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The World's Best Online Gallery of Japanese Traditional Art "GALLERY JAPAN" Release of "Special Feature on Ishikawa Kōgei " featuring artworks made by 45 artists including Living National Treasures

On September 18, 2025, OpenDoor Inc. (Head Office: Minato-ku Tokyo, CEO: Daisuke Sekine) which operates the world's best Online Gallery of Japanese Traditional Art "GALLERY JAPAN" (https://www.galleryjapan.com/locale/en_US/) in cooperation with the Japan Kōgei Association Ishikawa Branch has released an online "Special Feature on Ishikawa Kōgei".



GALLERY JAPAN "Special Feature on Ishikawa Kōgei " (https://www.galleryjapan.com/locale/en_US/special/ishikawa/)

GALLERY JAPAN introduces approximately 2,000 artists, including Living National Treasures in various fields, and promotes the beauty of Japanese traditional art to the world. In this "Special Feature on Ishikawa Kōgei ", 45 traditional craft artists associated with Ishikawa including 5 Living National Treasures (Holders of Important Intangible Cultural Property), Ryoza Kawagita, Minori Yoshita, Mamoru Nakagawa, Kunie Komori and Kazuo Yamagishi, and their artworks are being introduced. You can see the lacquerware, ceramics, textiles, metalwork, woodwork, dolls etc. made by artists pioneering a new form of beauty by combining their contemporary sensibility with the traditional techniques that have been passed down since the late 16th century. The works featured on the website can be purchased online, and a portion of the sales will be donated through the Japan Kōgei Association to support the recovery of Ishikawa's traditional crafts that suffered damage from the Noto Peninsula earthquake and torrential rain disaster.

About the Japan Kōgei Association

The Japan Kōgei Association is a public interest incorporated association consisted of traditional craft artists, mainly holders of Important Intangible Cultural Property (Living National Treasures), and technical experts etc. Currently, there are approximately 1,200 full members including holders of Important Intangible Cultural Property of traditional crafts. The "Japan Traditional Kōgei Exhibition" which they sponsor together with the Agency for Cultural Affairs, NHK, and Asahi Shimbun, has been held every year since 1954. The Japan Traditional Kōgei Exhibition is an open call exhibition where the techniques and beauty of Japanese traditional crafts are gathered. It is held to preserve and promote Japan's excellent traditional crafts in accordance with the purpose of the Law for the Protection of Cultural Properties. They also organize successors' training sessions lectured by the holders of Important Intangible Cultural Property and keep records etc. to preserve, carry on, and promote the Intangible Cultural Properties (traditional techniques). They are the only organization with no comparable counterpart to make such achievements.

About GALLERY JAPAN

GALLERY JAPAN is one of the largest online gallery in Japan to introduce approximately 2,000 traditional craft artists of various fields including Living National Treasures, and to promote the beauty of Japanese traditional art to the world. Contemporary traditional craft artists who have enhanced the traditional techniques to art and their artworks are featured on the website. Beautiful works of ceramics, textiles, lacquerware, metalwork, wood and bamboo work, dolls, glasswork, cloisonné enamel work, Kirikane cut foil embellishing, hardstone carving, ink stone carving, and Sunagowork, as well as information on the artists such as their art styles and profiles can be seen. The featured artworks are also available for sale.

Artworks Featured in the "Special Feature on Ishikawa Kōgei" (Extract)



Incense Burner with Plum, Chrysanthemum, Orchid, and Bamboo Design in Underglaze Gold
Minori Yoshita (Living National Treasure, Ceramics)



Small Box of Bamboo in Ajiro Weave
Kunie Komori (Living National Treasure, Lacquerware)



Covered Box with Design in Chinkin and Inlay "Fence in Late Autumn"
Kazuo Yamagishi (Living National Treasure, Lacquerware)



Bowl of Jindai Zelkova Wood with Inlay Decoration
Ryozo Kawagita (Living National Treasure, Wood and Bamboo)



Rogin flower vessel with design in inlay "Spring · Sky"
Mamoru Nakagawa (Living National Treasure, Metalwork)



Jar with Light Blue Glaze and Design in Underglaze Silver
Kazuo Nakada (Ceramics)



Box with Arabesque Flower Pattern Design in Chinkin
Seiho Mizushiri (Lacquerware)



Formal Kimono with Design in Yuzen Dyeing "Little Stream"
Hitoshi Maida (Textiles)



Formed with Toso Over Wooden Core and Covered with Japanese Paper "Gojinjo Drummer Boy"
Kazumori Takada (Dolls)

List of Artists

Ceramics

Yoshie Kitahama
Yukiko Kido
Hiroshi Saita
Yukika Shibata
Shoni Tajima
Yukifumi Tada
Yasokichi Tokuda IV
Hiroshi Nakada
Kazuo Nakada
Shigemasa Minami
Masato Yashiki
Yoshiaki Yamada
Yukio Yoshita
Minori Yoshita
Kazu Yoneda

Lacquerware

Fumihiko Arakawa
Kaoru Uchino
Miyako Uchino
Yuji Okado
Kunie Komori
Yasunori Sakamoto
Eishi Shimizu
Tadashi Shimode
Akiko Tsuruta
Soichiro Nakamuro
Kota Mizushiri
Satomi Mizushiri
Seiho Mizushiri
Osamu Mizuyachi
Soshi Muratani
Ikki Moroiike
Kazuo Yamagishi

Textiles

Tomoji Ueda
Rie Sasaki
Mamiko Sudo
Hitoshi Maida
Hitomi Miyakoshi
Ken Yotsui

Metalwork

Tatsuro Shimizu
Mamoru Nakagawa

Wood and Bamboo

Yasunori Kakuma
Hirohiko Kawakita
Ryozo Kawagita
Mikiko Togasaka

Dolls

Kazumori Takada

Artworks of these 45 artists will be introduced in the Special Feature.

About OpenDoor Inc.

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Number of employees: 191 (as of March 2025)

OpenDoor plans and operates Internet content and software development. The company operates and manages the travel comparison site Travelko for both the Japanese and global market, and the Japanese traditional crafts information site Gallery Japan, among others.

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