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events & news

May – August 2012

The tale of the Bamboo Cutter

11 May – 5 August 2012

The tale of the Bamboo Cutter (Taketori monogatari) is the oldest Japanese work of prose fiction, written in the early Heian period (9th – 10th century). It is one of the most important stories in Japanese classical courtly literature and is well-known for its significant influence on later Japanese literary works. This exhibition focuses on the Chester Beatty Library's recently conserved early 17th-century version, believed to be the earliest surviving illustrated example. It is produced in a set of two scrolls, telling the story in exquisite cursive calligraphy, interspersed with ten beautiful paintings.

The scrolls have recently undergone two years of extensive specialist conservation, with the generous support of The Sumitomo Foundation, Tokyo. This display is a unique opportunity for visitors to enjoy the scrolls on their return to Dublin from the Restorient Studio in the Museum Volkenkunde, Leiden. *See education and calendar overleaf for details of the public programme.*

The first suitor - the stone begging-bowl of the Buddha from *The tale of the Bamboo Cutter*. Early 17th century, Japan. CBL J 1125.2, ill. 8, detail.

Chester Beatty: the Paintings, from the National Gallery of Ireland

14 September 2012 – 24 March 2013

Guards at the Door of a Tomb by Jean-Léon Gérôme, 1870s. NGI.4234. Photo © National Gallery of Ireland. Detail

Chester Beatty's French 19th-century paintings today form part of the collections of the National Gallery of Ireland. Later this year, the Chester Beatty Library will exhibit a selection of these works, courtesy of the Gallery, featuring important Orientalist paintings by Jean-Léon Gérôme and Eugène Fromentin, as well as Barbizon and Realist works by Jules Breton, Thomas Couture and Jean-Louis-Ernest Meissonier.

Chester Beatty Library loans to Doha

Six works from the Islamic collection are on display until 2 June at the Museum of Islamic Art in Doha, Qatar, as part of the exhibition *Gifts of the Sultan: the Arts of Giving at the Islamic Courts.* These are dated between the 9th and 18th centuries and were shown last year in Los Angeles and Houston.

Waqfnama (Endowment deed), 1729, Turkey. CBL T 442, f. 1b. Detail

Dublin City of Science 2012

The Chester Beatty Library and CALMAST (Centre for the Advancement of Learning of Maths, Science and Technology) will present a series of interactive handling sessions and workshops for children to highlight the week in July. The Library holds a significant collection of scientific material in its European, Islamic and East Asian collections and a gallery trail will be available for visitors.

Love: live music concert

Thursday 21 June 1–2pm

Join the nation-wide celebration of live music with a performance of traditional Japanese music with Phil Horan and Thomas Charles Marshall.

Free, no booking required. See www.lovelivemusic.ie for more details of this and other events.

The tale of Oeyama. Mid-17th century, Japan. CBL J 1145

Development News

The Library has received a generous grant from The Sumitomo Foundation Tokyo to conserve *The tale of Oeyama (Oeyama emaki)*, an important mid-seventeenth-century set of three Japanese scrolls. This three-year project will be the Library's second collaboration with the Restorient Studio, Leiden, and we are very grateful to The Sumitomo Foundation for their continued support of our conservation programme.

Membership News

Highlights of our summer programme for Members include: trips to Vienna and to Letterkenny and Derry; a book club meeting; a Japanese-themed Film Club day and summer party; celebrations for Bloomsday and Bastille Day; and a Tibetan mandala workshop.

