# The Formation of the Japanese Art Collection at the Art Gallery of South Australia 1904-1940: Tangible Evidence of *Bunmei Kaika*

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# **Abstract**

The momentous signing of the Treaty of Kanagawa in 1854 marked the turning point to end Japan's long seclusion from the West. <sup>1</sup> Its subsequent 'opening' unveiled the refreshingly different aesthetic canon of Japanese art which was enthusiastically hailed by nineteenth century Western artists and designers. As a much sought after commodity, Japanese art was collected in unprecedented quantities throughout Europe, the British Empire and the United States. The mania for things Japanese also reached the far-flung colonies in Australia and New Zealand.

This phenomenon, referred to in the English-speaking world as 'Mikado Mania' or the 'Cult of Japan', coincided with the establishment of public museums, the proliferation of international exhibitions and ease of global travel. These innovations fostered and facilitated the formation of Japanese art collections internationally.

A survey of Australian and New Zealand collections and a particular examination of the Art Gallery of South Australia's collection formed between the years 1904-1940 reveal the circumstances and personalities that shaped the nature and content of the collections. It is argued in this thesis that while nascent colonial public museums and private collectors such as those in South Australia were guided by British tastes, the genesis of which predated the nineteenth century 'opening' of Japan, the collecting of Japanese art in nineteenth-century Australia and New Zealand served as a signifier of international discourse and modernity.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Commodore Perry arrived in July 1853; The Treaty of Kanagawa was signed between Japan and the United States on 31 March 1854.

For Japan, its art became a tool to fend off foreign hegemony. Driven by the slogan *bunmei kaika* 'civilisation and enlightenment', Japan throughout the Meiji era (1868-1912) exploited the mania for its art in order to achieve status and recognition as a world power. It will be further argued that the spirit of *bunmei kaika* also encapsulated the cultural aspirations of the fledgling colonies in Australia and New Zealand which, by the late nineteenth century, were endeavouring to articulate their own 'civilisation and enlightenment' within the British Empire. Through their efforts to advance onto the world stage, the Australian colonies played a significant, though unrecognised role in Japan's experimentation and investment in its self-promotion as a civilised country.

The cause and effect of measures undertaken by the Japanese government to achieve *bunmei kaika* through the applied arts of ceramics, metalware, ivories and lacquer can be directly demonstrated through the very objects collected in South Australia and the other colonies. A study of their intrinsic qualities and provenance provides tangible evidence of Japan's strategic efforts to advance its national identity through art. It also serves to shed light on the curatorial expertise and connoisseurship being exercised at the time by colonial museums and collectors.

Japanese objects acquired during the formative period of Australian and New Zealand museums have long been ignored or dismissed as hybridised and inauthentic. Recently their technological ingenuity and cross-cultural aesthetic have been more generously acknowledged. They are the beacons of Japan's quest for 'civilisation and enlightenment'.

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- Romanisation of Japanese names and terminologies indicates long vowels by the use of macrons ō, ū.
- Archaic English and Romanisation of Japanese terms used in citations, quotations or data from contemporary nineteenth century sources remain unaltered.
- Japanese names are given according to Japanese conventions with family name first.
- Art galleries and museums are named according to the titles in use at the time.
- Abbreviations may be used for current titles: Art Gallery of South Australia AGSA; Art Gallery of New South Wales AGNSW; Art Gallery of Western Australia AGWA;
   National Gallery of Victoria NGV; Queensland Art Gallery QAG; Powerhouse Museum PHM; State Library of South Australia SLSA.
- Where research has revealed new information or attributions concerning objects
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Fig. 65b Kiyomizu Rokubei, design for lidded bowl Onchizuroku book 2 (C0038425), Tokyo National Museum Fig. 65c Kinkōzan Sōbei, Onchizuroku book 3 (C0038441), Tokyo National Museum Fig. 65d Takahashi Dōhachi, Onchizuroku book 4 (C0038492), Tokyo National Museum Source for images 65a-d: Tokyo Kokuritsu Hakubutsukan Meiji Dezain no Tanjō: Chōsa Kenkyū Hōkokusho "Onchi zuroku" Tokyo Kokuritsu Hakubutsukan hen, Tokyo 1998. Fig. 66 Kinkōzan Sōbei 1824-84 Vase with design of ducks Stoneware, enamel colours over the glaze Gift of the Japanese Commissioners at International Exhibition 1881 Art Gallery of New South Wales, 2444 Fig. 67 Kinkōzan Sōbei 1824-84 Vase with design of birds and flowers around pond Gift of the Japanese Commissioners at International Exhibition 1881 Art Gallery of New South Wales, 2454 Fig. 68 Kanzan Denshichi 1821-1890 Vase with various designs in panels of different shapes Gift of the Japanese Commissioners at International Exhibition 1881 Art Gallery of New South Wales, 2465 Fig. 69 Kawamoto Hansuke VI 1844-1905 Three legged urn with cover Art Gallery of New South Wales, 2458.a-b Fig. 70 Katō Gosuke (b.1837) Jar with design of chrysanthemum, bamboo and sparrow Gift of the Japanese Commissioners at International Exhibition 1881 Art Gallery of New South Wales, 2455 Fig. 71a Kawamoto Hansuke design Onchizuroku book 8 (C0039703), Tokyo National Museum Fig. 71b Katō Gosuke design Onchizuroku book 6 (C0038568), Tokyo National Museum

