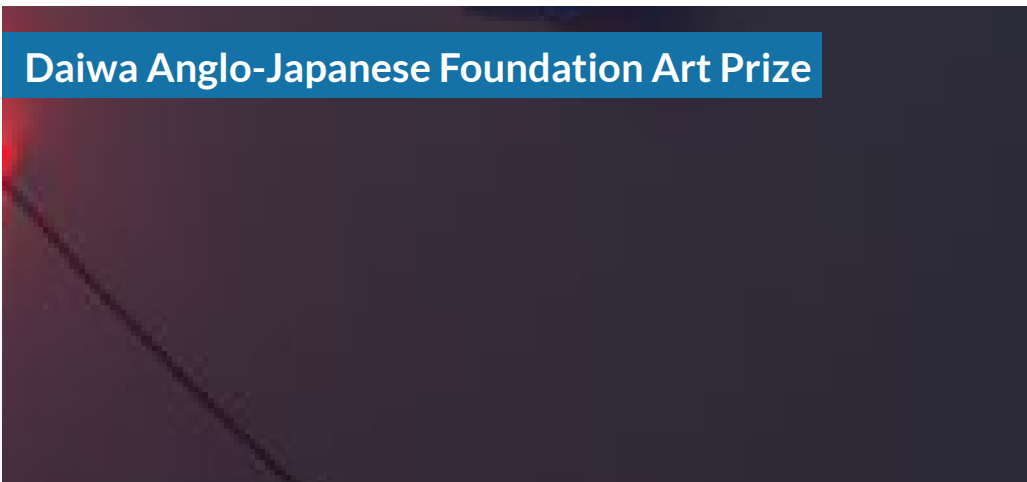
Kanazawa | Everyday Life - Danish design exhibition



EVENTS
DENMARK JAPAN

DEADLINE
30 SEP 2014

Daiwa Anglo-Japanese Foundation Art Prize



OPEN CALLS
JAPAN UNITED KINGDOM

FROM - TO

17 DEC 2015 - 02 FEB 2016

Fukuoka | Korean and Japanese artists exhibitions



EVENTS

JAPAN KOREA

WEBSITE

[HTTP://WWW.WELLCOMECOLLECTION.ORG/WHATS-ON/EXHIBITIONS/JAPANESE-OUTSIDER-ART.ASPX](http://www.welcomollection.org/whats-on/exhibitions/japanese-outsider-art.aspx)

COUNTRIES

JAPAN NETHERLANDS UNITED KINGDOM

THEME

ARTS EDUCATION

DISCIPLINES

CRAFT VISUAL ARTS

ABOUT ASEF CULTURE360

culture360.asef.org brings Asia and Europe closer by providing information, facilitating dialogue and stimulating reflection on the arts and culture of the two regions.

MORE ABOUT ASEF CULTURE360 | [FAQ](#) | [f](#) [X](#) [@](#)

This website was created and maintained with the financial support of the European Union. Its contents are the sole responsibility of the Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF) and do not necessarily reflect the views of the European Union.



About us
Team
Partners
FAQ
Brand guidelines
How to partner with us
Contact us
#ASEFCulture