Education

Meet the Community

Meet members of the Irish, Japanese and Thai communities at a series of events organised throughout the public programme, with particular focus on *The tale of the Bamboo Cutter* exhibition and *Dublin City of Science* week. Included are workshops on Japanese tea ceremony, origami, *manga* & painting, as well as *manga/anime* film screenings. *Details overleaf.*

Bealtaine Festival celebrating Creativity As We Age

Saturday 19–Sunday 20 May 10am–4pm & 12–4pm

Join artists Fiona Cashell and Anna Kadzik for a two-day workshop based on *The tale of the Bamboo Cutter.*

Create your own artistic responses to the exhibition in mixed media form. *Limited to 15 places; free. See booking details overleaf. This workshop is for over-50s.*

Thai Cultural Family Day

Saturday 16 June 2–4pm

Join us for our annual Thai Cultural Family Day. There will be a number of events including music, dance and cultural activities. *See booking details overleaf.*

Japanese painting and folding screen making workshop with Hiroko Imada

Saturday 23–Sunday 24 June 10am–4pm & 12–4pm

Be inspired by *The tale of the Bamboo Cutter* and create your own traditional screen, painting and paper doll with artist Hiroko Imada. *Limited to 15 places; €50 per person. See booking details overleaf. This workshop is for adults.*

Community Ambassador Tours

Join the Library for tours in Mandarin, Japanese and Arabic. *For more details see calendar overleaf.*

Left: The third suitor from *The tale of the Bamboo Cutter*. Early 17th century, Japan. CBL J 1125.1, ill. 8, detail.

Explore Japanese *Manga* with artist Inko

Friday 29, Saturday 30 June and Sunday 1 July

UK-based artist Inko will give a talk and demonstration for *manga* fans on Friday 29 June, a workshop for children on Saturday 30 June and adults on Sunday 1 July. *For more details see calendar overleaf.*

Silk Worm Summer Club with CALMAST

Monday 9 – Friday 13 July, 11.30-12.45pm, suitable for 6–11 years, free, limited to 20 places.

Young scientists. As part of *Dublin City of Science* CALMAST, Waterford Institute of Technology will run a week-long, interactive science club. Children will get the chance to explore a range of science activities with interactive, hands-on experiments.
See booking details overleaf.

Handling Objects with CALMAST as part of Dublin City of Science

Monday 16 – Friday 20 July 1–4pm each day

Join the CALMAST team of Waterford Institute of Technology in exploring and handling scientific instruments such as astrolabes and astronomy tools. *Free, no booking required.*

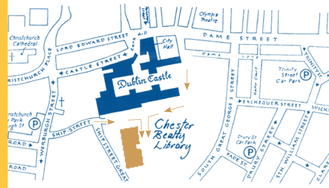
Family Activity Packs

Why not try our activity packs and explore the Library? *For more details see calendar overleaf.*

National Drawing Day

Saturday 19 May

The Library is delighted to introduce its new drawing pack for adults and teens, available as part of National Drawing Day. The pack encourages visitors to explore techniques as reflected in the collections. *For more details see calendar overleaf.*



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Opening times

May-Sept	Mon-Fri 10.00am-5.00pm Saturdays 11.00am-5.00pm Sundays 1.00pm-5.00pm
Oct-April	Tues-Fri 10.00am-5.00pm Saturdays 11.00am-5.00pm Sundays 1.00pm-5.00pm
Closed	Public Holiday Mondays, Good Friday, 24-26 Dec, 1 Jan
Admission	Free

Free public tours *Highlights of the Collection*
Wednesdays 1pm; Sundays 3pm & 4pm.
Other times by prior arrangement.

Facilities: Silk Road Café, Gift & Book Shop, Audio-visual presentations, Roof Garden, wheelchair access, baby-changing facilities.

Front Cover: The Old Bamboo Cutter finds a child of supernatural beauty from *The tale of the Bamboo Cutter*. Early 17th century, Japan. CBL J 1125.1, ill. 1, detail

