

# Gifts of Japanese and Korean Art

from the Mary Griggs Burke Collection

September 26, 2014 – May 8, 2016

**Mia**



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Mary Burke in her tea room in NY, 1986



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Mary Burke ca. 1934





**Scenes from the *Tale of Genji*, 18th century**

Six-panel folding screen; ink, color, and gold on gilded paper  
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**Miyagawa Chōshun**, 1682–1752  
**Poetess Ise no Tayū**, first half 18th century  
Hanging scroll; ink and color on silk

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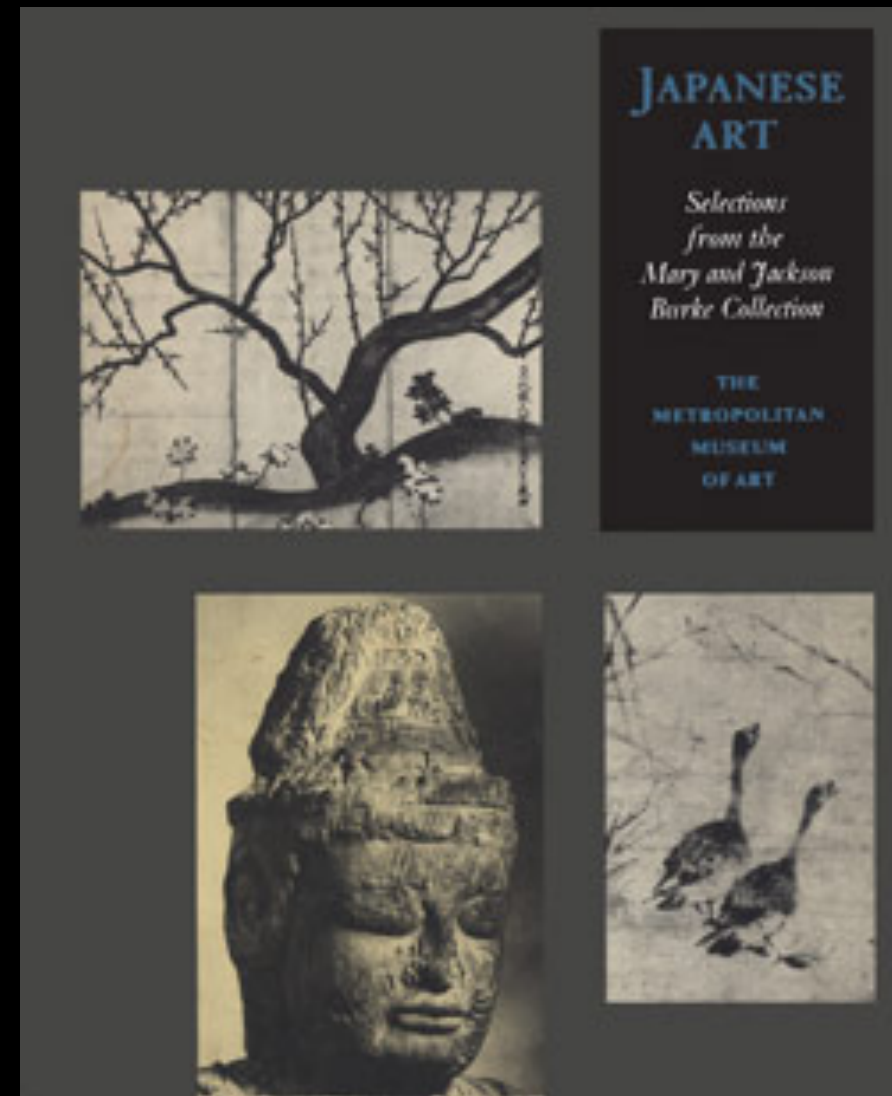
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Mary Burke at White House State Dinner with Empress Michiko of Japan, 1994