Source for images 71a-b: Tokyo Kokuritsu Hakubutsukan *Meiji Dezain no Tanjō*: *Chōsa Kenkyū Hōkokusho "Onchi zuroku"* Tokyo Kokuritsu Hakubutsukan hen, Tokyo 1998.

Fig. 72 The Japan Court at the Sydney Exhibition, 20 December 1879

Wood engraving

State Library of Victoria, image no: b50749

Fig. 73 Koransha (1875-present)

Stork vase

Gift of the Japanese Commissioners at International Exhibition 1881

Art Gallery of New South Wales, 2390.1 & 2390.2

Fig. 74 Koransha (1875-present)

Tea jar with design of dragon and phoenix in clouds

Gift of the Japanese Commissioners at International Exhibition 1881

Art Gallery of New South Wales, 2457.a-b

Fig. 75 Suzuki Seiichirō, active 1860s

Jar with design of butterflies and flowers Cloisonné on porcelain (cover missing)

Gift of the Japanese Commissioners at International Exhibition 1881

Art Gallery of New South Wales, 2462

Fig. 76 Takeuchi Chūbei 1852-1922

Tea jar with design of butterflies and flowers

Cloisonné on porcelain

Inscriptions: "Nihon', Shippō Kaisha workshop's mark and artist's mark Takeuchi

Chūbei.

Art Gallery of New South Wales, 2463.a-b

Fig. 77 Takeuchi Chūbei 1852-1922

Shippo Kaisha, Nagoya

Tea jar decorated with flowers

Cloisonné on porcelain

18.4 x 11.5cm overall

Inscriptions: "Nihon', Shippō Kaisha workshop's mark and artist's mark Takeuchi

Chūbei.

Gift of the Japanese Commissioners at International Exhibition 1881

Art Gallery of New South Wales, 2466.a-b

Fig. 78 Gotō Shōzaburō active 1860-1910 or Shippō kaisha

Pair of blue plaques with flowers, bird and spider in cobweb

Cloisonné on brass or copper, 9.6 x 76.0cm.

Gift of the Japanese Commissioners at International Exhibition 1881

Art Gallery of New South Wales, 1248 & 1249

Fig. 79 Saitō Zembei

Bronze vase

Bronze, inlaid and enamelled Inscriptions: Saito & Tosui Masa

Gift of the Japanese Commissioners at International Exhibition 1881

Art Gallery of New South Wales, 2440

Fig. 80 Hashimoto Eijirō

Pair of metal vases with fowl

107.0 x 43.0cm Purchased 1880

Art Gallery of New South Wales, 9951/2

Fig. 81 Photographs of Pictures in the AGNSW 1880-1885

Edmund & Joanna Capon Research Library, Art Gallery of New South Wales

Fig. 82 Interior of Japanese court - temporary annexe, 1880

Photograph: albumen silver

23.6 x 28.9 cm. approx. on mount

State Library of Victoria, image no: b29980

Fig. 83 Advertisment for Marunaka Magohei trading company, Kanazawa, at the

Philadelphia Centennial Exhibition 1876

Source: Jahn Gisela Meiji Ceramics: The Art of Japanese Export Porcelain and

Satsuma Ware 1868-1912, Arnoldsche, Stuttgart Germany, 2004 p. 30.

Fig. 84 Seiji Kaisha c. 1880

Incense burner

Porcelain, 38.8 x 35.7 x 21.3 cm

Purchased 1881

National Gallery of Victoria, 2114 a-b-D1A

Source: Lane, Terence 'Supply and Demand: Japanese Objects in Nineteenth

Century Australia' Arts of Asia, Nov.-Dec. 2005, vol. 35 no. 6 p. 130.

Fig. 85 Box, lacquer on wood, gilt, gold paint, metal, shell

6.8 x 23.2 x 19.5 cm.

