

Robert T. Singer

Robert T. Singer received his graduate education in Japanese art and archaeology from Princeton University. Before coming to LACMA in 1988, he was a Research Fellow at Kyoto University for 14 years. Mr. Singer oversees the eight annual permanent collection rotations in the Pavilion for Japanese Art. His special exhibitions and related publications include Treasured Miniatures: Contemporary Netsuke from Japanese Collections (1994); Hirado Porcelain of Japan from the Kurtzman Family Collection (1997–98); Van Gogh and the Japanese Print (1999); The Max Palevsky Collection of Japanese Woodblock Prints (2001); and Munakata Shikō: Japanese Master of the Modern Print (2002). In 1998, he curated and organized the exhibition Edo: Art in Japan 1615–1868 at the National Gallery of Art, Washington, D.C. Kamisaka Sekka: Rimpa Master—Pioneer of Modern Design was shown in LACMA's Pavilion for Japanese Art in 2004. Mr. Singer's most recent exhibitions at LACMA were The Sound of One Hand: Paintings and Calligraphy by Zen Master Hakuin, held in the summer of 2011; this was followed in 2012 by the exhibition Masterpiece in Focus: The Debut of the Tsushima Night Festival Screen and its Restoration. In 2013 Mr. Singer curated Japanese Prints: Hokusai at LACMA, and in 2014, his exhibitions included Samurai: Japanese Armor from the Ann and Gabriel Barbier-Mueller Collection and the related Art of the Samurai: Swords, Paintings, Prints, and Textiles. Raku: The Cosmos in a Tea Bowl (2015) is Mr. Singer's most recent exhibition at LACMA.