



New England Chapter News **Japanese American Citizens League** **AUGUST 2023**

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FESTIVALS, PROGRAMS, EVENTS

An Evening of Poetry with Oliver de la Paz & Lillian-Yvonne Bertram

Wednesday, August 2 at 7 pm

Brookline Booksmith, 279 Harvard St., Brookline

Oliver de la Paz is the 2023-2025 Poet Laureate of Worcester, MA. He is the author and editor of seven books. **Lillian-Yvonne Bertram** is the author of several books and 2014 recipient of an NEA Creative Writing Poetry Fellowship. **INFO & Registration:**

<https://www.brooklinebooksmith.com/event/evening-poetry-lillian-yvonne-bertram-oliver-de-la-paz>

Hybrid Book Talk: *Evergreen* by Naomi Hirahara

Sunday, August 6 at 6 pm East City Books, 645 Pennsylvania Ave. SE, Washington, DC

Award winning mystery writer **Naomi Hirahara** will discuss her newest book *Evergreen*. This is a sequel to Hirahara's earlier book, *Clark and Division*, a historical mystery that followed a Japanese American family in 1944 as it was released from incarceration at Mazanar to live in Chicago. *Evergreen* continues the story of Aki Ito and her family and their return to California following World War II. **Registration:** <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/hybrid-event-naomi-hirahara-evergreen-with-cheryl-a-head-tickets-666412617077?aff=ECBwebsite>

• **Additional Book Tour Talks:** <https://www.naomihirahara.com/free-reads-virtual-events/>

Book Talk: *The Kingdom of Surfaces: Poems*

Thursday, August 10 at 7 pm Harvard Book Store, 1256 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge

Poet **Sally Wen Mao** examines art and history—especially the provenance of objects such as porcelain, silk, and pearls—to frame an important conversation on beauty, empire, commodification, and violence. These poems also explore the permeability of object and subject through the history of Chinese women in America, labor practices around the silk loom, and the ongoing violence against Asian people during the COVID-19 pandemic.

INFO: https://www.harvard.com/event/sally_wen_mao/

40th Annual Black Ships Festival

August 11 to 13

Bristol and Newport, RI

This year's festival will feature Taiko drumming, origami, martial arts demonstrations, tea ceremony, Ikebana, and a Cosplay costume contest for children, food trucks, arts & craft booths, and games and activities for all ages. Sponsored by the **Japan-America Society of Rhode Island**. **INFO:** <https://www.jasri.org/black-ships-festival>

53rd Chinatown August Moon Festival

Sunday, August 13 from 10 am to 5 pm

Boston Chinatown

INFO: <https://ccbaboston.org/en/>

2023 Lowell Southeast Asian Water Festival

Saturday, August 19

along Pawtucket Blvd., Lowell

INFO: <https://www.facebook.com/LSEAWF/>

Hybrid Event: AAWW's 2023 Publishing Conference

Saturday, August 19 from 10 am to 6 pm

The Peoples' Forum, 320 West 37th St., NY

The Asian American Writers' Workshop (AAWW) features keynote speaker Mayukh Sen, author of *Taste Makers: Seven Immigrant Women Who Revolutionized Food in America*. The conference aims to demystify the business of publishing and writing by convening experts and authors across industries and genres to share insights, advice, and experiences.

INFO: <https://aaww.org/curation/page-turner-2023-the-aaww-publishing-conference/>

2023 Quincy August Moon Festival

Sunday, August 20 from 10 am to 3 pm

along Coddington St., Quincy Center

Presented by Quincy Asian Resources, Inc. (QARI) and the City of Quincy.

