

## About the symposium

'Yōkai Hikimaku' is a kabuki theatre curtain painted by the famous artist KAWANABE Kyōsai (1831–1889), featuring various Japanese demons called yōkai. The Theatre Museum at Waseda University has recently digitized this piece in high-definition and converted the still images of the demons into vivid animation, in collaboration with Toppan Printing. This symposium explores various examples from Japan and the UK, including the yōkai theatre curtain, demonstrating how classical works can be revitalized with the assistance of digital technology. Curators from the British Museum reveal some secrets of the yōkai theatre curtain and its relationship with the museum's Citi exhibition Manga.

**PROGRAMME** 

14:00

Opening Remarks

Simon WRIGHT, Director – Programming, Japan House London KASAHARA Hironori, Vice President, Waseda University

PART 1: Digital Technologies to Revive Classical Arts デジタルテクノロジーで甦る芸術・芸能

14:10

Classical Arts Meet Digital Technologies at the Theatre Museum 演劇博物館における古典芸術と デジタルテクノロジーの出会い

OKAMURO Minako, Director of the Theatre Museum, Waseda University

14:30

Preserving Culture with Digital Humanities デジタル人文知による文化の保存

Matt HAYLER, Senior Lecturer, University of Birmingham Dominique CHEN, Professor, Waseda University

15:00

Q&A

15:10

## Break

PART 2: The *Yōkai* Kabuki Theatre Curtain 妖怪引幕について

15:25

KAWANABE Kyōsai and the Remaking of Japanese Art 河鍋暁斎と日本美術の新たな出発

Tim CLARK, Head of the Japanese Section, Department of Asia, the British Museum

15:40

The Citi exhibition Manga and KAWANABE Kyōsai's Curtain 大英博物館マンガ展と河鍋暁斎の妖怪引幕

Nicole Coolidge ROUSMANIERE, Curator, the Japanese Collections, the British Museum

15:55

The Journey of the *Yōkai* Theatre Curtain 河鍋暁齋「妖怪引幕」の遍歴

KODAMA Ryūichi, Vice Director of the Theatre Museum, Waseda University

16:10

Q&A

16:20

Closing Remarks

Robin MASON, Pro-Vice-Chancellor (International), University of Birmingham

16:45

Reception (until 18:00)

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