

# 'Reflections of Japan in East Yorkshire' – Reaching out, going digital and showcasing private collections of Japanese art and craft at Beverley Art Gallery

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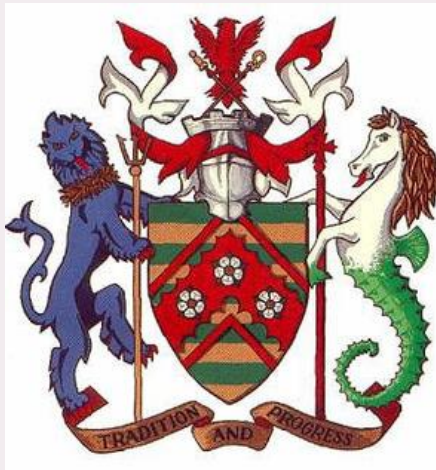
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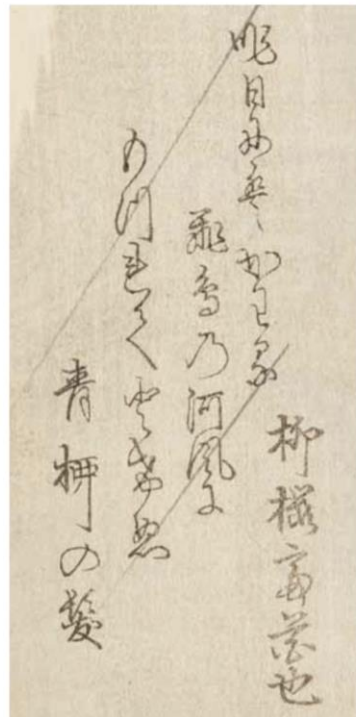




# The Collectors

## John Edward Champney and the 'taste for Japan'

Having provided the funds to build Beverley Library and Art Gallery, John Edward Champney donated his paintings and extensive book collection to Beverley on his death in 1929. His father had been an avid book collector and Champney inherited both his library and his enthusiasm and continued to develop the collection with the help of several dealers who tracked down rare books on his behalf. Alongside his interests in literature, history and book collecting, Champney's library reveals his abiding passion for art and the art of Japan in particular.

