

Collections: Winter 2011/12

The Museum of Modern Art, Wakayama, whose predecessor was the Wakayama Prefectural Museum (founded in 1963), inaugurated in the building of Kenmin Bunka Kaikan (the Cultural Hall for Citizens) in November 1970, and started its activities anew at the current building designed by the architecture KUROKAWA Kisho in 1994.

It mainly focuses on introducing artists related to Wakayama, and now holds more than 10,000-piece collection from home and abroad. The exhibits at Collection Galleries are changed seasonally with various featured corners.

Collections: Winter 2011/12 has three sections: at the first section *Artists from Wakayama and Japanese Modern*, JINNAKA Itoko, TATEHATA Taimu, TANAKA Kyokichi, KAWAGUCHI Kigai and MURAI Masanari will be featured along with the most renowned Japanese artists of the same period, like KISHIDA Ryusei and SAEKI Yuzo. The second section, *NODA Hiroji's Painting*, showcases the artist from Gobo, Wakayama, on the sidelines of the solo show which begins in January at the National Art Center, Tokyo. The artist's original and unique sense on shape and form will be seen from folded canvases or modified bases.

At the last section, *Western Art in the 20th Century*, diverse expressions which made up the art of the 20th century will be shown with the works by artists like Pablo PICASSO, Georges BRAQUE, Joan MIRO and others who were active around Paris since before the wars, and also ones participated in postwar America and widely in Europe such as Mark ROTHKO, George SEGAL and CHRISTO.

In addition, you will be able to enjoy our fulfilling and fascinating collections with two larger featured corners, *HIDAKA Shokoku: the 130th Birth Anniversary* and *Artists around YOSHIHARA Hideo*. (See each press release for detailed information)

- The Museum of Modern Art, Wakayama, the 1st floor
- December 20, 2011 - February 19, 2012
- Open 9:30 to 17:00
- Closed on Monday and the year-end and new year holidays (December 29 to January 3), except for January 9 (closed on January 10, instead)

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