



## CALENDAR Exhibits & Events

February 3rd-February 9th  
[Ondekoza @ The Whiting](#)

Wednesday, February 6th  
[CJS Icons of Anime Film Series | Hunter x Hunter: The Last Mission @ Michigan Theater](#)

Friday, February 8th  
[Japanese Language Practice Sessions @ John T. Bernhard Center](#)

February 10th-February 16th  
[Ondekoza @ People's Bank Theater](#)

Wednesday, February 13th  
[Women's Empowerment in Japan: Progress, Challenges, and Ways Forward @ Charles Phelps Taft Research Center](#)

Wednesday, February 13th  
[IJS Lecture: Asako Osaki @ Ramseyer Hall](#)

Wednesday, February 13th  
[CJS Icons of Anime Film Series | My Neighbor Totoro @ Michigan Theater](#)

Friday, February 15th  
[Japanese Language Practice Sessions @ John T. Bernhard Center](#)

Saturday, February 16th  
[Japanese Calligraphy Class @ DEC Training Center](#)

Sunday, February 17th  
[Michigan Japanese Language Speech Contest @ Novi Civic Center](#)

Thursday, February 21st  
[CJS Noon Lecture Series | Japan's Response to the 'US-China Cold War @ Weiser Hall](#)

Friday, February 22nd  
[IJS Lecture/Brad Richardson Memorial Lecture: Takatoshi Ito, "Abenomics: Escape from the Lost Two Decades of Japan" @ Jennings Hall](#)

Friday, February 22nd  
[Japanese Language Practice Sessions @ John T. Bernhard Center](#)

Tuesday, February 26th  
[Kodo: One Earth Tour @ Midland Center for the Arts](#)

Wednesday, February 27th  
[CJS Icons of Anime Film Series | Cowboy Bebop: The Movie @ Michigan Theater](#)

Thursday, February 28th  
[Japanese 101 for teens @ Schoolcraft Community Library](#)

Friday, March 1st  
[Japan Update: What's Driving Japanese Investment in the US, and How Will American Companies Be Impacted? @ Cincinnati USA Regional Chamber](#)

Saturday, March 2nd  
[JASCO Japanese Language Festival @ Dublin Integrated Education Center Ohio](#)

## Asako Osaki to Speak at the University of Cincinnati and Ohio State University



Ms. Asako Osaki is the Director of Gender Action Platform and Visiting Professor at Kwansai Gakuin University in Japan. On February 13th, she will be visiting Ohio to give lectures at the University of Cincinnati and Ohio State University.

Ms. Osaki has been promoting gender equality and women's empowerment at many different organizations. She has also published several books on the topic.

Ms. Osaki will speak about new 'womenomics' policies, enacted by the administration of Prime Minister Abe. She will also discuss how Japan can make further strides toward a 'society where women shine.'

[Lecture at the University of Cincinnati \(12:30-2:00 PM\)](#)

[Lecture at Ohio State University \(5:30-7:00 PM\)](#)

## Reminder: Join the Michigan Japanese Language Speech Contest and the JASCO Japanese Language Festival

The Michigan Japanese Language Speech Contest will be held on Sunday, February 17th at 1:00 PM at the Novi Civic Center in Novi, Michigan. The JASCO Japanese Language Festival will be held on Saturday, March 2nd at 9:00 AM at the Dublin Integrated Education Center in Dublin, Ohio.

These festivities give students the opportunity to display the skills they have acquired from studying the language. If you have a chance, please join these two exciting events.

## Hinamatsuri

Join in the celebration of Hinamatsuri (Girls' Day), on March 2nd and 3rd, at the Detroit Institute of Arts.

There will be Japanese cultural demonstrations such as tea ceremony and calligraphy, as well as hands-on workshops and displays of Hina-dolls and flower arrangements.

This year, a Kimono fashion show and two musical performances grace the celebration. Neo Japanesque, a band from Nagoya that uses a blend of Japanese traditional and Western instruments, will perform on March 2nd and 3rd.

Ms. Masayo Ishigure, a Koto player from New York, will perform on March 1st, as part of Friday Night Live, and on March 2nd.

[For more information, please click here.](#)



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## Setsubun



Setsubun, the bean-throwing festival in Japan, is one of several annual events that coincide with the seasons. It is held on the day before *risshun* (the beginning of spring in the traditional Japanese calendar). This year setsubun was held on February 3rd.

The holiday is most well-known for mame-maki, a ceremony where roasted soybeans are placed in a wooden measuring cup (called a masu) and thrown all over one's residence or at people dressed as demons. While throwing the beans, people chant, "Oni wa soto! Fuku wa uchi," meaning "out with the demons and in with fortune." After throwing beans, people usually eat the same number of beans as their age, which is supposed to prevent sickness for the year. Another activity during Setsubun is the consumption of Eho Maki, or large-sized fortune sushi rolls.

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