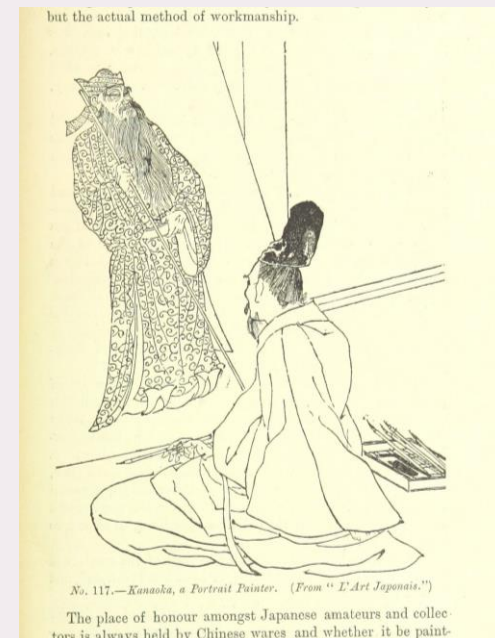
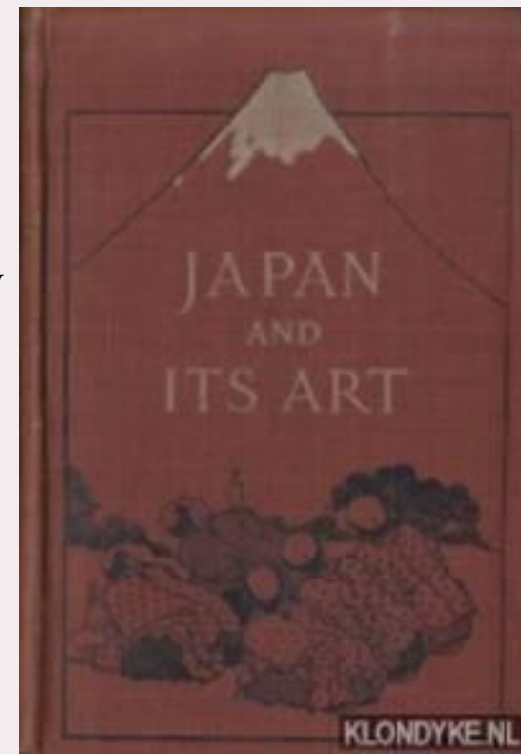
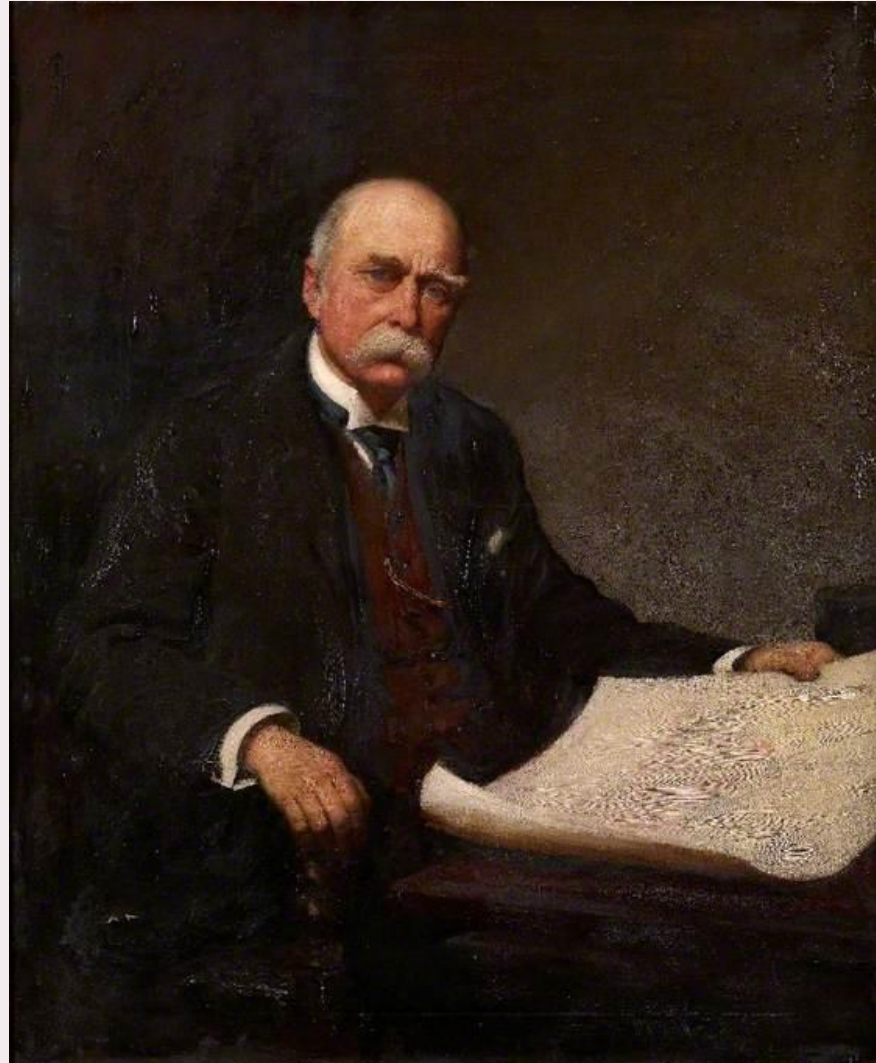


The taste for Japan emerged in the 1860s and had a major impact on British artists associated with the Aesthetic Movement including Dante Gabriel Rossetti, Albert Moore and James McNeill Whistler. Marcus Bourne Huish - Champney's brother-in-law - was a leading authority on Japanese art at the time. He was Chairman of the Japanese Society and organised a major exhibition of Japanese Art, which was held in London in 1888, featuring *object d'art* from Champney's own collection.

The books on display here are all from the Champney book collection, which is available for reference use. For further details, visit East Riding Archives and Local Studies on the ground floor of the Treasure House.