Purchased 1881

National Gallery of Victoria, 2004 a-b-D1A

Source: Lane, Terence 'Supply and Demand: Japanese Objects in Nineteenth Century Australia' *Arts of Asia*, Nov.-Dec. 2005, vol. 35 no. 6 p. 129.

Fig. 86 Hyōchien, active 1873-1909

Vase, mountain landscape and eagle

42 cm x 18cm.

John Twycross Melbourne International Exhibitions Collection, Museum Victoria

Fig. 87 Utagawa Kunisada 1786-1864

Self portrait of Toyokuni at age of 79, 1865

Woodblock print

John Twycross Melbourne International Exhibitions Collection

Museum Victoria

Fig. 88 Utagawa Yoshitora, active 1850-1880

Genji crossing the Oi River with attendants, 1862

Woodblock print

John Twycross Melbourne International Exhibitions Collection

Museum Victoria

Source for images (86,87,88) Museum Victoria website:

http://museumvictoria.com.au/collections/items/1452796/print-woodblock-

genji-crossing-the-oi-river-with-attendants-japan-oct-1862

Accessed 3 May 2012.

Fig. 89a Japanese dwelling, Philadelphia Centennial Exhibition 1876

Lithograph

Thomas Hunter Lithographs, 716 Filbert St. Philadelphia

**Private Collection** 

Fig. 89b Japanese bazaar, Philadelphia Centennial Exhibition 1876

Lithograph

Thomas Hunter Lithographs, 716 Filbert St. Philadelphia

**Private Collection** 

Fig. 90a-b Front cover, Illustrated Description of the Hō-ō-den at the World's Columbian

Exposition, Chicago by Okakura Kakuzō & Front view of the Hō-ō-den

Source: Okakura, Kakuzō The Hō-ō-den (Phoenix Hall) An illustrated Description of the Buildings Erected by the Japanese Government at the World's Columbian

Exposition, Jackson Park, Chicago Ogawa publisher, Tokyo 1893.

Fig. 91 Kitazawa Rakuten 1876-1955

Britannia and Yamato-hime Lithograph on paper, 1902

 $48 \times 32.5$ cm.

Koriyama City Museum, Fukushima

Source:http://www.city.koriyama.fukushima.jp/cgibin2/cv/bijyutukan/collestion/05/09\_e.html Accessed 23 Feb. 2012.

Fig. 92 W H Barribal, active 1907-25

The Japan-British Exhibition at White City, 1910

37.5cm. x 50cm.

Museum of London Acc. no: 82.232/556

Source: http://www.museumoflondon.org.uk/Collections-

Research/Research/YourResearch/X20L/objects/record.htm?type=object&id=54

0135 Accessed 11 August 2011.

Fig. 93 Kitagawa Utamaro 1753-1805

Two Beauties Rambling
Takamine Hideo Collection

Fig. 94 Ogata Korin 1658-1716

Scene of Matsushima (A pair of six-panel screens)

Baron Iwasaki Koyata Collection

Source for images 93-94: Office of the Imperial Japanese Government

Commission to the Japan-British Exhibition *An Illustrated Catalogue of Japanese Old Fine Arts Displayed at The Japan-British Exhibition London 1910* The Shimbi Shoin, Tokyo 1910 (image nos. 134 & 66).

Fig. 95 Possibly 'Qengero' Genjiro the top spinner of the Lenton and Smith Dragon

Troupe Mitchell Library, NSW

Source: Gilbert, Helen & Lo, Jacqueline *Performance and Cosmopolitics: Cross-cultural Transactions in Australasia* Palgrave Macmillan, Basingstoke, 2007.

Fig. 96a-b Detail of Dish, 'with three storks in flight over the ocean' & decorated foot

Morgan Thomas Bequest Fund 1904

Art Gallery of South Australia, C299, C300, C301

Fig. 97a-b Dish, with maple leaves on water,

Nabeshima ware, c.1890, Ōkawachi

Porcelain, underglaze blue and overglaze decoration

Morgan Thomas Bequest Fund 1904 Art Gallery of South Australia, C302 Fig. 98 Pair of lion dogs,

Hirado ware, c.1890, Mikawachi Porcelain, underglaze blue

Morgan Thomas Bequest Fund 1904 Art Gallery of South Australia, C298

Fig. 99a Imari plate 'centre panel landscape with bridge - surrounded by leaf and scrolls,

panels in red, green and blue. Trellis background of green and blue', 28.6cm

Morgan Thomas Bequest Fund 1904 Art Gallery of South Australia, C314

Fig. 99b Imari plate 'centre panel pot plant flower floral foliage and scroll work border in

blue, red and gilt', 27.3cm.

