

Guide to the Collection of Japanese prints

AOB 82



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Collection Overview

REPOSITORY: Robert B. Haas Family Arts Library Special Collections
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CALL NUMBER: AOB 82

TITLE: Collection of Japanese prints

DATES: early 20th century

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 0.25 linear feet (1 box)

LANGUAGE: Japanese

SUMMARY: The collection contains 20 examples of Japanese prints.

ONLINE FINDING AID: To cite or bookmark this finding aid, please use the following link: <https://hdl.handle.net/10079/fa/arts.aob.0082>

Requesting Instructions

To request items from this collection for use on site, please use the request links in the HTML version of this finding aid, available at <https://hdl.handle.net/10079/fa/arts.aob.0082>.

Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

b. box
f. folder

Administrative Information

Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

Conditions Governing Use

Copyright has not been transferred to Yale University.

Preferred Citation

Collection of Japanese Prints, Robert B. Haas Family Arts Library, Yale University.

Processing Information

Titles and descriptions are based on cataloging worksheets that accompanied the materials.

Scope and Contents

The collection contains 20 examples of Japanese (and possibly Chinese) color woodblock prints, most likely dating from the early 20th century.

Arrangement

Preliminary box listing only.

Collection Contents

Box listing

b. 1, f. 1	<p>[Military drills] <i>1 print</i> <i>image 43.4 x 14.5 cm, on sheet 44.5 x 32.5 cm</i></p>	undated
<p>A small military unit in Western uniforms drills under the direction of a groups of officers. Leading the procession is a nine-member military band with drums and horns. Behind them an officer with a whip leads seven foot soldiers armed with muskets and bayonets. They are followed by the flag bearers. Five officers and their attendants—one carrying a chair—oversee the drill.</p>		
<p>[Processions] This is a series of six color prints. The prints, possibly Chinese, measure the same size, are similarly mounted, and depict various processional scenes. The set seems to be subdivided into two groups of three, each numbered 1-3 to indicate a left-to-right sequencing of the prints to form a larger image.</p>		
b. 1, f. 2	<p>[Procession 1.1] <i>1 print</i> <i>image 44 x 12.5 cm, with mount 49 x 22 cm</i></p>	undated
<p>From left to right, all facing right: two figures are on horseback; four figures carry a red and green sedan chair heavily ornamented with tassels and gold details; one figure carries a banner; two additional figures lead the group.</p>		
b. 1, f. 3	<p>[Procession 1.2] <i>1 print</i> <i>image 44 x 12.5 cm, with mount 49 x 22 cm</i></p>	undated
<p>From left to right, all facing right: two figures march; four figures carry lanterns; one figure is on horseback; one figure bears a red and green banner; two figures play flutes; two figures play cymbals; and two figures carry flags and gongs [or cymbals].</p>		
b. 1, f. 4	<p>[Procession 1.3] <i>1 print</i> <i>image 44 x 12.5 cm, with mount 49 x 22 cm</i></p>	undated
<p>From left to right, all facing right: eight figures each carry a staff mounted with an object, such as axes, lanterns, fists clutching an arrow, and dragon heads; four figures carry striped flags; eight figures carry placards with various designs; two figures carry lanterns. Image includes a calligraphic inscription in the upper right corner.</p>		
b. 1, f. 5	<p>[Procession 2.1] <i>1 print</i> <i>image 44 x 12.5 cm, with mount 49 x 22 cm</i></p>	undated
<p>From left to right, all facing left: eight figures carry placards with various designs; four figures carry flags, each with a winged tiger on a blue ground; one figure carries a red banner; eight figures each carry a staff mounted with an object, such as dragon heads, fists clutching an arrow, lanterns, and axes.</p>		

[Processions] (continued)

