

Collections: Winter 2012/2013

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. There it continued its activities for 23 years and started anew at the current building designed by the architect KUROKAWA Kisho in 1994. 2013 marks 50 years since the inauguration as the prefectural museum, 43 years since specializing in modern art, and 19 years since re-launching as a fully equipped museum in international scale.

Our predominant feature is the richness of the collections of over 10,000 works, which were expanded to Kansai-district, to the whole of Japan and to overseas, with artists related to Wakayama at the core.

In the exhibits at Collection Galleries are changed seasonally with various featured corners, in order visitors to enjoy wide range of artistic expression.

This season, the show begins from the section *Artists from Wakayama and Japanese Modern*, introducing artists such as JINNAKA Itoko, NONAGASE Banka, ONCHI Koshiro, TANAKA Kyokichi, KINOSHITA Takanori, HAZAMA Inosuke, ISHIGAKI Eitaro, MURAI Masanari and HIEDA Kazuho. Along with these native artists of Wakayama, you will also see footmarks by their coeval representatives of Japanese Modern like SAEKI Yuzo.

Followingly, the corner of *KASAGI Minoru and Artists of Japanese Etchers Society* comes. KASAGI Minoru (1920-) learned the techniques of etching at Japanese Etchers Society at the youngest, 15 years old. In tribute to the donation by the artist last year, we introduce KASAGI himself and artists related to the society.

At the last corner, *tracing the Brushstrokes*, we would like to follow signs of artists' hand, taking a fresh look at works without boundaries of time, place or categories. That would be a great opportunity to dig into the meaning of expression.

About 100 works will be on view.

[General Information]

- Collections: Winter 2012/2013
- The Museum of Modern Art, Wakayama
- December 4, 2012 (Tue.) - February 24, 2013 (Sun.)
- Open 9:30 to 17:00
- Closed on Monday, except for December 24, January 14 and February 11 (closed on December 25, January 15 and February 12, instead), and New Year's Holiday (December 29 - January 3)
- 340 (270) yen for adults, 230 (180) for college students, free of charge under 18, over 65, disabled, and foreign students studying in Wakayama. Prices in brackets indicate group rate.

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