Mizumaru Anzai Exhibition Works with Haruki Murakami

November 17, 2023-April 9, 2024 10:00-17:00 Closed Wednesdays, etc. (See website for detailed opening times)

Admission Free Organizer: The Waseda International House of Literature Cooperation: Anzai Mizumaru Office

The Waseda International House of Literature 2F Exhibition Room, etc. 1-6-1 Nishi-waseda, Shinjuku-ku, Tokyo 169-8050

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『村上かるた うさぎおいしーフランス人』原画 (文藝春秋、2007年)



『スメルジャコフ対繊田信長家臣団』原画 (朝日新聞社、2001年)



Mizumaru Anzai (1942-2014) is an illustrator known for his partnership with Haruki Murakami, which spanned 30 years and covered titles including Happy End of Elephant Factory, the Murakami Asahi-do series, and Fuwafuwa. Mizumaru Anzai's works, including illustrations drawn with simple lines and colors conveying a certain humor and warmth, as well as vivid essays combining quickly sketched drawings with handwritten text, continue to be loved by many today.

The Waseda International House of Literature has received donations from Anzai's surviving family and now maintains a collection of more than 700 pieces created in his work with Haruki Murakami. We hope to use these pieces as precious materials at the International House of Literature.

This exhibition mainly displays works selected from among these pieces in what is their first public showing since receipt. The exhibition also introduces a large collection of works from Anzai's younger years that can be said to form the basis of his later work, including snow globes, blue willow tableware, and folk crafts. There is also a reading area with relevant books, and custom-made goods are available to purchase. Outside of the exhibition room, Anzai's works welcome visitors in various locations within the International House of Literature.

As you walk through, we hope you will enjoy the charms of Mizumaru Anzai's illustrations.

Mizumaru Anzai

Born in Tokyo. Graduated from modeling course in fine art at Nihon University College of Art. Worked as art director at Dentsu, ADAC (a design studio in New York), and Heibonsha before becoming a freelance illustrator. Besides being active in advertising, magazine covers and illustrations, and book covers, also self-produced many novels, essays, manga, and picture-books that remain highly popular today. Won many awards including the Asahi Advertising Award, Mainichi Advertisement Competition, 1987 Japan Graphic Exhibition Artist of the Year Award, and 1988 Kinema Junpo Readers' Award.



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『象工場のハッピーエンド』原画

(CBS・ソニー出版、1983年/講談社、1999年)

『夜のくもざる』原画 (平凡社、1995年/新潮文庫、1998年)



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『ランゲルハンス島の午後』原画

(光文社、1986年/新潮文庫、1990年)



『村上朝日堂の逆襲』原画

(朝日新聞社、1986年/新潮文庫、1989年)





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