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Artist to Visit from Japan for Hermitage Museum Exhibition Reception, January 28th

Norfolk, VA – Kazuko Mukoyama, contemporary ink painter, has traveled from her home in Kobe Japan to participate in the exhibition currently on display at the [Hermitage Museum & Gardens](http://www.hermitagemuseum.org); [Kazuko Mukoyama: Contemporary Perspectives, Ancient Traditions](http://www.hermitagemuseum.org). The *'Meet the Artist' Reception with Kazuko Mukoyama* occurs at the Hermitage on Thursday, January 28th from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. and is free and open to the public.

The reception features live by Mizuki Hamada, hors d'oeuvres, and a cash bar. A short painting demonstration by Mukoyama is being held at 7:00 p.m. with a book signing to follow at 7:30 p.m.

Kazuko Mukoyama is a member of the Japan Nanga-In Incorporated Association, the most prestigious and exclusive Japanese ink painting society. She is the Director of the International Art Association of Japan, lecturer in the Kobe Shinbun Cultural Centre, and a member of the Kobe Council for Art and Culture.

The exhibition, *Contemporary Perspectives, Ancient Traditions*, is on display through February 26th.

For additional information on the *'Meet the Artist' Reception with Kazuko Mukoyama* or the exhibition *Contemporary Perspectives, Ancient Traditions*, contact Kate Gebler, Public Programs Manager, at 757-423-205 x207 or kg@thfm.org.

The Hermitage offers 45-minute guided tours, on the hour, of fifteen galleries filled with the Sloane family art collection, furniture, and history in this Norfolk historic home. The Visual Arts School houses classrooms, a complete ceramics studio, and darkroom photography facilities. Open daily 10-5, Sundays 1-5, closed Wednesdays and Thursdays. Free for Museum Members, children under 6, and Active Duty military. Admission: \$5 for Adults, \$2 for ages 6-18, and \$3 for students. For more information on the museum and membership offerings call 757-423-2052 or visit www.thfm.org.

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For high resolution images of works from the exhibition *Contemporary Perspectives, Ancient Traditions* contact Matt Serino, Marketing Manager, at 757-423-2052 x 208 or ms@thfm.org.