



## CALENDAR

### Exhibits & Events

Through January 2022:

[Bold Gestures:](#)  
[Contemporary Japanese](#)  
[Ceramics](#) @ Cincinnati (OH)  
Art Museum

July 25 - August 29:

[Artist Spotlight: Nishiki](#)  
[Sugiwara-Beda](#) @ Dennon  
Museum, Traverse City, MI

Thurs., July 1

[Teen Candy Sushi](#)  
[Workshop](#) @ Odom Blvd.  
Branch Library, Akron, OH

Fri., July 2 - Fri., July 9

[JASCO-DAC Tanabata](#)  
[Festival](#) @ Dublin, OH

[Novi Library Celebrate](#)  
[Tanabata Craft Kit](#) @ Novi,  
MI

Sat. & Sun., July 3 & 11,

Sat. & Sun., July 17 & 25  
[Ann Arbor \(MI\) Japanese](#)  
[Language Meetup](#) @ online  
platform

Wed., July 7

[Cleveland Virtual Japanese](#)  
[Language Meetup](#) @ online  
platform

[Tanabata Storytime & Crafts](#)  
@ Japanese Cultural  
Center, Saginaw, MI

[Tanabata Take & Make](#) @  
Leighton Twp. Library,  
Moline, MI

Thurs., July 8

[Hofu-Monroe Book Club](#) @  
online platform

[Origami Animals](#) @ Odom  
Boulevard Branch Library,  
Akron, OH

Fri., July 9

[Cincinnati-Gifu Ringing of](#)  
[Peace Bell](#) @ Newton, KY

[Novi \(MI\) Library Japanese](#)  
[Bilingual Storytime](#) @ online  
platform

Wed., July 14

[JASGC World of Manga](#)  
[Presentation](#) @ online  
platform

Wed., July 21

[Japanese Book Binding](#) @  
Wildwood Cultural Center,  
Mentor, OH

Sun., July 25

[Japanese Community Day](#)  
@ Great American Ballpark,  
Cincinnati, OH

Fri., July 30 - Sun., Aug. 1

[Centerfold Origami](#)  
[Convention](#) @ Columbus,  
OH



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## Michigan and Ohio Athletes Part of U.S.

### Delegations to Tokyo Olympics

When the Summer Olympic Games begin in Japan later this month, the states of Michigan and Ohio will be well represented among the approximately 600 athletes in the "Team USA" delegations competing there.

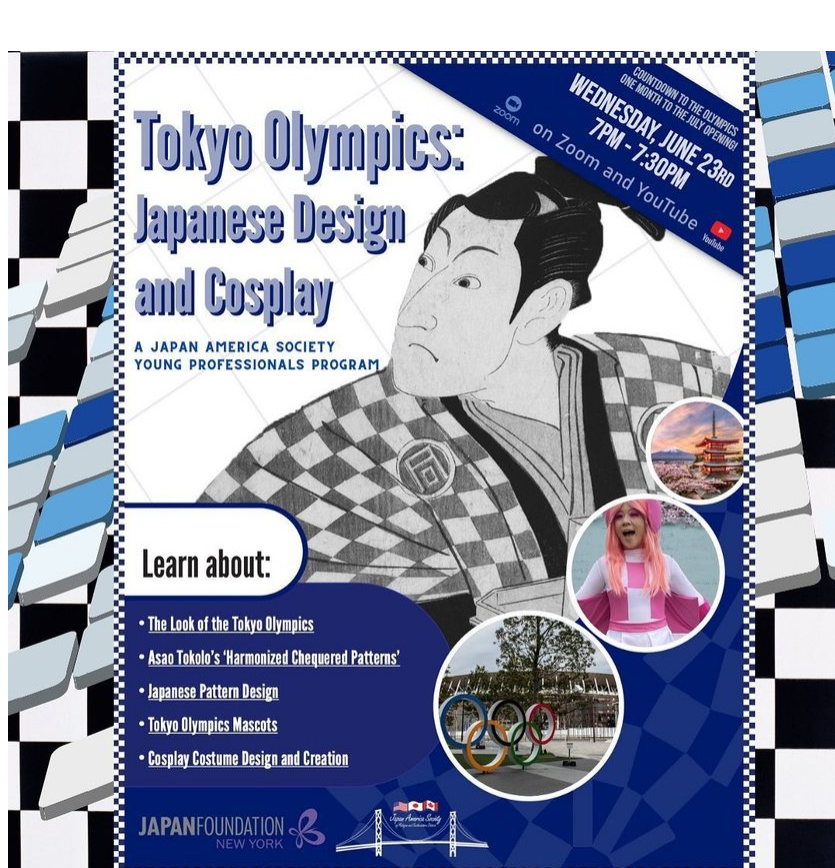


Team rosters are still being finalized, but as of this writing, Olympic athletes from Michigan include: Steven Bastien of Saline (track and field); Anavia Battle of Inkster (track and field); Devin Booker of Grand Rapids (basketball); Amanda Chidester of Allen Park (softball); Adam Coon of Fowlerville (wrestling); Catie Deloof of Grosse Pointe (swimming); Mason Ferlic of Roseville (track and field); Grant Fisher of Grand Blanc (track and field); Draymond Green of Saginaw (basketball); Annie Lazor of Beverly Hills (swimming); Grace Luczak of Ann Arbor (rowing); Katherine Nye of Oakland Twp. (weightlifting); Hannah Roberts of Buchanan (BMX); Allison Schmitt of Canton (swimming); and Ellen Tomek of Flushing (rowing).

