

SAVE THE DATE!

Celebrating 40 Years of Ohara Ikebana in Cleveland

A demonstration will be given by the Ohara School's Headmaster Hiroki Ohara as part of the Northern Ohio Chapter's celebration of 40 years of the Ohara School of Ikebana in Greater Cleveland. We can all witness this most amazing presentation of floral artistry at the Cleveland Museum of Art on September 30, 2022. Even those who are not practitioners of Ikebana will be fascinated and feel the desire to emulate by watching this demonstration. We urge you to consider attending this event at the CMA's Gartner Auditorium to enjoy the beauty of flowers and the magic of nature transformed into art in the hands of none other than Ohara School's Headmaster.

This celebratory event will take place at the museum's Gartner Auditorium at 5 pm. The CMA and its Womens Council are co-sponsoring this demonstration. Assisted by Professor Nishi, Headmaster will present a variety of floral arrangements spanning Ohara School's variety of styles and featuring the latest creative trends in Ikebana. If you love doing Ohara School Ikebana, you certainly will not want to miss attending this event.

Ohara School Ikebana events at the CMA have become a tradition that started in 1980 with the School's Headmaster Nasuki Ohara, the father of our current Headmaster. Nine years later, Ohara Professor Katsuhiko Kudo gave another demonstration at the CMA which became the impetus for the start of the Flower Fund Endowment for the Womens Council. In 2012, Ohara Professors Morishita and Nishi visited the CMA for a third Ikebana demonstration. Like the previous two, this presentation again attracted large public audiences that normally do not attend museum events. This Fall, traveling directly from Japan to Cleveland, Headmaster Hiroki Ohara will illuminate the stage of Gartner Auditorium yet again with Ohara School Ikebana by giving a fourth demonstration of this art at the CMA.

The Cleveland Museum of Art has a rich collection of Japanese art, curated by Sinéad Vilbar. In honor of Headmaster Ohara's visit to Cleveland and in observance of our Chapter's 40th Anniversary, Vilbar will deliver the lecture *Expression in Flower: Ikebana Interpretations in Japanese Painting*. She will focus on Ikebana's connection to Japan's visual culture. The 4 pm lecture precedes Headmaster's demonstration, which will highlight how Ikebana continues to be recognized as an admired art form today, practiced globally to display nature's beauty in both public and private settings.

General admission tickets will be \$50. In addition, there will be two workshops taught by the Ohara School's Headmaster on September 29th. More specific information will follow over the upcoming months.

We fervently hope you can join us for this very special event!

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