Beverley Art Gallery founder John Champney and his collection of Japanese art books

Marcus Huish, the famed author of 'Japan and its Art' was Champney's brother-in-law







Jane Irisa's traditional toys collection  
East Riding of Yorkshire, UK







Japanese students from Ochanomizu University (Tokyo, Japan)  
And Hull University (UK) at a workshop with Jane Irida at  
Beverley Art Gallery, February 2020







Workshop  
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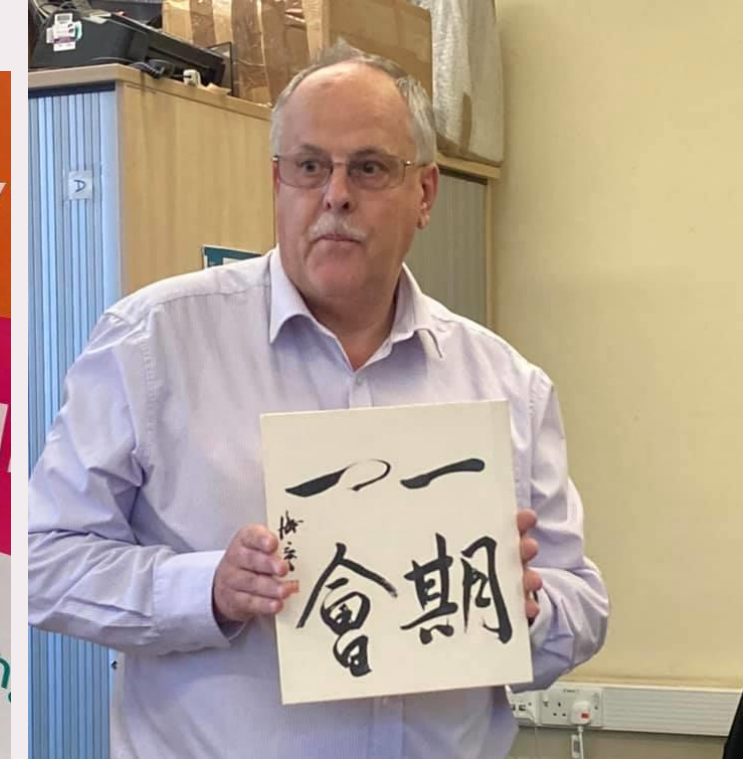






Despite the pandemic, we continued running workshops with Japanese students online.  
Ochanomizu University & Hull University students, March 2021