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MAY

Public Tours

Every Wednesday at 1pm and Sundays at 3 & 4pm

5 & 6	Sat & Sun	1–4pm	**Family Activity Packs & Drawing Packs for adults and teens.** *Free*
11	Fri		***The tale of the Bamboo Cutter* exhibition opens**
		1.10pm	**Public Lecture** *The story behind the tale – the restoration of 'The tale of the Bamboo Cutter'*, The Restorient Studio, Leiden
12	Sat	11.30am	**Members Event** *Tibetan mandala workshop.* Join us for a workshop using colourful grains and fragrant spices. A real feast for the senses! *Booking essential**
		2pm	**Community Ambassador Tour** in Mandarin with Tiedong Yang
16	Wed	11am	**Members Event** *History on our doorstep: Dublin Civic Trust.* Enjoy a talk and visit to Number 4 Castle Street, one of the last Georgian merchant townhouses in Dublin to remain intact. *Booking essential**
		2pm	**Public Film** *Spirited Away* (千と千尋の神隠し) Chihiro Ogino, a sullen ten-year-old girl, becomes trapped in an alternate reality that is inhabited by spirits and monsters. After her parents are transformed into pigs by the witch Yubaba, Chihiro takes a job working in Yubaba's bathhouse to find a way to free herself and her parents and escape back to the human world. (125 min) Japanese with English subtitles
17	Thurs	1.10pm	**Public Lecture** *The tale of the Bamboo Cutter – romancing a celestial princess,* Ruth Starr, Lecturer, Arts of Japan, Trinity College Dublin
19	Sat	1–4pm	**National Drawing Day** Why not try the Library's new drawing pack for adults and teens as part of this nation-wide programme? *Free, no booking required.*
		1pm	**Community Ambassador Tour** in Arabic with Karma Shawa
19–20	Sat & Sun	10am–4pm (Sat) & 12–4pm (Sun)	**Bealtaine Festival celebrating Creativity As We Age** *Limited to 15 places; free. Please book from Tuesday 15 May 9.30am onwards at www.cbl.ie under Online Booking***
20	Sun	2pm	**Community Ambassador Tour** in Japanese with Hiromi Anzai
23	Wed	2pm	**Public Film** *Ponyo* (崖の上のポニョ) The story centres around a 5-year-old human boy, named Sosuke, and his friendship with a goldfish named Ponyo who wants to become a human girl. (101 min) English
30	Wed	2pm	**Public Film** *Howl's Moving Castle* (ハウルの動く城) When an unconfident young woman is cursed with an old body by a spiteful witch, her only chance of breaking the spell lies with a self-indulgent yet insecure young wizard and his companions. (119 min) Japanese with English subtitles.
31	Thurs	1.10pm	**Public Lecture** *Kozo – traditional paper making in Japan,* Richard Gorman, contemporary artist

Be a Member of the Chester Beatty Library

Becoming a Member of the Library has never been easier. Join online today at www.cbl.ie and enjoy a range of benefits including Members-only talks, tours, cultural trips in Ireland and overseas, Book Club, Film Club and discounts in our Shop and Silk Road Café

