



Dear JACCC Gallery Patrons:

The Japanese American Cultural Community Center (JACCC) invite all of the diverse voices in our community to participate in ***Hatsu- Zora (First Sky)***

Shikishi paper-boards have been used in Japan since the 12th century for traditional painting or to inscribe poetry. Today, *shikishi* are given as a gift to mark a memorable or special occasion. In 1998 JACCC fused traditional and contemporary notions of the *shikishi* by asking over 500 people to celebrate the New Year by expressing themselves using the *shikishi* board. Participants included celebrities, local personalities, politicians, artists, priests, children, writers, and community members. The outcome was an intriguing and amazingly eclectic exhibit of *shikishi* art. Some were simple while others elaborate and colorful were even fashioned into freestanding sculptures. All were unique.

Opening on January 7, 2018, year of the Dog, JACCC will celebrate its *20th Annual Shikishi Exhibition*. Based on the ***Hatsu- Zora (First Sky)*** theme, we are asking you to express your thoughts, hopes, and dreams for the New Year using a *shikishi*. There are no guidelines in using the *shikishi*; you may write on it, use it as a canvas, and even cut it up to construct a three-dimensional object.

We hope that you will participate in the *20th Annual Shikishi Exhibition*. You may purchase a *shikishi* at your local Japanese market. Please note the entry fee to participate in the exhibition is \$10 per *shikishi*.

The deadline to submit all work is Monday, December 18, 2017. Please contact JACCC at (213) 628-2725 with any questions or concerns. We look forward to seeing your artwork!

Sincerely,
JACCC

Thank you for your interest in the Japanese American Cultural Community Center's *20th Annual Shikishi Exhibition*.

Hatsu- Zora (First Sky). Based on this theme, please use the *shikishi* to express your thoughts, hopes, and dreams for the New Year in any way you like. There are no guidelines; you may write on it, use it as a canvas, fold it or cut it.



The exhibition opens on **January 7, 2018** in the George J. Doizaki Gallery with **finished shikishi due by Monday, December 18, 2017**. Please note that we will not be able to return the *shikishi* works after the exhibition.

Please return your finished *shikishi* and **artist information** (below) by mail or in person to JACCC. The fee to participate this year is \$10/ shikishi. Checks can be made payable to JACCC.

Finished *shikishi*, artists information and donation should be sent to:
JACCC
244 South San Pedro Street
Los Angeles, California 90012-3895

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact at (213) 628-2725
Thank you for your participation, we look forward to receiving your artwork!

Sincerely,
JACCC

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Artist Information – return with finished *shikishi* to JACCC

* Name: _____

Occupation: _____

Address: _____

Phone#: _____

E-mail: _____

*Please print your name clearly, and as you wish to appear with your shikishi.