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The "Room of Wonder" Gives Stimulation to the Brain

The Machida Graphic Art Museum will offer you a unique experience with a collection of enigmatic woodblock printing artwork.

In a room called the "Room of Wonder", there are approximately 200 pieces of work, from fun, to wondrous, to macabre.

The staff at the museum assures you that you will have a wonderful time at the exhibition.

The exhibition will start on October 8th (Sat), and end on November 23rd (Wed/ holiday).

The official brochure is full of images that will make you wonder about early times.

The admission fee is; 1,000 yen for adults, 700 yen for university students and high school students, 500 yen for 65 and over, and free for junior high schoolers and under.

It will be very interesting to see our predecessors' works and wonder about their times.



Visit the Haramachida Area to See the Street Performing Festival of the Year

Many fantastic street performers gather in Machida City in October. The event has been held annually for over 15 years.

The performers can be seen in certain parts of the Haramachida area, the streets around Poppo Machida building, near 109 building, and more.

Contents of the performance vary from exciting acrobatics, magic, mime, dancing, drumming, juggling, and more.

In the southern part of Kanto area, Noge (in Yokohama City) is very famous for street performance.

Machida may be able to evolve as a town of street performers just like Noge by continuing to advertise to attract tourists throughout the years.

The festival will be held on October 8th (Sat) and 9th (Sun) from noon to 5pm. Find more on <http://daidougei.web.fc2.com/>

Time Travel in Machida City

Machida's *Jidai Matsuri*, or "Festival of the Ages" has horseback riding archery, art of the sword, the art of gunnery, a parade of warriors, and more!



An image from *Jidai Matsuri's* brochure (the picture was taken in 2010). A modern-day samurai takes aim at a distant target.

Machida City's *Jidai Matsuri*, or "Festival of the Ages" is going to be held in the Haramachida area on October 23rd (Sun).

Many people know *Jidai Matsuri* in Kyoto, but not many know that the festival exists in Machida City, Tokyo.

In fact, Machida's *Jidai Matsuri* started only last year. Although it was the first time to hold the event, it attracted approximately 5,000 spectators.

People enjoyed the rare event which was full of traditional martial arts programs.

This year the festival will start when the parade of warriors from the Chamber of Commerce

building. The group will pass Poppo Machida building, walk through Ichibangai, Nibangai, Machida Kaidō, and arrive at *Serigaya Park*. It is twice the distance of last year's parade.

The Machida City Tourism & Convention Bureau (MTCB) will offer the opportunity to anyone who is willing to wear warrior costumes and walk in the parade.

It costs 10,000 yen to rent *hitatare* kimono and a sword, and if you want to wear armor, it will be 30,000 yen total. If you are willing to participate in the parade, please contact the MTCB.

After arriving at the park, there will be *yabusame*, or horseback

riding archery, *iai*, or art of the sword, *houjutsu*, or the art of gunnery, and more.

In the case of bad weather, the parade and horseback riding archery will be canceled, but other martial arts programs will be performed at the gym of the Machida *Daini Shougakko* (elementary school) from 10am.

The official brochure is available at the Machida Tourist Gallery in Poppo Machida building (Haramachida).

Why not come to a festival that takes you back to an ancient era?

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