Morgan Thomas Bequest Fund 1904 Art Gallery of South Australia, C315

Fig. 100 Kinkōzan Sōbei VII, 1868-1928

Dish, in double rhombic shape Satsuma ware, c.1900, Kyoto

Earthenware, overglaze and gold decoration

Signed in gilt 'Kinkōzan zō'

Morgan Thomas Bequest Fund 1904 Art Gallery of South Australia, C305

Fig. 101a Incense burner, in the form of a pigeon on tile

Porcelain

Morgan Thomas Bequest Fund 1904 Art Gallery of South Australia, C303

Fig. 101b Incense burner, Korean lion with cub

Earthenware

Morgan Thomas Bequest Fund 1904 Art Gallery of South Australia, C304

Fig. 102a-b Water bottles [sake tokkuri]

Morgan Thomas Bequest Fund 1904

Art Gallery of South Australia, C288 & C289

Fig.103 Teabowl (chawan), with full moon and prunus, c.1900, Kyoto

Porcelain, overglaze and silver decoration, 5.8 x 10.4 cm diameter

Morgan Thomas Bequest Fund 1904 Art Gallery of South Australia, C291 Fig. 104a-b Seifū Yohei III, 1851-1914

Bowl & signature Seifū

Porcelain

Morgan Thomas Bequest Fund 1904 Art Gallery of South Australia, C278

Fig. 105 Vase, 'creamy yellow glazed pottery, bird on neck in full relief decorated with

sprays of foliage and flowers'

Morgan Thomas Bequest Fund 1904 Art Gallery of South Australia, C283

Fig. 106 Hayashi Kodenji, 1831-1915

Vase, with fish, c. 1890, Nagoya

Cloisonné enamel, ginbari-shippō copper, 24.3 x 17.5 cm

Morgan Thomas Bequest Fund 1904 Art Gallery of South Australia, C317

Fig. 107a Namikawa Yasuyuki 1845-1927

Lidded vase, c.1900, Kyoto

Cloisonné enamel, 16.0 x 13.3 cm Morgan Thomas Bequest Fund 1904 Art Gallery of South Australia, C318

Fig. 107b Design by Nakahara Tessen & recorded in Kyō Shippō Monyō Shū (Kyoto

Cloisonné Pattern Collection)

Source: Christie's (International) A.G. (Zurich, Switzerland)

The Avo Krikorian Collection: Innovation and Inspiration of Meiji Period Design, sold by order of the Geneva Debt Collection Office and Mr. Avo Krikorian

Christie's, Zürich, 2007 p.127.

Fig. 108a-b-c Byethorne, Stirling; William Milne's tomb, North Park Cemetery, Nailsworth;