JUNE

Public Tours

Every Wednesday at 1pm and Sundays at 3 & 4pm

2 & 3	Sat & Sun	1–4pm	**Family Activity Packs & Drawing Packs** for adults and teens
6	Wed	2pm	**Public Film** *The Cat Returns* (猫の恩返し) After helping a cat, a young girl finds herself involuntarily engaged to a cat prince in a magical world where her only hope of freedom lies with a dapper cat statuette that comes to life. (75 min) English
7	Thurs	1.10pm	**Art demonstration** of Japanese origami with Ms Motoko Fujita
9	Sat	11.30am	**Members Event** Guided tour *Introduction to the Chester Beatty Library. Booking essential**
		1pm	**Members Event** *Mughal-e-Azam*, Film club screening: Indian Film & introductory talk. This epic Indian film, set in the 16th century, features a doomed love affair that threatens to bring the powerful Mughal Empire to its knees. *Booking essential**
		1pm	**Community Ambassador Tour** in Arabic with Karma Shawa
		2pm	**Community Ambassador Tour** in Mandarin with Tiedong Yang
13	Wed	2pm	**Public Film** *Ponyo* (崖の上のポニョ) The story centres around a 5-year-old human boy, named Sosuke, and his friendship with a goldfish named Ponyo who wants to become a human girl. (101 min) Japanese with English subtitles.
14	Thurs	1.10pm	**Japanese Tea Ceremony** Join us for a traditional Japanese tea ceremony with members of the Irish Japanese community. Mrs Oda, Ms Ozaki and Ms Kidokoro will demonstrate the meaning behind the ceremony and the audience will be invited to participate. *Free, no booking required*
16	Sat	2–4pm	**Thai Family Day** Join us for our annual Family Day celebrating Thai culture. We are delighted to welcome back the Thai Dance Academy and Thai Music Circle London to perform on the day. We will also have activities for families to explore the Library's Thai collection. Special thanks to the Royal Thai Embassy, London, the Thai Dance Academy and Thai Music Circle, Thai Tourist Authority, Thai Temple, Wimbledon, Thai Adoption Group as well as the Thai Irish community for their support. *This event is free of charge. Please book online with Education Services from Monday 11 June on www.cbl.ie***
		9am	**Members Event** *Bloomsday celebrations* Join us for the traditional Bloomsday Breakfast in The Gresham Hotel followed by a fascinating talk about *Ulysses. Booking essential**
17	Sun	2pm	**Community Ambassador Tour** in Japanese with Hiromi Anzai
20	Wed	2pm	**Public Film** *Spirited Away* (千と千尋の神隠し) Chihiro Ogino, a sullen ten-year-old girl, becomes trapped in an alternate reality that is inhabited by spirits and monsters. After her parents are transformed into pigs by the witch Yubaba, Chihiro takes a job working in Yubaba's bathhouse to find a way to free herself and her parents and escape back to the human world. (125 min) English
21	Thurs	1pm	**Love: live music event** Phil Horan and Thomas Charles Marshall perform traditional Japanese music in the Arts of the Book Gallery
23 & 24	Sat & Sun	10am–4pm (Sat) 12pm–4pm (Sun)	**Japanese painting and folding screen making workshop** with Hiroko Imada *Limited to 15 places, €50 per person, materials provided. Please book from Monday 18 June, 9.30am at www.cbl.ie under Online Booking***
27	Wed	2pm	**Public Film** *The Cat Returns* (猫の恩返し) After helping a cat, a young girl finds herself involuntarily engaged to a cat prince in a magical world where her only hope of freedom lies with a dapper cat statuette that comes to life. (75 min) Japanese with English subtitles.
29	Fri	1.10pm	**Public lecture and demonstration** with artist Inko on the art of Japanese *manga.* UK-based artist, Inko will showcase her work. *Free no booking required*
30	Sat	2–3.30pm	**Silk Worm Club special** for 6–11 year olds. Meet artist, Inko and make your own *manga* cartoon. *Limited to 20 places, please book from Monday 25 June, 9.30am onwards at www.cbl.ie under Online Booking***

