



▲ OKAMOTO Shinsou, *Rouge*, 1918

This year marks the 100th anniversary of the founding of the *Kokuga Sosaku Kyokai* (National Painting Creation Association) in Kyoto. It was first formed by five Japanese painters, NONAGASE Banka, ONO Chikkyo, TSUCHIDA Bakusen, MURAKAMI Kagaku, and SAKAKIBARA Shiho in 1918 and aimed uninhibited creation that would not be limited by the constraints of existing trends, rules, and values. Their first Manifesto beginning with a line “Art is something born, not produced by mechanism or institution.” shows how much they wanted to be free from convention. Their exhibitions *Kokuten* became a forum for many artists to question their expression with their ambitious paintings, and the association established itself as an innovative artists group.

In this retrospective, visitors are invited to view around 90 works exhibited at the seven *Kokuten* shows, including a piece by MURAKAMI Kagaku's *Kiyohime at the Hidaka River* that has been dubbed Important Cultural Property by the Agency for Cultural Affairs.

# The Kokuga Sosaku Kyokai Celebrating the Centennial of Its Birth

MURAKAMI Kagaku,  
*Kiyohime at the Hidaka River*, 1919 ▼



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#### ▼ General Information

- November 3– December 16, 2018
- Open 9:30 to 17:00
- Closed on Monday

#### ▼ Admission

- Adults: 800 (640) yen. Students: 500 (400) yen. Prices in parentheses for groups of 20 or more.

#### ▼ Admission Free

- Under 18, (High School Pupils), over 65, the disabled, and foreign students studying in Wakayama. / Free entrance for all visitors on November 22 (Anniversary of foundation of Wakayama-prefecture). / Free entrance for college students on November 24 (Every fourth Saturday: Kiyo cultural foundation day).

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