



Japanese Bamboo Artist & Living National Treasure Featured in Sunday at The Met

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Japanese bamboo artist Fujinuma Noboru, who is considered a Living National Treasure of Japan, will be featured in this weekend's edition of "[Sunday at The Met](#)" at The Metropolitan Museum of Art on Fifth Avenue in New York City. Held on October 22, 2017 from 2 to 3:30 p.m., the program presents a panel discussion and live demonstration by way of exploring contemporary bamboo art. To reveal the complexity and skill the art form requires, Noboru will create a basket onstage. The live performance is part of a panel discussion that includes Noboru, *urushi* artist Suzanne Ross and Monika Bincsik, Assistant Curator in The Met's Department of Asian Art. Attending is free with museum admission.

The program is offered to enhancing the experience of viewing the exhibition "[Japanese Bamboo Art: The Abbey Collection](#)." Opening on June 13, 2017, the show continues on view through February 4, 2018 at The Met Fifth Avenue. The exhibition presents works of Japanese bamboo art from the late 19th century to the present-the period when basketry in Japan was recognized as an art form that transcends craft. On view are over 80 bamboo baskets and sculptures by accomplished artists, including all six masters receiving the designation of "Living National Treasure."



"Flowing Pattern" by Honma Hideaki., 2014. Japanese timber bamboo, dwarf bamboo, and rattan. Promised Gift of Diane and Arthur Abbey. Courtesy The Metropolitan Museum of Art.

Most of the artworks are drawn from the Abbey Collection, an esteemed private collection, with many appearing for the first time in public, according to [The Met](#). The majority are promised gifts by long-time New York residents Diane and Arthur Abbey. Also on view is a selection of hanging scroll and screen paintings and decorative arts from The Met's collection. These works are linked together through a bamboo motif or related themes of flower arranging (*ikebana*) and the tea ceremony.

"Sunday at The Met" is an ongoing afternoon program that provides insight into major exhibitions as well as the Museum's collection. The programs feature different combinations of lectures, films,

discussions, readings, panels, demonstrations, and performances. They are free with Museum admission; no tickets or reservations are required unless otherwise noted.

BASIC FACTS: This weekend's "[Sunday at The Met](http://www.metmuseum.org)" will be held on Sunday, October 22, 2017 from 2 to 3:30 p.m. at The Met Fifth Avenue in the Grace Rainey Rogers Auditorium. The program features a live demonstration by Japanese bamboo artist and Living National Treasure Fujinuma Noboru. The panel includes Noboru, Suzanne Ross and Monika Bincsik, Assistant Curator in The Met's Department of Asian Art. Free with museum admission. The Met Fifth Avenue is located at 1000 Fifth Avenue at 82nd Street, New York, NY. www.metmuseum.org.

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