

Japanese Print Rotation, May 13, 2016-December 4, 2016

Japanese color woodblock prints had a lasting impact on artists working in the United States and Britain during the first half of the twentieth century. The subject matter, composition, and technique of these works inspired some Western artists to travel and study in Japan. Others were influenced through exhibitions, workshops, and teachers that promoted aspects of Japanese art. These educational opportunities were often accessible to women—as is evident by their representation in this display—allowing female printmakers to experiment avidly with technique and subject matter at this time. Their prints are arranged with those of Japanese artists in groups that focus on visual connections and recurring themes. Subjects such as light and night, water, landscape, the seasons, foliage, and flowers served as a starting point for these American and British artists to adapt, experiment with, and pay homage to the originality they saw in Japanese prints.

The exhibition was organized by Nancy Friese, Andrew W. Mellon Museum Faculty Fellow in the Department of Prints, Drawings, and Photographs.

Some of these prints were given to the Museum by Abby Aldrich Rockefeller (1874–1948), a daughter of Rhode Island senator Nelson W. Aldrich and the wife of John D. Rockefeller, Jr. A lifelong supporter of the arts, Mrs. Rockefeller assembled a remarkable collection of Asian woodblock prints. In all, she donated more than 700 Japanese prints to the RISD Museum.

CHECKLIST OF THE EXHIBITION

Edna Boies Hopkins American, 1878-1937 *Purple Daisy,* ca. 1907-1909 Polychrome woodblock print Gift of Edna Boies Hopkins 20.042





Eliza Draper Gardiner American, 1871-1955 *The River*, ca. 1920 Color woodcut on paper Woods-Gerry Gallery transfer 1990.066.8

Katsushika Hokusai Japanese, 1760-1849 Nishimuraya Yohachi, publisher Japanese *Hakone Lake in Sagami Province (Soshu Hakone no kosui)*, from the series *Thirty-six views of Mount Fuji*, ca. 1829-1833 Polychrome woodblock print Gift of Mrs. Gustav Radeke 20.1202





Frances Hammel Gearhart American, 1869-1958 *High Skies*, 1922 Polychrome woodblock print Gift of Scott A. Smith 22.049

Utagawa Hiroshige Japanese, 1797-1858 Uoya Eikichi, publisher Japanese, 19th century *Yabukoji at the foot of Atago (Atagoshita Yabukoji),* from the series *One hundred views of famous places (Meisho Edo hyakkei),* 1857 Polychrome woodblock print Gift of Mrs. Gustav Radeke 20.1292







Elizabeth Keith British, 1887-1956 *Returning From the Funeral,* 1922 Polychrome woodblock print Gift of Mrs. Murray S. Danforth 34.1364







Margaret Jordan Patterson American, 1867-1950 *Torcello*, 1919 Polychrome woodblock print Gift of Mrs Gustav Radeke 22.056

Takenouchi Magohachi, publisher Japanese, late 18th century-mid 19th century Utagawa Hiroshige Japanese, 1797-1858 *Satta Pass, Yui (Yui satta mine),* from the series *The fifty-three stations of the Tokaido (Tōkaidō gojusan tsugi no uchi),* ca. 1833 Polychrome woodblock print Gift of Mrs. John D. Rockefeller, Jr. 41.080.17



Yoshida Hiroshi Japanese, 1876-1950 *Sailboats, Fog (Hansen, kiri),* from the series *Inland Sea (Seto Naikai shu),* 1926 Polychrome woodblock print Gift of the Fazzano Brothers 84.198.857

Lill Tschudi Swiss, 1911-2001 *Sotto Capri,* ca. 1956 Color linocut on paper Gift of Anna Elsa Zopfi 1996.120

Utagawa Kunisada Japanese, 1786-1865 *Cuckoo and Moon (Tsuki ni hototogisu),* 1828 Polychrome woodblock print Gift of Mrs. John D. Rockefeller, Jr. 34.311

Emma Kaan American, 1860 - 1949 Annie Crawford American, 1857-1942 Charles Rohlfs, frame designer American, 1853 - 1936 *Pond Lily #4*, ca. 1904 Hand-colored woodcut on paper Walter H. Kimball Fund 1990.011.1











Emma Kaan American, 1860 - 1949 Annie Crawford American, 1857-1942 Charles Rohlfs, frame designer American, 1853 - 1936 *Evening #8*, ca. 1905-1910 Hand-colored woodcut on paper Walter H. Kimball Fund 1990.011.2



Utagawa Hiroshige Japanese, 1797-1858 Yamamotoya Heikichi, publisher Japanese *Night rain at Karasaki (Karasaki Yau)*, from the series *Eight views of Omi (Omi hakkei no uchi)*, ca. 1835 Polychrome wood block print Gift of Mrs. Gustav Radeke 20.1280



After Kubo Shunman Japanese, 1757-1820 previous attribution Hokusai Japanese, fl. 1789-1818 *Iris and peonies (Kakitsubata)*, from the series *Plants for the Kasumi poetry circle (Kasumi ren somoku awase)*, 1890's Polychrome woodblock print with embossing and metallic embellishments Gift of Mrs. John D. Rockefeller, Jr. 34.353

Eliza Draper Gardiner American, 1871-1955 *Cactus Flower*, ca. 1900-1920 Polychrome woodblock print Gift of Elizabeth T. Casey 1989.062.2







Utagawa Kunisada II Japanese, 1823-1880 Tsujiya Yasubei, publisher previous attribution Utagawa Kunisada Japanese, 1786-1865 *Herbaceous peonies and great tits (Shakuyaku ni shijukara),* 1858 Polychrome wood block print Gift of Mrs. John D. Rockefeller, Jr. 34.312



Utagawa Sadahide Japanese, 1807-1878 or 1879 Iseya Soemon, publisher Japanese *Peonies (Botan)*, 1835 Polychrome woodblock print Gift of Mrs. John D. Rockefeller, Jr. 34.317

Keiri Japanese *Dragonfly and Flower (Kabocha ni tonbo),* mid 1800s Polychrome woodblock print Gift of Mrs. John D. Rockefeller, Jr. 34.402.1

Keiri Japanese *Dragonfly and Flower (Kabocha ni tonbo),* mid 1800s Polychrome woodblock print Gift of Mrs. John D. Rockefeller, Jr. 34.402.2