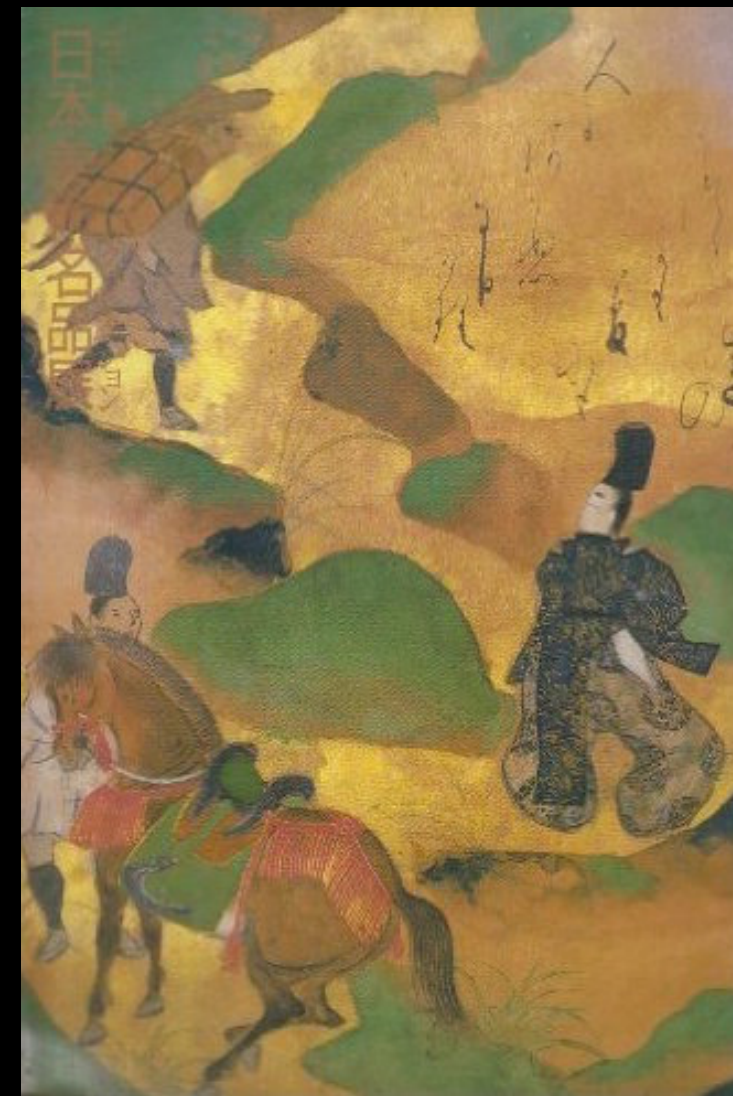


1975-77



New York, Seattle, Minneapolis

1985



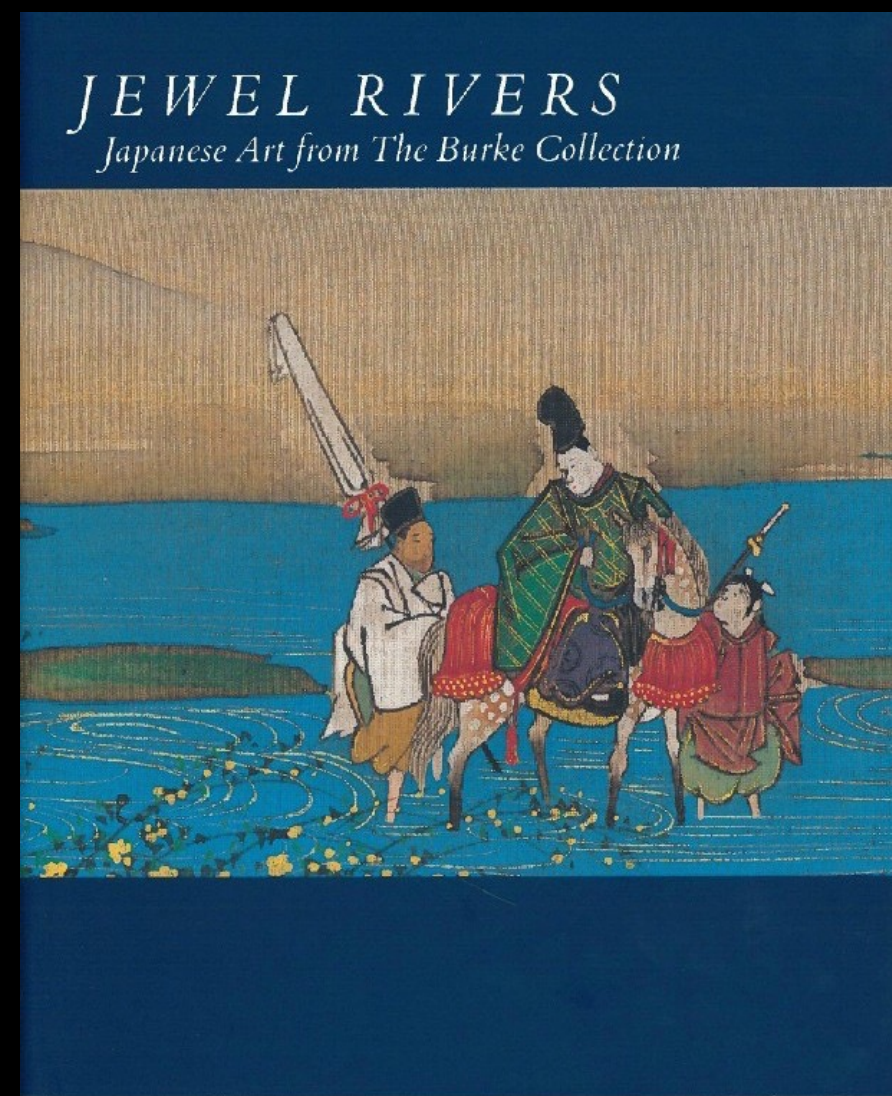