Aviary formerly in the garden at Byethorne, Stirling, South Australia

Photos: J. Harris, 2009

Fig. 109 Helen Hambidge 1857-1937

Portrait of William Milne 1906, Adelaide

Watercolour on paper

Bequest of Mr & Mrs William Milne 1914 Art Gallery of South Australia, 0.663

Fig. 110 Henry Ryland 1856-1924

Irises c. 1900, Watercolour

Bequest of Mr & Mrs William Milne 1914 Art Gallery of South Australia, 0.433

# Fig. 111 Bronze vase (signed)

Bronze, gold

Bequest of Mr & Mrs William Milne 1914 Art Gallery of South Australia, AA283

# Fig. 112 a, b Shōmi Eisuke 1839–1900

Lidded urn, with flowers, c. 1895

Bronze, gold, silver, silk,

Bequest of Mr & Mrs William Milne 1914 Art Gallery of South Australia, AA291

Shōmi Eisuke, mark

# Fig. 113 Certificate of the Decoration of the Green Ribbon contained within AA291

# Fig. 114a-b Namikawa Sōsuke 1847–1910

Tray, c.1890, Tokyo

Cloisonné enamel, musen-shippō and

shakudō rim, metal,

Bequest of Mr & Mrs William Milne 1914

Art Gallery of South Australia, C725

Sakigake seal, Sōsuke

# Fig. 115 attributed to Andō Jūbei Workshop, active late 19th–early 20th century

Vase, with pigeons and paulownia, c.1880, Nagoya

Cloisonné enamel, shakudō rim, gilt interior over copper

Bequest of Mr & Mrs William Milne 1914 Art Gallery of South Australia, C724

# Fig. 116a-b-c Okimono, Lady with firefly cage

Ivory, AA190

Okimono, Mother and child playing with a kitten

Ivory, AA184

Netsuke, Man sitting with scroll

Ivory, AA234

Beguest of Mr & Mrs William Milne 1914

Art Gallery of South Australia

Fig. 117	Samuel Way and Lady Way at Montefiore. c.1900 Photo B21986, State Library of South Australia
Fig. 118	Naval officers from the Ryūjō, North Adelaide 1887 at the home of Mr F. Sanderson Collector of Customs & Marine Board PRG 280/1/2/469, State Library of South Australia
Fig. 119a	Indo-Persian damascene <i>Helmet,</i> 18 <sup>th</sup> - early 19 <sup>th</sup> c. Gold, iron, cotton, 18cm diameter Bequest of Sir Samuel Way 1916 Art Gallery of South Australia, 863A166
Fig. 119b	Indo-Persian damascene <i>Shield</i> , 19 <sup>th</sup> c. Gold, steel, silk/wool, iron, 38.3cm diameter Bequest of Sir Samuel Way 1916 Art Gallery of South Australia, 863A168
Fig. 120	Sir Samuel Way Diary entry 6 January 1892 PRG 30 series 1, box 3, vol. 14. State Library of South Australia
Fig.121	Shiba Park Photo Source: Way's album of photos, Royal Geographical Society of South Australia, Photographic and pictures collection, album 4
Fig. 122	Yaami stationery paper PRG 30, series 1, vol. 14. State Library of South Australia
Fig. 123	A potter at the Kinkōzan studio Photo Koyomizu Sannenzaka Museum, Kyoto
Fig. 124a	Namikawa's workroom and staff Namikawa, standing back right Source: Ponting, Herbert In Lotus-Land Japan Macmillan, London, 1910 p. 239.
Fig. 124b	Garden view of Namikawa's studio, now Namikawa Yasuyuki Museum Photo J.Harris 2009
Fig. 125	Advertisements for Ikeda and Hayashi curio shops Source: Chamberlain, Basil Hall, A Handbook for Travellers in Japan (Murray's Handbook of Japan), John Murray, London, 1891 p. 22.

# Fig. 126a-b-c Tsuba

Yasuyuki, active mid-19<sup>th</sup> century *Carp and waterweed* c.1850 Iron, *shakudo*, 8.1cm x 7.8cm.

Dragon

Copper, blackened surface, 7.4 X 6.8cm.

Yasuyuki, active early 18<sup>th</sup> century

Foreign design of peony flowers and foliage c.1720

Iron, silver, 8.5cm x 6.0cm.

Bequest of Sir Samuel Way 1916 Art Gallery of South Australia, 863A22, 863A17, 863A25

# Fig. 127 Okimono, Snake and toad

c.1890, Kyoto Boxwood

Bequest of Sir Samuel Way 1916 Art Gallery of South Australia, AA233

# Fig. 128 Okimono, Kneeling child with cat, c. 1890

Ivory

Bequest of Sir Samuel Way 1916 Art Gallery of South Australia, AA218

# Fig. 129 Okimono, Two quail in flowering shrub c. 1890

ivory

Bequest of Sir Samuel Way 1916 Art Gallery of South Australia, AA195

# Fig. 130 Jūichimen Kannon c.1250

Wood, gold leaf, iron, lacquer, bronze

85cm x 29.2cm

Bequest of Sir Samuel Way 1916, Art Gallery of South Australia, AA460

# Fig. 131 Yasuchika, active early 18<sup>th</sup> century

Tsuba, obverse: Elephant bearing the wish-fulfilling jewel

Reverse: Buddhist text, c.1700

Iron, shakudō 6.5cm x 5.7cm

Bequest of Sir Samuel Way 1916 Art Gallery of South Australia, 863A4 Fig. 132 Komai Company, Kyoto c.1890 Plaque, Sea eagle and fisherman Iron, bronze, gold, silver, copper, cast fabricated with foil inlay 5cm x 45.6cm diameter Bequest of Sir Samuel Way 1916 Art Gallery of South Australia, AA331 Fig. 133a Lidded box and cover inlaid with gold and silver, c. 1890, Kyoto Metal, damascened with gold and silver Signed: Bairaku 'Double pleasure Kyoto' Bequest of Sir Samuel Way 1916 Art Gallery of South Australia, AA68 Fig.133b Vase, with shakudō Iron, gold Beguest of Sir Samuel Way 1916 Art Gallery of South Australia, AA320 Fig. 134a Articulated *crab* Bronze 9.5cm x 26cm c 13.4cm Beguest of Sir Samuel Way 1916 Art Gallery of South Australia, AA270 Fig. 134b Louis Gonse, L'Art Japonais, A. Quantin, Paris, 1883, vol. 1 Photo taken by J. Harris 2009 Fig. 135a Vase, c.1890 Porcelain yellow glaze and overglaze decoration 37cm x 22.4cm Bequest of Sir Samuel Way 1916 Art Gallery of South Australia, C947, C948 Fig. 135b Interior of Way's home Montefiore, c. 1900, featuring Vase C947, Plate C982 Photo B41085, State Library of South Australia Fig. 136a Plate, depicting rakan and koma-inu (Korean-dog), c. 1890 Earthenware, overglaze enamel, 13.3cm diameter Beguest of Sir Samuel Way 1916 Art Gallery of South Australia, C982