INFO: <https://www.qarius.org/august-moon-festival>

Book Talk: *Our Missing Hearts* (Paperback Launch)

Tuesday, August 22 at 6 pm

Coolidge Corner Theatre, 290 Harvard St., Brookline

From Celeste Ng, author of *Little Fires Everywhere*, comes the inspiring new novel about a mother's unbreakable love. Twelve-year-old Bird Gardner lives a quiet existence with his loving father, a former linguist who now shelves books in a university library. His mother, a Chinese American poet, left without a trace when he was 9 years old. He doesn't know what happened to her—only that her books have been banned—and he resents that she cared more about her work than about him. Then one day, Bird receives a mysterious letter containing only a cryptic drawing, and soon he is pulled into a quest to find her.

INFO & Tickets:

<https://www.brooklinebooksmith.com/event/celeste-ng-emily-habeck-our-missing-hearts-paperback-launch>

Book Talk: *He Who Drowned the World*

Tuesday, August 29 at 6 pm

Coolidge Corner Theatre, 290 Harvard St., Brookline

Shelley Parker-Chan's new book is the sequel to *She Who Became the Sun*, the poetic debut of war and destiny, sweeping across an epic alternate China. Zhu Yuanzhang, the Radiant King, wants to seize the throne and crown herself emperor. Her neighbor in the south, the courtesan Madam Zhang, wants the throne for her husband. A new contender, the scorned scholar Wang Baoxiang has maneuvered his way into the capital, and threatens to bring the empire to its knees. **INFO & Tickets:** <https://www.brooklinebooksmith.com/event/shelley-parker-chan-he-who-drowned-world>

Boston Red Sox vs. Houston Astros

Wednesday, August 30 at 4:10 pm

Fenway Park, Boston

The gate giveaways to the first 7,500 fans to enter Fenway Park will be Masataka Yoshida Inflatable Dumbbells. Tickets: <https://www.mlb.com/redsox/tickets/single-game-tickets>

Experience Chinatown Arts Festival 2023**Friday, September 1 to Saturday, October 14 Pao Arts Center and Boston Chinatown**

This fall, see, hear, create, and connect. Celebrate the rich cultural fabric of Boston Chinatown through free creative activities, murals, and performances. Presented by the **Pao Arts Center**.

INFO: <https://www.paoartscenter.org/events/experiencechinatown2023>

Hybrid Book Talk: *A Living Remedy***Thursday, September 7 at 7 pm****Porter Square Books: Boston Edition, 50 Liberty Dr., Boston**

From **Nicole Chung**, author of *All You Can Ever Know*, comes a searing memoir of family, class and grief—a daughter's search to understand the lives her adoptive parents, the life she forged as an adult, and the lives she's lost. Nicole couldn't leave her overwhelmingly white Oregon hometown fast enough. As a scholarship student at a private university on the East Coast, no longer the only Korean she knew, she found community and a path to the life she'd long wanted.

INFO & Registration: <https://www.portersquarebooks.com/event/rescheduled-nicole-chung-author-living-remedy-conversation-nicole-cliffe>

11th Annual Tết Trung Thu Festival & Night Market: A New Harvest**Saturday, September 9 from 4 pm to 9 pm****Town Field Park/Doherty Playground, 1565 Dorchester Ave., Dorchester**

In honor of Tết Trung Thu (Mid-Autumn Moon Festival), enjoy food vendors, activities – from food contests to lantern making - and live entertainment from local performers. Presented by the

Networking Organization for Vietnamese Americans (NOVA).

INFO: <https://www.facebook.com/events/302909095544186/?ref=newsfeed>

Virtual Event: *Inside the Japanese House – Part I***Tuesday, September 12 at 6 pm**

The **Japan Society of Boston** presents a 3-part series exploring traditional Japanese homes through the lens of Architecture, Culture, and Handcraft. The series is hosted by **Adam Zgola**, a carpenter who specializes in traditional Japanese wooden construction with over two decades of experience in Japan. **Part I** will delve into Adam's early experiences as an apprentice craftsman. Parts II and III will be held in October and November and will cover topics including Japanese house styles, history and changes over time. This is a free, hour-long presentation with Q&A hosted on Zoom. **INFO & Registration:**