JULY

Public Tours

Every Wednesday at 1pm and Sundays at 3 & 4pm

1	Sun	12–4pm	**Japanese *manga* workshop** for adults with artist, Inko. Work with Inko and create your own Japanese-inspired *manga.* Participants are encouraged to view *The tale of the Bamboo Cutter* in advance. *Booking essential, 15 places, €25 per person, materials provided. Please book online from Tuesday 26 June, 9.30am at www.cbl.ie under Online Booking***
		2pm	**Community Ambassador Tour** in Japanese with Hiromi Anzai
4	Wed	2pm	**Public Film** *Howl's Moving Castle* (ハウルの動く城) When an unconfident young woman is cursed with an old body by a spiteful witch, her only chance of breaking the spell lies with a self-indulgent yet insecure young wizard and his companions. (119 min) English
7 & 8	Sat & Sun	1-4pm	**Family Activity Packs & Drawing Packs** for Adults and Teens
7	Sat	2pm	**Community Ambassador Tour** in Mandarin with Tiedong Yang
9–13	Mon–Fri	11.30–12.45pm	**Silk Worm Summer Club with CALMAST for young scientists** *Suitable for ages 6-11, free, limited to 20 places. Please book from Monday 2 July 9.30am at www.cbl.ie under Online Booking***
14	Sat	11.30am	**Members Event** *Bastille Day* Enjoy delicious French pastries, a documentary screening and a talk about the Chester Beatty Library's collection of satirical prints of the French Revolution. *Booking essential**
16–20	Mon–Fri	1–4pm	**Handling Objects with CALMAST** as part of Dublin City of Science *Free, no booking required.*
21	Sat	11am	**Members Event** *Tokyo Story & Still Walking* Japanese Film Club day Celebrate the best in Japanese film with a full day of talks, film screenings and a traditional Japanese lunch. *Booking essential**
26	Thurs	5.30pm	**Members Event** *Members' Summer Party* Join the party with an after-hours viewing of *The tale of the Bamboo Cutter* exhibition, a conservation talk and a Japanese dinner in the Oriental Café. *Booking essential**
27	Fri	1.10pm	**Public Lecture** *The story behind the tale – the restoration of 'The tale of the Bamboo Cutter'*, The Restorient Studio, Leiden
31	Tue		**Members Event** *Overnight trip to Letterkenny & Derry* Enjoy two full days of sightseeing including Derek Hill's collection of art in Glebe House, Churchill and guided tours of the city walls and the Tower Museum in Derry. *Booking essential**

AUGUST

Public Tours

Every Wednesday at 1pm and Sundays at 3 & 4pm

4 & 5	Sat & Sun	1–4pm	**Family Activity Packs & Drawing Packs** for adults and teens
5	Sun		*The tale of the Bamboo Cutter* exhibition closes
		2pm	**Community Ambassador Tour** in Japanese with Hiromi Anzai
11	Sun	2pm	**Community Ambassador Tour** in Mandarin with Tiedong Yang
18	Sat	11.30am	**Members Event** *The Hare with Amber Eyes* by Edmund de Waal. Book Club meeting. 264 netsuke; none of them larger than a matchbox: this stunning memoir describes the journey taken by these exquisite objects – and the family who treasured them – across continents and centuries, in a gripping tale of war and peace, passion and loss. *Booking essential**
		2pm	**Members Lecture** *Netsuke and Inro: "From Fashion Fobs to Coveted Collectibles"*, Ruth Starr, Lecturer, Arts of Japan, Trinity College Dublin. *Booking essential**
19	Sun	1–2pm	**Traditional Indian Bharatnatyam dance workshop** with the Unitas ISAC Team (www.unitasisac.ie) as part of the Dublin Mela, celebrating local Indian culture. Join two dancers from the Arts Academy and explore traditional Indian dancing. *Suitable for all ages, free, limited to 20 places. Please book from Monday 13 August 9.30am at www.cbl.ie under Online Booking***
23	Thurs	1.10pm	**Public Lecture** *The Stuff That Reams Are Made Of: Innovations in 18th and 19th century papermaking in Europe,* Fiona McLees, Conservation Intern, Chester Beatty Library
25	Sat	1–4pm	**Family Activity and Adult & Teen Drawing Packs** will be made available to mark Heritage Week.
26	Sun		**Members Event** *Trip to Vienna: in the footsteps of Gustav Klimt and The Hare with Amber Eyes* Join us for a three-night trip visiting some of Vienna's world-renowned museums, libraries and art galleries and enjoy the traditional *kaffee und kuchen. Booking essential**

Heritage Week

Don't forget Heritage Week, which runs from 18-26 August. The Library is delighted to participate in a number of events including guided tours, a lecture on 18th & 19th century papermaking as well as family activity and adult & teen drawing packs. *See www.heritageweek.ie for details nationwide*

Support the Chester Beatty Library

To support the Library (CHY 5879), you can make a donation online at www.cbl.ie or contact Paula Shalloo, tel: 4070773, email: pshalloo@cbl.ie.

* Booking Essential. Please contact Mary Dowling, tel: 4070759, email: members@cbl.ie

** For workshops that require booking, we have set aside a limited number of places for people with no computers. Contact Education Services on the specified date at 9.30am Tel: 4070750.