Fig. 136b Plate, depicting rakan and mythological creature, c. 1890

Earthenware, overglaze enamel, 35cm diameter

Bequest of Sir Samuel Way 1916 Art Gallery of South Australia, C987

Fig. 137a Vase, with sea creatures, c.1890

Earthenware, glaze decoration, 24 cm diameter

Bequest of Sir Samuel Way 1916 Art Gallery of South Australia, C962

Fig. 137b Vase, with musical octopuses, c. 1880

Glazed earthenware, 30 cm high Bequest of Sir Samuel Way 1916 Art Gallery of South Australia, C949

Fig. 138 Platter, Arita ware

Porcelain, underglaze blue, overglaze and gold decoration

9.0cm x 61.2cm

Bequest of Sir Samuel Way 1916 Art Gallery of South Australia, C1006

Fig. 139 Vase, with heart and fan designs and floral decorations, c. 1880

Blue and white glazed porcelain, cloisonné

Porcelain, cloisonné, 30.6cm high Bequest of Sir Samuel Way 1916 Art Gallery of South Australia, C945

Fig. 140a-b Koransha c. 1880

Dish,' with blue peonies and butterflies' on matt brown background

Porcelain, polychrome enamel, 23.7cm. diameter

*Kōransha* 'orchid' mark on base Bequest of Sir Samuel Way 1916 Art Gallery of South Australia, C989

Fig. 141a-b-c Netsuke

Tiger and cub c. 1750 ivory, AA214
Frog sage, Gama sennin c. 1750, ivory, AA219
Kappa with clam shell c. 1750, wood, AA202

Bequest of Sir Samuel Way 1916 Art Gallery of South Australia Fig. 142 Okimono, Entertainer with performing rats, Ivory, 5.5cm Bequest of Sir Samuel Way 1916 Art Gallery of South Australia, AA193 Fig. 143a Felice Beato 1832-1909 'Bettoes or grooms', 1868 Albumen silver, handcolored print Front cover of album Views and Costumes of Japan Fig. 143b Source: Royal Geographical Society of South Australia, Photographic and pictures collection, album 4 Thomas Webb & Sons Fig. 144a Vase, Iris and Convulvulus, Glass, 25.8 X 16.5cm. Beguest of Sir Samuel Way 1916 Art Gallery of South Australia, C7 Fig. 144b **Moore Brothers** Pair of vases porcelain, 15.7 x 12.0 x 6.3cm Beguest of Sir Samuel Way 1916 Art Gallery of South Australia, C780, 781 Fig. 145 John Daniel Custance 1843-1923 Photo Roseworthy Campus, Art & Heritage Collection, University of Adelaide Fig. 146 Utagawa Andō Hiroshige 1797-1858 Dyer's street, Kanda From the series One hundred famous views of Edo Woodblock print David Murray Bequest Fund 1940 Art Gallery of South Australia, 401G4 Fig. 147a-b Utagawa Yoshikazu, active c.1848-1870 England (Igirisukoku) Woodblock print, 401G7 Americans touring (Americajin yūkō no zu)

> David Murray Bequest Fund 1940 Art Gallery of South Australia

Woodblock print, 401G12

Fig. 148a-b Details from Kodama Teiryō, active 1751-64

Scenes of the Ezo fishing grounds (Ezo koku gyoba fūzoku)

c. 1751-64, Matsumae, Hokkaido Hand scroll, ink and colour on paper

872cm x 27.7cm

David Murray Bequest Fund 1940 Art Gallery of South Australia, 0.1480

Fig. 149 Hashimoto Sadahide, 1807-1873

Boys' festival banners, c. 1850, Tokyo

Hanging scroll, colour on silk

76cm x 41.5cm

David Murray Bequest Fund 1940 Art Gallery of South Australia, AA485

Fig. 150a-b Nō masks of Washibana akujō & Tōgō, c.1700, Kyoto

Cypress wood, lacquer, gilt, copper alloy Bequest of Mrs Alec Tweedie 1940

Art Gallery of South Australia, AA494 & AA493

Fig. 151a Tonkotsu in form of Daruma with alms bowl and sceptre,

Paulownia wood, ivory

Sashi netsuke in form of Ashinaga, wood

Ojime in form of Jurojin, ivory

Bequest of Miss Amy Mary Lea 1923 Art Gallery of South Australia, A466

Fig. 151b Okimono, Man calling birds and standing figure of child, Ivory

Bequest of Miss Amy Mary Lea 1923 Art Gallery of South Australia, AA235

Fig. 152 Okimono, Ashinaga tenaga (long legs-long arms)