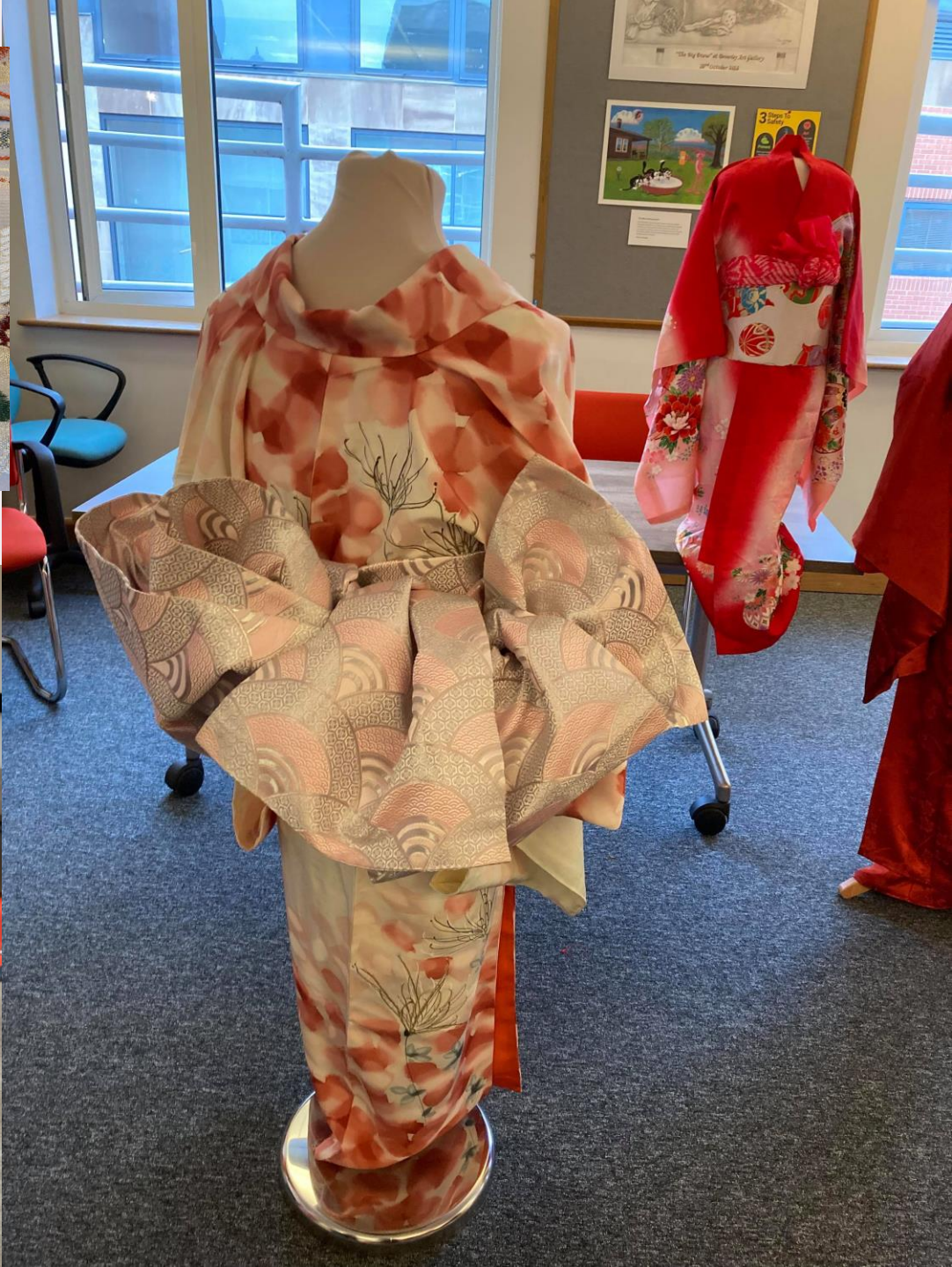
Widening the community of Japanese culture fans and collectors across East Yorkshire





Our community of Japanese culture fans continued meeting online throughout the pandemic, sharing stories of collection items and planning the exhibition





Collection of  
Japanese vintage  
Kimono and textiles





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This will serve as the basis for online resources accompanying the exhibition.

# MUSEUMS ONLINE

Download the information boards from past displays or view our online exhibitions.



# Online Art

View our online art exhibitions, with exhibits from nationally renowned artists. Open 24/7 for all, click below to start your visit.



## Straw People

Beverley Art Gallery presents a look at Julian Smith's 'Straw People' a surreal and intense sensation of mystery and fantasy unfolding just on the doorstep of our everyday world.

[View Straw People >](#)



## To The Water

Through paintings, photographs and museum objects our new exhibition at Beverley Art Gallery explores our experiences of waterways and the sea.

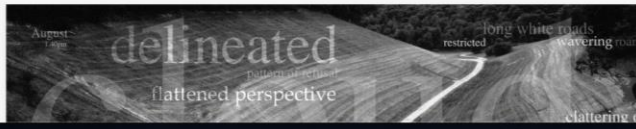
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## Journey Into Abstraction

John Sprakes's retrospective at Beverley Art Gallery covers over 60 years of the artist's professional life. Most importantly, it takes us on a journey from John's early realistic work, towards his later vividly colourful abstractions.

[View Journey Into Abstraction >](#)



## Student curated exhibitions

In 2021, Beverley Art Gallery welcomed students from the University of York's History of Art department on a digital placement. Students from the undergraduate History of Art and Curating course spent several months with the gallery staff and as a result created several online projects based around our collections.



## Objects in Paint

In this online exhibition, student Sarah Burton explores the exciting links between the gallery's paintings and the objects from across the East Riding Museum's social history collections.

