

**Asian Art Expert to Speak on Chinese Landscape Screens**

TYLER, TX—Art enthusiasts will get their first opportunity to view a pair of mid-18th century folding screens painted by one of Japan's most prolific and eccentric artists during a special lecture and reception set for September 29 at 4 p.m. at the Tyler Museum of Art, 1300 S. Mahon. The pair of six-fold screens known as Chinese Landscape were painted by Soga Shohaku (Japanese, 1730-1781) around 1770. The screens were recently donated to the TMA by the late Julietta Jarvis of Troup, a long-time supporter of the Museum and active member until her death in April 2007. The lecture and reception, sponsored by Eleanor and Harold Cameron, are open to the public; reservations should be requested by calling 903-595-1001.

Shohaku, considered one of the most important painters of Japan's Edo period (1515-1868), is often credited as being the vanguard for his contemporaries, encouraging other artists to be bold in showing their individuality, as he did in his many expressive, energetic paintings. The Chinese landscape scene on the Jarvis screens was a common subject in Japanese art of the time. This addition to the TMA permanent collection puts the Museum in excellent company, as other Shohaku screens are included in the collections of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Art Institute of Chicago, the Museum of Fine Arts of Boston, the Kimbell Art Museum in Fort Worth, the Cleveland Museum of Art, the Philadelphia Museum of Art, the Kyoto National Museum, the British Museum and many others.

Emily J. Sano, Ph.D., director of the Asian Art Museum of San Francisco, will speak at the Tyler Museum of Art event with a lecture entitled "Soga Shohaku: An 18th Century Eccentric Painter." Dr. Sano joined the Asian Art Museum's staff as chief curator, deputy director and chief administrative officer in January 1993. Prior to that time she served as deputy director of collections and exhibitions and senior curator of non-Western art at

the Dallas Museum of Art. She has also worked in similar capacities for the Kimbell Museum in Fort Worth. At both institutions, Dr. Sano organized exhibitions and displays of Chinese, Indian, Indonesian, Islamic and Japanese art, including the landmark exhibition, "The Great Age of Japanese Buddhist Sculpture" at the Kimbell in 1982, the first major showing of Japanese sculpture ever presented in the United States. The catalogues of two other important exhibitions organized by Dr. Sano, "The Blood of Kings: A New Interpretation of Maya Art" (1984) and "Painters of the Great Mind: The Imperial Court and the Che School" (1993) received the College Art Association's Alfred Barr Award for the most distinguished work of scholarship in an exhibition publication.

"This is an incredible opportunity for East Texans to hear from a world-renowned expert in the field of Asian art," said Kimberley Tomio, TMA director. "We are very appreciative of the donation of these beautiful screens and the generosity of the Camerons for helping us share knowledge of them with the public."

Dr. Sano received her undergraduate degree at Indiana University, master of arts and master of philosophy degrees from Columbia University in New York, and her Ph.D. in art history from Indiana University. She has lectured and published worldwide and is the recipient of many professional grants and honors, including Fulbright-Hays, Carnegie, Woodrow Wilson, and Metropolitan Foundation awards.

This special TMA Fall Lecture coincides with the current exhibition, "Curator's Choice: Selections from the Permanent Collection." The free exhibition, showing in the Bell Gallery through January 20, 2008, includes numerous rarely-seen pieces from the Museum's 800+ piece permanent collection. The Chinese Landscape screens will be on display only through October 7, as various pieces from the permanent collection are rotated through the exhibition creating a continuously changing experience for TMA visitors. Exhibition hours are Tuesdays through Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sundays 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. For more information visit [www.tylermuseum.org](http://www.tylermuseum.org) or call 903-595-1001.

**Happy Birthday**

**Chanda Anderson**

**September 13th**

**Watch a sunrise at least  
once a year.**

**Rev. Jessie Jackson and Rev. Al Sharpton to Lead group for Jena 6**

JENA, La.(BlackWeb.com). Jesse Jackson and Rev. Al Sharpton will gather with thousands in Jena Louisiana on September 20th to protest charges against six Black Jena teens. The two civil rights leaders are demanding a federal investigation into the treatment of the teens in the beating of a white classmate.

September 20th is the day that one of the six, Mychal Bell, is to be sentenced on an aggravated second-degree battery conviction. Bell faces up to 15 years in prison. "After that, if we need to, we'll go to Baton Rouge and see the governor and the Legislature," Sharpton said Sunday by phone from New York.

The "Jena Six" case drew protests after five of the six teens were originally charged with attempted second-degree murder and conspiracy to commit murder, carrying sentences of up to 80 years in prison. The sixth was charged in juvenile court.

The beating victim, who is white, was treated for injuries at a hospital and released the same day, and a motive for the alleged Dec. 4 attack at Jena High School was never established.

Sharpton said he would ask for an investigation by the state attorney general and judicial oversight agencies into the actions of LaSalle Parish District Attorney Reed Walters, who has led the prosecutions. A telephone message left at Walters' residence was not returned Sunday. He has previously said he cannot comment because of the pending cases. The Rev. Jesse Jackson spoke to about 200 people at a school

Sunday in Jena, where he urged the town's 3,000 residents to come together - white ministers and black ministers talking and white parents and black parents talking.

"Why be fighting when we can turn to each other and find common ground?" Jackson said. "Jena is too small not to move together."

He said he planned to try to meet Monday with Bell, who remains in jail and unable to post bond, as well as officials at the courthouse.

"We don't want this community to be permanently scarred," Jackson said.

The beating came amid tense race relations in Jena, a mostly white town in north-central Louisiana. After a black student sat under a tree on the school campus where white students traditionally congregated, three nooses were hung in the tree. Students accused of placing the nooses were suspended from school for a short period. Six black youths called the Jena Six have faced criminal charges and the possibility of spending up to 22 years in jail in connection with a fight with a white student at Jena High School on Dec. 4.

The civil rights leader said he met with the LaSalle Parish sheriff on Sunday and had hopes of meeting with LaSalle Parish District Attorney Reed Walters and the judge on the case. He said he plans to meet Monday meeting with area ministers and leaders to discuss strategy.

"American justice is on trial in Jena. The world is watching," Jackson told BlackAmericaWeb.com. "The more outside pressure is applied, the greater the impact."

**Kimberly Peoples Davis and Derrick Davis, Sr.**

**Announce**

**the birth of their son**

**Derrick J. Davis, Jr.**

**on Tuesday, September 11, 2007**

**"Kimberly is a New York born baby who gave  
birth to a Texas born baby".**

**Proud grandparents are: Carolyn & MaHarold peoples  
of Jacksonville.**