Boxwood, 8.3cm. high.

Bequest of Miss Sarah Crabb 1925 Art Gallery of South Australia, AA264

Fig. 153 Netsuke, Sennin with long beard, Ivory

Bequest of Miss Sarah Crabb 1925 Art Gallery of South Australia, AA241

# Fig. 154a-b-c Netsuke

Masanao, active mid-18<sup>th</sup> century *Sparrow (suzume)* c. 1750 Ivory, AA251

Horse grazing c.1750 Ivory, gold lacquer, 7.1cm high, AA250

Hare eating a leaf c.1800 Marine ivory, 3cm high, AA243

Bequest of Miss Sarah Crabb 1925 Art Gallery of South Australia

Fig. 155 Mrs Rasp in front of her *Shibayama cabinet* at Willyama, Medindie c. 1905 Photo B50056, State Library of South Australia

# Fig. 156a-b-c

Shibayama cabinet c. 1887 Inlaid wood, lacquer, ivory, mother of pearl, gilt bronze Gift of the beneficiaries of Agnes M.C. Rasp 1936 Art Gallery of South Australia, F29

Fig. 157 Dragon cabinet c. 1880
Wood, lacquer, gilt bronze
Gift of Mrs J T Mortlock 1965
Art Gallery of South Australia, F111

Fig. 158 Martindale Hall, Mintaro, interior, 1936
(Dragon cabinet and Suit of Armour can be seen against the back wall)
Photo B46418, State Library of South Australia

Fig. 159 Suit of Armour 18<sup>th</sup>-early 19<sup>th</sup> century
Iron, shakudō, gold, lacquer, leather and silk cord
Martindale Hall, Mintaro, South Australia

Fig. 160a Norimitsu, active late 19<sup>th</sup> century

Elephant carrying urn and rakan, c. 1890

Bronze, shakudō

114 cm x 87cm x 42cm

Ayers House Museum, National Trust of South Australia

Fig. 160b attributed to Gotō Shozaburō, Yokohama

Pair of vases, with wisteria and chrysanthemums

Cloisonné enamel on copper

149cm x 53cm each

Ayers House Museum, National Trust of South Australia

Fig. 161a-b *Ceramics*, lots 34 & 79

Source: *The Jessop Collection* auction catalogue Theodore Bruce and Co. 18, 19, 20 & 21 June 1923 at Waverley Barton Terrace West, North Adelaide S.A. p. 23.

Fig. 162 Ivories

Source: *The Jessop Collection* auction catalogue p. 48.

Fig. 163a-b Bronzes

Source: *The Jessop Collection* auction catalogue pp. 40-41.

Fig 164 Gilded Wooden Buddha

Source: The Jessop Collection auction catalogue p. 25.

Fig. 165a Netsuke, Man with water bottle (sake flask), ivory

Bequest of Sir Samuel Way 1916 Art Gallery of South Australia, AA188

Fig. 165b Okimono, Three monkeys playing go, ivory

Bequest of Sir Samuel Way 1916 Art Gallery of South Australia, AA200

Fig. 166 James Walter R. Linton 1869-1947

Portrait of Bernard Woodward, 1899

Watercolour, 24.8 x 22.1 cm Gift of James W R Linton, 1914

Art Gallery of Western Australia, 1914/00W1

Source: Gray, Anne Line Light and Shadow James W.R. Linton: Painter,

Craftsman, Teacher Fremantle Arts Centre Press 1986, p. 30.

Fig. 167 Utagawa Kunisada 1786-1864

The Poetess - Ono no Komachi Colour woodcut, 36 x 25 cm

Purchased from the Imperial Museum Tokyo 1902

Art Gallery of Western Australia, 1902/Q17 Source: *State Art Collection AGWA* p. 36.