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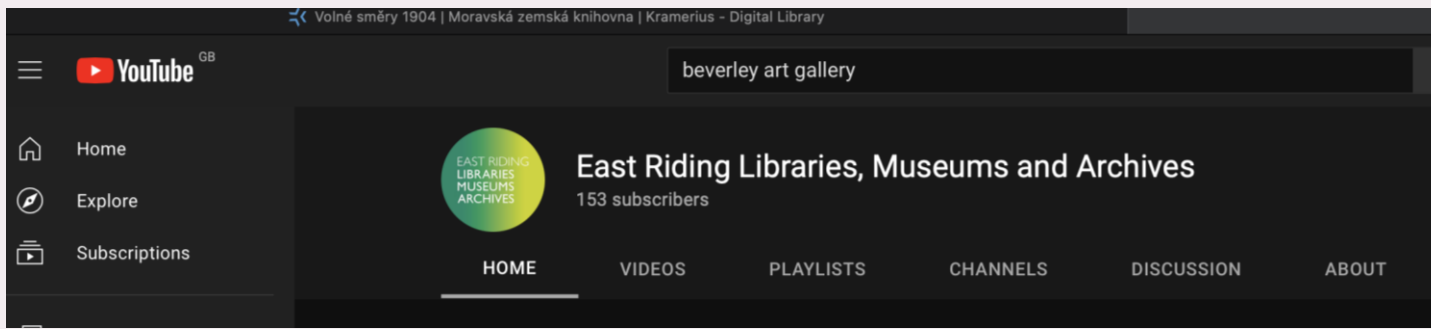
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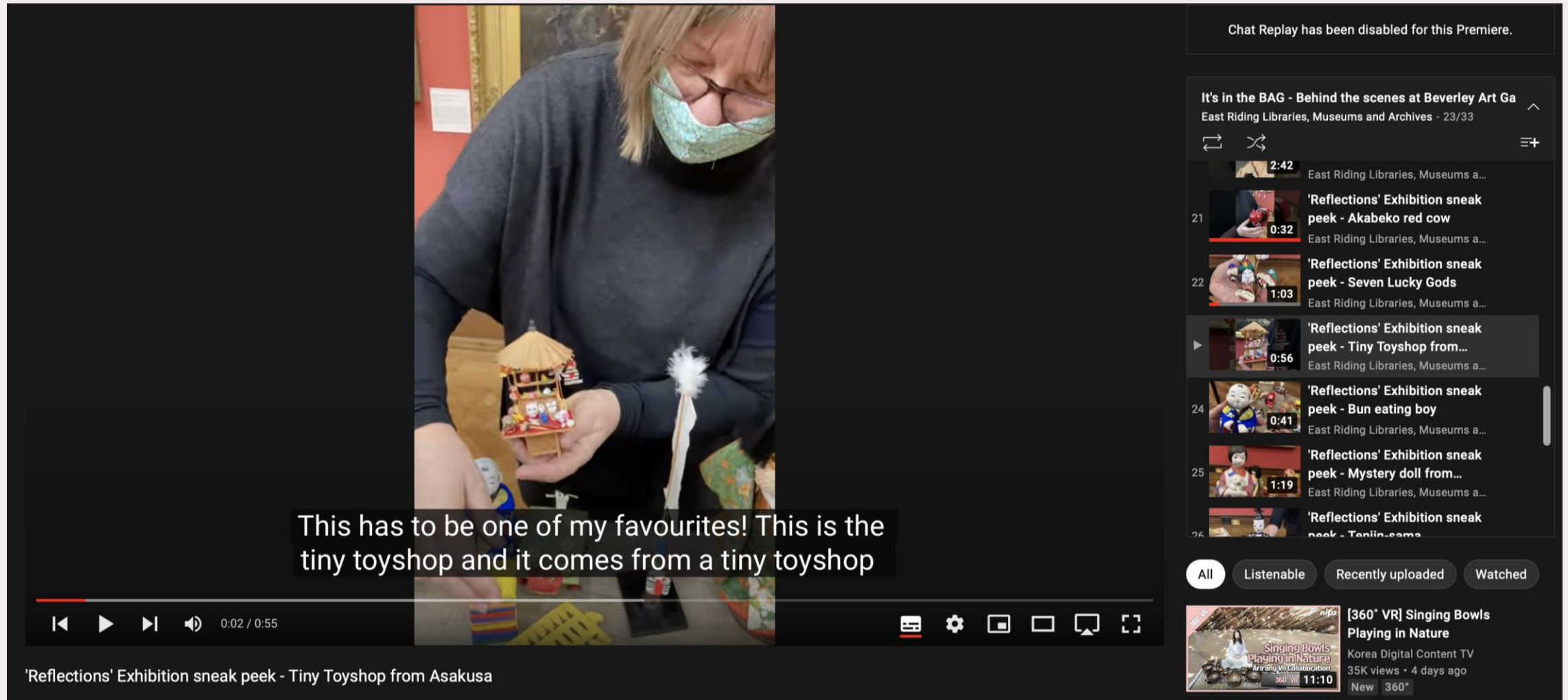
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Beverley Art  
Gallery's online  
resources





