

The art of Yūki Atae's doll design comes to life at the base of Mt. Fuji

KAWAGUCHIKO MUSE MUSEUM YŪKI ATAЕ

English

与 勇輝 (1937~) について

About "Yūki Atae" (1937-Present)

Yūki Atae is one of the most famous doll making artists in Japan. He was born and raised in a family with a father who made everything in the house from scratch, such as bamboo baskets, wash basins and wooden spoons, and with a mother who was good at crafts and sewing. As a little boy, Yūki Atae had a passion for crafts and drawing, and devoted himself to making dolls in his youth. He has become one of the most highly recognized doll making artists in Japan today, and is a representative in his field. His art exhibitions have been held overseas in such locals as New York, Paris and São Paulo, and his exquisite style and technique creates such fine art pieces, that they continue to attract people from all over the world.



日本人の技 The "Japanese Technique"



Yūki Atae's work appears natural and alive. The subjects for his art are mostly children. He uses warm cotton cloth as the main material. Other than the dolls that are posed in dynamic positions, his dolls stand on their own two feet, with good balance and without any external support. Yūki puts his heart and soul into his work, from the tip of those small fingers right down to the ends of their hair. Every detail, the tiny buttons, the Japanese style sandals and all of the small accessories, were made by hand. Every process is carefully completed by the artist himself, which is one of the unique features of his work. Please don't miss your chance to experience his unparalleled work, brought together as the culmination of his exquisite Japanese techniques.



A Nap 1995



Nighty-night 2006



Kotatsu 1994



An Autumn Afternoon-Wedding Day 2005



Piari 1999

The art in our exhibition is changed twice a year, and each exhibition features approximately 100 pieces. Please be aware that because of these changes, some of the dolls found in the guide may not be displayed.





Kawaguchiko Muse Museum

At the "Kawaguchiko Muse Museum", we display approximately 100 dolls created by Yūki Atae. We have also received high praise in the "Michelin Green Guide Japan" for the year 2009. In Greek Mythology, the Goddess of Art is named "Muse." Experiencing Yūki Atae's artwork, and feeling the presence of the goddess Muse in this beautiful environment near Mt. Fuji and Lake Kawaguchiko, will be an unforgettable memory from your trip.

Information

Hours: 9:00~17:00 (No admission after 16:30) Closed: Thursdays & the end of year holiday
Open every day during April until August.
Admission price: Adults, University Students: ¥ 600
High school students, Junior High school students: ¥ 400
Elementary school students: Free
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Telephone: 0555-72-5258
Official Website: <http://www.musekan.net/english.php>
Kawaguchiko sightseeing information: http://www.fujisan.ne.jp/index_e.php

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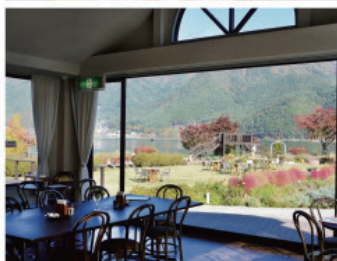
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* Please do not take photos or record video inside the exhibition area.

Additional Facility Admission Free Area

Museum Shop... We carry museum original merchandise and other traditional Japanese souvenirs.

Tea Room... How about having a tea break in our coffee shop? The beautiful view of the lake changes in appearance during the four distinct Japanese seasons. We offer fresh coffee, Japanese style sweet snacks, green tea and other confections served on authentic Japanese dishes. You can also enjoy the view of Mt. Fuji from our garden terrace on sunny days, and take advantage of our free wi-fi.



Directions to our museum

It takes 12 minutes to get to our museum from Kawaguchiko station via the sightseeing bus.

● **Red line**... Kawaguchiko sightseeing bus

Get off at the "Yagisaki Park" bus stop, and our museum is a 5 min. walk from there

● **Green line**... Saiko sightseeing bus

Get off at the "Kawaguchiko Muse Museum Entrance" bus stop, and our museum is a 2 min. walk from there.



Yūki Atae's dolls

The dolls of Yūki Atae are more than well-crafted works of art. Their images are drawn directly from the artist's imagination that transcend the barrier between reality and fantasy, the animate and the inanimate. Each little figure seems to glow with an inner light that reaches out and tantalizes the viewer with a snatch of personality and a touch of humor. Reflections of these dolls can be seen all around us in life and in the corners of our imagination.

Everything down to the tiny buttons on the small articles of clothing, the straw sandals and the little gourds that adorn the dolls have been meticulously finished to add to the sense of realism and fantasy.

All the dolls stand firmly balanced on their own two feet without any external support. Each doll requires hours of dedicated attention and painstaking detail before finally reaching completion.

Somehow during the process, Yūki Atae gives each doll a life and spirit that that is uniquely its own.



Ninguru 1993

Associated Facilities

☕ Cafe 🎁 Souvenir

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Kawaguchiko Herb Kan ☕🎁

The Kawaguchiko herb kan offers a wide variety of herbal products and souvenir items. There are drop-in classes for making pressed-leaf bookmarks available on the second floor. Get off the bus at the "Kawaguchiko Herb Hall" bus stop on either the ***Red line** or the ***Green line**.

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Kawaguchiko Museum of Art ☕🎁

Aside from their Mt. Fuji themed Japanese paintings, Western paintings and Photography art, which are on permanent display, The Kawaguchiko Museum of Art continually updates their limited run art exhibitions. To get there, get off the bus at the "Kawaguchiko museum of art" stop on the ***Red line**.

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Kawaguchiko Natural Living Center ☕🎁

The Kawaguchiko Natural Living Center has the best view of Mt. Fuji in all Japan. The coffee shop, located inside the center, is a great place to enjoy a tea break, and take in the view of the mountain and lake at the same time. To get there, get off the bus at the "Kawaguchiko Shizen Seikatsukan" stop on the ***Red line**.

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Oishi Pongee Traditional Craft Center 🎁

At the "Oishi Pongee Traditional Craft Center", they offer local hand-woven pongee fabrics which have been passed down from generation to generation up to the present day. There is an exhibition about pongee fabric, and a souvenir shop. To get there, get off the bus at the "Oishi Tsumugi Dento Kougeikan" stop. It takes 1 min. on foot to get there. ***Red line**.

*** Bus line route explanation:**

Red line...Kawaguchiko Sight Seeing Bus **Green line**...Saiko Sight Seeing Bus