Fig. 168 *Inrō* with 5 compartments Lacquered wood with takamakie decoration, late 19th century, 7 x 6cm. Purchased from the Imperial Museum Tokyo 1903 Art Gallery of Western Australia, 1903/OTA6 Source: Dufour, Gary (ed.) State Art Collection: The Art Gallery of Western Australia, The Gallery, W.A., 1997, p. 46. Fig. 169 Seto vase, porcelain with underglaze painting and partial tenmoku glaze c. 1880-1900 30.5 x 24 x 24 cm Purchased from the Imperial Museum Tokyo 1903 Art Gallery of Western Australia, 1903/0TC7 Source: Keefer Bell The Australian Antique Collector Dec.1997-June1998, p. 107. Fig. 170 a-b Yōshū Chikanobu 1838-1912, Illustrator Baidō Kunimasa 1823-1880, illustrator Sir George Grey Special Collection, Auckland City Library, New Zealand Fig. 171 a-b Hiroshige III, 1842-1894 Images of Great Japanese industries: whaling and ice cutting Sir George Grey Special Collection, Auckland City Library, New Zealand Fig. 172 Hashimoto Sadahide, 1807-1873 Images from etehon art manuals Sir George Grey Special Collection, Auckland City Library, New Zealand Fig. 173a-b Katsushika Hokusai 1760-1849 Manga vol. 5, cover and image Sir George Grey Special Collection, Auckland City Library, New Zealand Fig. 174 Te Hau o te Atua, Clifton, Sumner c. 1903-1913 Photo 1940.193.165 J J Kinsey collection, Canterbury Museum, Christchurch Fig. 175 Writing box, suzuri bako depicting puppies and cherry tree, lacquer J J Kinsey Collection, Canterbury Museum, Christchurch Photo J. Harris 2009

Fig. 176 Katsushika Hokusai 1760-1849

Katsuo (bonita)

J J Kinsey Collection, Canterbury Museum 1941.87.137

Source: Bullen, Bell, Lummis & Payne, *Pleasure and Play in Edo Japan* Canterbury

Museum & University of Canterbury, Christchurch, 2009 p. 59.

Fig. 177 Hishikawa Moronobu 1618-1694

Genroku Beauty

J J Kinsey Collection, Canterbury Museum 1941.87.132

Source: Bullen, Bell, Lummis & Payne, Pleasure and Play in Edo Japan Canterbury

Museum & University of Canterbury, Christchurch, 2009 p. 45.

Fig. 178a-b Hosoda Eishi 1756-1829

Oiran Geisha, and signature Chōbunsai Eishi

J J Kinsey Collection, Canterbury Museum 1941.87.133

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Fig. 179a-e Imari, Satsuma, Kettles kama, cloisonné, netsuke and inrō (and tonkotsu)

J J Kinsey Collection, Canterbury Museum, Christchurch

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Fig. 180 Tawaraya Sōtatsu (School of) active 1576-1643

Flowering plants of the four seasons

Six panel folding screen: ink and pigments on gold leaf on paper, silk, lacquer on

wood, paper, metal 384 x 170 cm.

Felton Bequest 1907

National Gallery of Victoria, 611-D2

Source: Pang, Mae Anna Spring Flowers Autumn Grass: The Spirit of Nature in

Asian Art National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne 2002, p. 43.

Fig. 181 Katsushika Hokusai 1760-1849

The great wave off Kanagawa

from the series Thirty-six views of Mt Fuji 1826-33 (c. 1830)

colour woodblock, 25.7 x 37.7 cm

Felton Bequest, 1909

National Gallery of Victoria, 426-2

Fig. 182a Shibayama lacquer vase, c. 1900

Lacquer on wood, inlaid mother-of-pearl, gold leaf, 37.4 x 19.0cm

Gift of the Honorable Henry C. Dangar 1902

Art Gallery of New South Wales, 2392

Covered box with design of Chinese Gate at Nikkō Shrine, 19th century Fig. 182b Lacquer on wood 5.7 x 27.3 x 22.9cm: a - box, b - cover, c - tray Gift of Charles Binnie 1935 Art Gallery of New South Wales, 4051.a-c Fig. 182c Hotwater pot with Tokugawa crests, 19th century Lacquer on wood 17.3 x 24.5cm overall: a - pot, b - lid, c - spout cover, d - centre part of lid Gift of Charles Binnie 1939 Art Gallery of New South Wales, 6956.44.a-d Fig. 183 Furisode, from Yamanaka, Osaka Silk, gold metallic thread, yuzen resist dyed, painted and embroidered, H. 173 x 125.5 cm. Powerhouse Museum, PMH14978 Fig. 184 Shrine, Buddhist, black & gold lacquer, Purchased 1948 from Arthur Lindsay Sadler

Powerhouse Museum, PHM A4132

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