Olympic athletes from Ohio include: Adelaide Aquilla of Rocky River (shotput); Zach Apple of Trenton (swimming); Hunter Armstrong of Dover (swimming); Nick Bruce of Youngstown (BMX); Max Holt of Cincinnati (volleyball); Reggie Jagers III of Cleveland (track and field); Delante Johnson of Cleveland (boxing); Oshae Jones of Toledo (boxing); Lee Kiefer of Cleveland (fencing); Rose Lavelle of Cincinnati (soccer); Brittini Mason of Richmond Heights (track and field); Katie Nageotte of Olmstead Falls (track and field); Clayton Murphy of New Paris (track and field); Duke Ragan of Cincinnati (boxing); David Taylor of St. Paris (wrestling); and Jacob Wukie of Oak Harbor (archery). More athletes may be added by the time team lists are finalized in early July. Best of luck to everyone!

## Michigan Young Professionals Consider

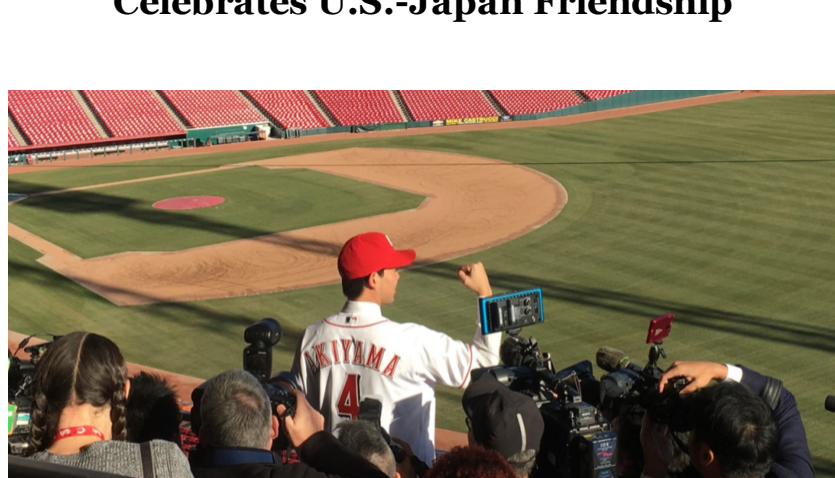
### Japanese Design in Olympic Contexts



On the evening of June 23, the Japan America Society of Michigan and Southwest Ontario (JASMO) hosted an online Young Professionals event in its "Takumi Effect" craftsmanship series, with a special focus on local early-career professionals interested in Japan. JASMO President, Liseann Gouin, spoke about the historical craftsmanship behind the "harmonized" checkered logo patterns designed by Asao Tokolo, and reflected in the costumes of the Olympic & Paralympic mascots, Miraitowa and Someity. JAS Young Professional Elisa Itakura also modeled and discussed how to create a Someity cosplay outfit. A [videorecording](#) of the event is posted on the [JASMO YouTube channel](#).

## Cincinnati Reds Japanese Community Day

### Celebrates U.S.-Japan Friendship



The Cincinnati Reds baseball team and the Japan America Society of Greater Cincinnati (JASGC) are working together to make "Japanese Community Day," on Sunday, July 25, a special day of family-friendly activities for all to enjoy.

Discounted tickets will be available for the afternoon Reds vs. St. Louis Cardinals game at the Great American Ball Park in Cincinnati. JASGC members and friends will gather to show support for centerfielder, Shogo Akiyama, the Reds' first Japanese player, and to celebrate the special historical and cultural connections between the U.S. and Japan through baseball. Details are available [here](#).

## Youth Craft Activities Celebrate Tanabata



On the seventh day of the seventh month of the year, people throughout Japan celebrate Tanabata, a traditional summer festival. Also known as the "Star Festival," Tanabata is based on the legend of two star-crossed lovers who are allowed to meet only once every year. As explained in the [video on our YouTube channel](#), one popular Tanabata tradition involves committing one's wishes to writing and public display, in the form of *tanzaku*.

In early July, several organizations are providing opportunities for local youngsters to try their hands at making *tanzaku* and other Tanabata-themed crafts. These include the Japan America Society of Central Ohio (JASCO) and the Dublin Arts Council in Ohio, the Japanese Cultural Center in Saginaw, Michigan, and public libraries in Novi and Moline, Michigan. For details, please visit the links in the "Exhibits & Events" list in this newsletter.

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