Tokyo

1990



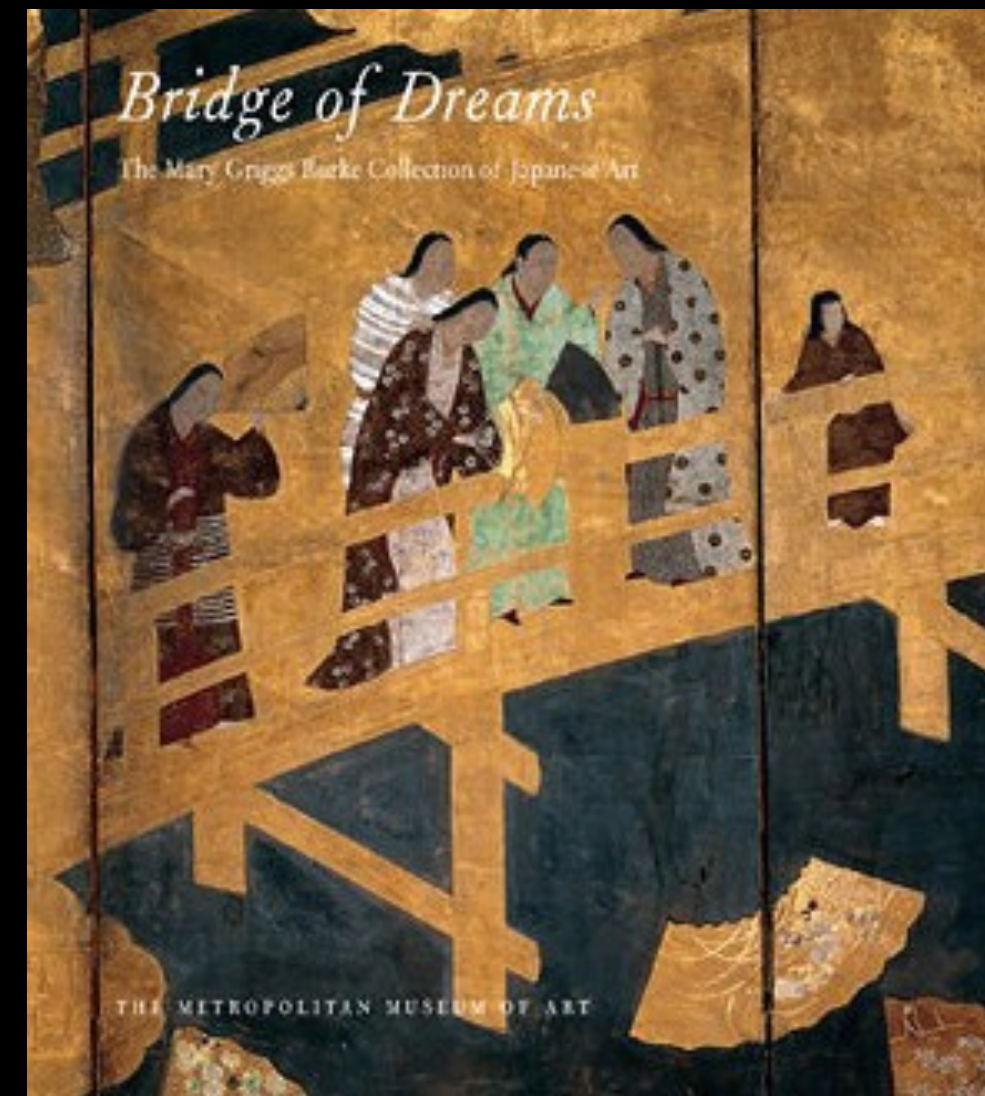
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1993-95