b. 1, f. 6	<p>[Procession 2.2] <i>1 print</i> <i>image 44 x 12.5 cm, with mount 49 x 22 cm</i></p> <p>From left to right, all facing left: one figure carries a banner; four figures wear feathered headdresses; two figures carry flags and gongs; four figures wear gray robes and wear black and red conical hats with a wide brim; two figures carry a box suspended from a bamboo rod; one figure carries a red and green banner. A procession of flag-bearers, all facing left. Two groups of four soldiers each carry identical flags with Japanese characters. In the center there is a single soldier with a large orange flag.</p>	undated
b. 1, f. 7	<p>[Procession 2.3] <i>1 print</i> <i>image 44 x 12.5 cm, with mount 49 x 22 cm</i></p> <p>From left to right, all facing left: four figures march; four figures carry a sedan chair with an elderly man seated inside; two figures are on horseback.</p>	undated
b. 1, f. 8	<p>[Caught fish] <i>1 print</i> <i>sheet 36.8 x 25.3 cm</i></p> <p>A larger than life fish (resembling a carp) with black and yellow scales hangs by its tail from a rope tied to a tree. A sword protrudes from the belly of the fish. A man stands in front of the fish, bare-chested and tying a kimono around his waist. The image includes a text in the upper left corner.</p>	undated
b. 1, f. 9	<p>[Dancer] <i>1 print</i> <i>sheet 28.9 x 13.7 cm</i></p> <p>A figure in elaborate floral robes, possibly executes a dance, while holding a fan in the right hand and wearing a conical hat tied beneath the chin. The dancer stands upon a wooden floor in front of a blossoming tree.</p>	undated
b. 1, f. 10	<p>[School of fish] <i>1 print</i> <i>sheet 14 x 18.5 cm</i></p> <p>A group of five fish swim in light blue water, which is printed on top of them.</p>	undated
b. 1, f. 11	<p>[Shoreline] <i>1 print</i> <i>sheet 18 x 11.5 cm</i></p> <p>In the foreground, one figure propels a small boat with a pole. Also in the boat are three passengers: a woman with an umbrella; a crouching figure; and a man standing and smoking a pipe. In the middle ground is a smaller boat with a fisherman, and beyond that are two single-mast sailboats. Patches of green reeds appear in the water. In the distance a small number of houses and other structures sit along the water's edge with a reddish sky on the horizon, indicating either sunrise or sunset.</p>	undated
b. 1, f. 12	<p>[Blue fish] <i>1 print</i> <i>sheet 32.5 x 26 cm</i></p> <p>The image contains three blue fish arranged in the lower half of the composition. On the left, two smaller fish are shown overlapping one another; on the right, one larger fish faces left toward the other pair of fish.</p>	undated

b. 1, f. 13	[Fisherman at work] <i>1 print</i> <i>sheet 36.9 x 24.9 cm</i> A fisherman in a green robe with a white kerchief on his head sits on a yellow mat on a roofed wooden platform in the water near the shore. Posts around this dock form a fence to trap the fish, which he captures in a small yellow net made of reeds. His small rowboat is tied to the dock. Two trees on the shoreline are in the background. The image includes a text in the upper right corner as well as a calligraphic inscription and stamp along the right edge. "Kuni Y[i]shi" is inscribed in pencil on the verso.	undated
b. 1, f. 14	[Woman with dog] <i>1 print</i> <i>sheet 43 x 15.5 cm</i> A woman in Western dress holds a small dog. She wears a red pin-striped blouse with blue star-shaped designs printed on it, a blue pin-striped collar and elbow cuffs. Long blue sleeves ending in yellow wrist cuffs cover her forearms. In her hands she holds a small white dog with brown spots against her chest. She has a full-length green skirt with flowers. She has black shoes, gold earrings and a yellow veil. She has a red flower in her brown hair.	undated
b. 1, f. 15	[Fighting the fish] <i>1 print</i> <i>sheet 24 x 18 cm</i> A larger than life green fish with seaweed trailing from its body is in the foreground. A man located behind the fish raises a sword to attack it.	undated
b. 1, f. 16	[Fish Album] <i>1 print</i> <i>sheet 25.5 x 36.5 cm</i> The image contains two fish, one larger facing right and one smaller below it and facing left. The mount includes the following inscription in pencil: "Hiroshige - Fish Album. This has seals which are not on late editions."	undated
b. 1, f. 17	[Hollandsche Schip] <i>1 print</i> <i>sheet 32.1 x 22.1 cm</i> A three-masted, twenty-gun Dutch man-of-war ship is depicted at sea.	undated
b. 1, f. 18	[Garden] <i>1 print</i> <i>sheet 22.2 x 27.4 cm</i> Two women admire yellow flowers in a small, roofed flower box. Behind them stands a family: an old man is supported by a cane and the arm of his wife; a son armed with katana stands at his other side holding a fan; and a servant walks behind the group clad in a single short plain robe. In the background are trees, a gazebo, and a larger fenced garden of yellow flowers. Three men converse in the background in front of the larger garden. The image is actually two sheets pasted together at center.	undated

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| b. 1, f. 19 | [Flying fish]
<i>1 print</i>
<i>sheet 36.1 x 16.3 cm</i>

A blue-grey fish is shown in mid-air, having just jumped out of the water, and makes a splash at the bottom of the composition. A calligraphic signature and seal appears near the bottom left corner. A label on the verso states: "Matsumoto Print No. 325, The Matsumoto-Do, Ltd., Tokyo, Japan." | undated |
| b. 1, f. 20 | [Red fish and flounder]
<i>1 print</i>
<i>sheet 25.7 x 38 cm</i>

Two are long red fish, the other is a spotted yellow, flounder-like fish. The fish rest on a mat of several green leaves joined by their stems. The mount is inscribed in pencil with "Hiroshige sealed." | undated |
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Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

Subjects

Graphic art -- Japan
Ukiyoe

Genres / Formats

Printouts
Ukiyo-e