YouTube & Facebook videos introducing Jane Irisa's collection were a great success







(High pitched squeak/crying noises)

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ct0j6nR0Q10&list=PLSHV85RmthKSitkAa2qkJe99q\\_\\_BNdsrS&index=21](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ct0j6nR0Q10&list=PLSHV85RmthKSitkAa2qkJe99q__BNdsrS&index=21)



'Reflections' Exhibition sneak peek - Bun eating boy

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▶ 0:41 'Reflections' Exhibition sneak peek - Bun eating boy  
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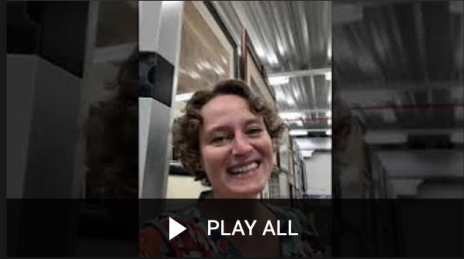
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# It's in the BAG - Behind the scenes at Beverley Art Gallery

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A collection of behind the scenes videos all about Beverley Art Gallery.



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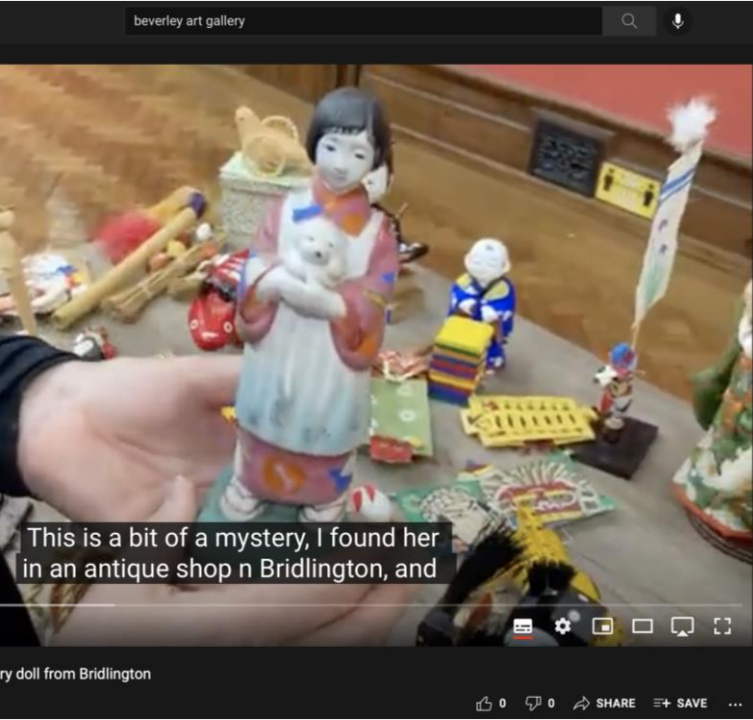
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Beverley Art Gallery's YouTube playlist featuring a series of videos on Japanese toys







## Looking Ahead – Honouring Beverley Art Gallery's historic links with Japan

We're dedicated to continuing our work  
with Japanese exchange students from  
Hull University and supporting the East  
Yorkshire based Japan culture admirers'  
community group even beyond the  
exhibition with developing online  
resources and running workshops

Thank you for your attention!

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