

LYRICAL IMAGES
POETRY AND JAPAN'S
VISUAL ART

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JOAN B MIRVISS LTD is pleased to present a selection of more than thirty-five Japanese prints and paintings from the nineteenth and twentieth-centuries that explore the rich artistic legacy that developed between Japan's literary and visual arts. Individual poems, or verses that were included in lyrical prose, were an integral part of Japan's literary tradition. From the romantic "Tale of Genji" to the narrative "Tale of the Heike," poetry and the act of composing poems were key elements in the plots of many of Japan's epic novels.

Complex iconography with layered allusions and metaphors arose from these poetic episodes that addressed subjects such as love, beauty, nature, and spirituality, and provided painters and print-makers with a significant source of inspiration. LYRICAL IMAGES presents a visual journey of the poetry that continues to captivate artists and audiences alike. Organized around cherished lyrical themes and motifs, the exhibition will include calligraphy, woodblock prints, gold-leaf screens, and hanging scrolls.

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Tuesday – Friday 12 PM to 5 PM

Saturday 1 PM to 4 PM

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