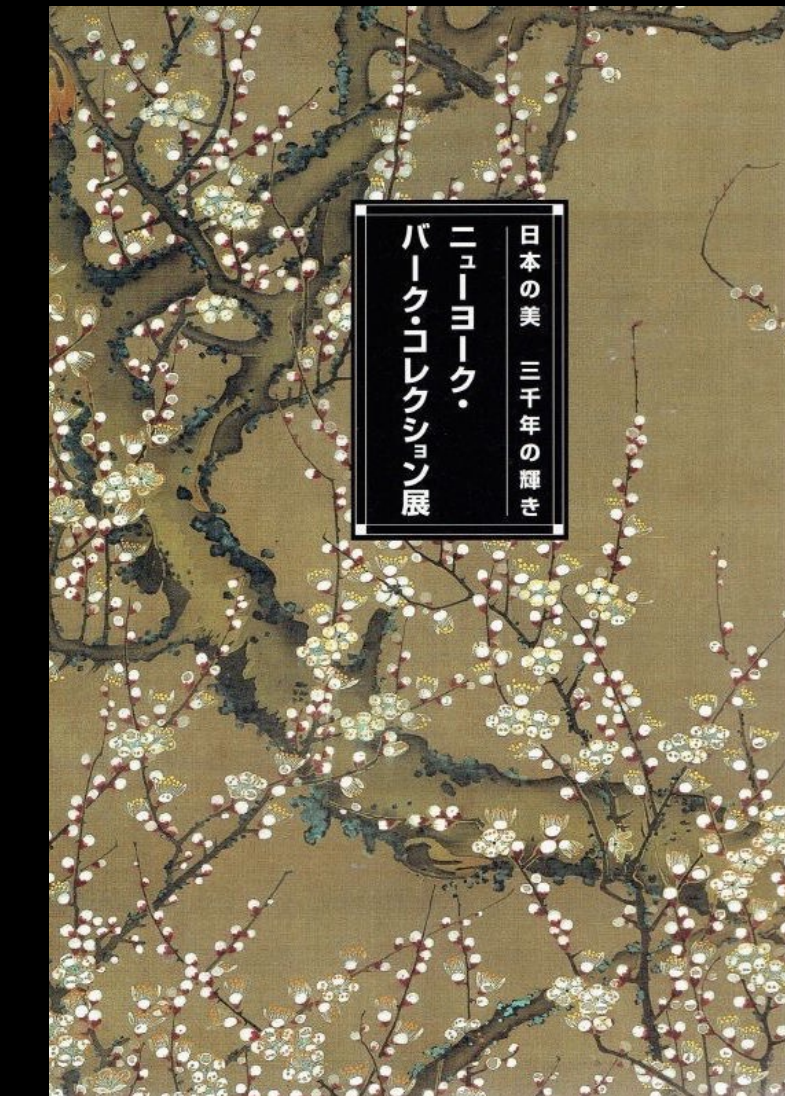
Virginia, Santa Barbara, Minneapolis

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New York

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Tokyo, Shiga, Gifu, Hiroshima



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