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THE TALE OF GENJI

A JAPANESE CLASSIC
ILLUMINATED



FRIDAY, MAY 3, 2019

Date: Friday, May 3, 2019

Time: 6:00pm-7:00pm

Place: The Main Entrance of The Metropolitan Museum of Art

Fee: Free

URL: <https://www.metmuseum.org/exhibitions/listings/2019/tale-of-genji>

RSVP: <http://bit.ly/lagccEventReg>

Description of the event: The Japanese Program at LaGuardia Community College has organized a guided tour to the exhibition of "The Tale of Genji" at the Metropolitan Museum of Art. The tour will be guided by an official tour guide at the Met. The tour will be conducted entirely in Japanese and this is a great opportunity for students in the Japanese class to use and listen to the Japanese language in an authentic setting. Seats are limited to 15 students.

Description of the exhibition: This is the first major loan exhibition in North America to focus on the artistic tradition inspired by Japan's most celebrated work of literature, The Tale of Genji. Written by Murasaki Shikibu, a lady-in-waiting in the early eleventh-century imperial court, and often referred to as the world's first psychological novel, the tale recounts the amorous escapades of the "Shining Prince" Genji and introduces some of the most iconic female characters in the history of Japanese literature. Covering the period from the eleventh century to the present, the exhibition features more than 120 works, including paintings, calligraphy, silk robes, lacquer wedding set items, a palanquin for the shogun's bride, and popular art such as ukiyo-e prints and modern manga. Highlights include two National Treasures and several works recognized as Important Cultural Properties. For the first time ever outside Japan, rare works are on view from Ishiyamadera Temple—where, according to legend, Shikibu started writing the tale.