



5th Headmaster Hiroki Ohara



Celebrating 40 Years of Ohara Ikebana in Cleveland

As part of the Ohara School of Ikebana Northern Ohio Chapter's celebration of 40 years of Ohara School Ikebana in the Greater Cleveland area, we are privileged to witness the most amazing September 30, 2022, presentation of floral Art at the Cleveland Museum of Art. Even people who do not necessarily cherish floral design and are not experts in Ikebana will be fascinated and feel the desire to emulate by watching this Demonstration. We urge all students of Ikebana and their guests to consider attending this event to enjoy the beauty of flowers and the magic of nature transformed into Art in the hands of none other than Ohara School's 5th Headmaster Hiroki Ohara.

This celebratory event will occur at the museum's Gartner Auditorium at 5:00 pm. The CMA and its Women's Council are co-sponsoring this Demonstration. Assisted by Professor Nishi, Headmaster will present floral arrangements spanning Ohara School's variety of styles and featuring the latest creative trends in Ikebana. If you love Ikebana, you will not want to miss attending this event.

Ohara School Ikebana demonstrations at the CMA have become a tradition that started in 1980 with the School's Headmaster Natsuki 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 Women's Council. In 2012, Ohara Professors Morishita and Nishi visited the CMA for a third Ikebana Demonstration. This presentation again attracted large public audiences that do not usually attend museum events like the previous two. 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 the fourth Demonstration of this Art at the CMA.

The Cleveland Museum of Art has a rich collection of Japanese Art under the direction of Curator Sinéad Vilbar. She will be assisting with this event and will give an introductory lecture on the roots of Ikebana in the arts at 4:00 pm preceding the Demonstration – you do not want to miss it. The lecture is entitled Expression in Flower: Ikebana Interpretations in Japanese Painting. The CMA is the ideal venue to host Headmaster Hiroki Ohara's visit to Cleveland in observance of our 40th Anniversary. His Demonstration will highlight how Ikebana today is recognized and practiced globally as an admired art form for displaying nature's beauty both in public places and privately.

We very much hope that you can join us for this special event. Admission tickets are \$50 and are on sale now at: <https://engage.clevelandart.org/8321/8322>. Please help us spread the word by forwarding this email to your chapter members.

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