<https://www.japansocietyboston.org/events/inside-the-japanese-house%3A-part-i>

CONCERTS, FILMS, PERFORMANCES**Animated Film: *The First Slam Dunk*****Opens Friday, July 28****limited time at various movie theaters**

The Shohoku High School basketball club faces a match against Sannoh High School at the inter-High. 17-year-old Ryota Miyagi struggles to accomplish his late brother Sota's dream to be a basketball star. As Shohoku's "speedster" and point guard, Ryota plays with brains and lightning speed, running circles around his opponents while feigning composure. **INFO:** For a theater near you, enter your zip code here: <https://gkids.com/films/the-first-slam-dunk/tickets/>

Film: *Shortcomings***Opens Friday, August 5****at various AMC Theatres**

In this dramatic comedy, Ben, a struggling filmmaker, lives in Berkeley, CA, with his girlfriend, Miko. When he's not managing an arthouse movie theater as his day job, Ben spends his time obsessing over unavailable blonde women, watching Criterion Collection DVDs, and eating in diners with his best friend Alice. When Miko moves to New York, Ben is left to his own devices. Directed by **Randall Park**. **INFO:** <https://www.amctheatres.com/movies/shortcomings-72982>

Films: *Ozu 120: The Complete Ozu Yasujiro***Now through Sunday, August 13****Harvard Film Archive, Carpenter Center for Visual Arts, 24 Quincy St., Cambridge****INFO:** <https://harvardfilmarchive.org/programs/the-complete-yasujiro-ozu>**Odaiko New England Performances in August**https://onetaiko.org/web/calendar/action~posterboard/cat_ids~16,14,17/request_format~html/**Films: *Studio Ghibli Fest 2023***

GKIDS and **Fathom Events** present this annual festival (April to October) of beloved animated films from **Studio Ghibli**. **INFO:** <https://www.fathomevents.com/series/studio-ghibli-fest>
Enter your zip code in the "Location" box for a list of theaters near you.

- **August 5, 6, 7, 8 & 9** *Princess Mononoke*
- **August 20 & 22** *Porco Rosso*
- **August 21 & 23** *The Wind Rises* (10th Anniversary)

Free Concert: Kevin So**Sunday, August 6 at 5 pm****Hopkinton Town Common, Main St., Hopkinton**

Kevin So's music runs the gamut from pop to folk, R&B to country, Broadway to blues in a unique multi-genre mix. **Concerts on the Common** presented by Hopkinton Parks & Rec.

INFO: <https://www.facebook.com/events/763531708744154/>**Concerts: Grace Kelly**

- **Wednesday, August 16** – Sherman's Park, Caroga Lake, NY
- **Thursday, August 17** – Spire Center for Performing Arts, Plymouth, MA
- **Saturday, August 19 at 5 pm and 8 pm** – *Grace Kelly with Strings: At the Movies*, Shalin Liu Performing Arts Center, Rockport, MA
- **Sunday, August 20** – *Grace Kelly with Strings: At the Movies*, George Flynn Classical Concerts Series, Clinton, CT
- **Tuesday, August 22** – Cape Cod Jazz & Arts Festival, Harwich, MA

INFO: <https://www.gracekellymusic.com/tour/>**17th Films at the Gate Festival****Friday, August 25 – Sunday, August 27****Beach St. & Surface Rd., Boston Chinatown**

- **5:30 pm** Games & Activities • **6:00 pm** Performances • **7:30 pm** Welcome • **~ 8 pm** Film

This festival is free for the community to enjoy performances and contemporary films honoring Asian American artists and stories. **INFO:** <https://asiancdc.org/events/fatg2023>

Film: *Tokyo Pop***Friday, August 25 at 3:30 pm and 9 pm****Brattle Theatre, 40 Brattle St., Cambridge**

Fed up with life in New York City, bleach-blond rocker Wendy hops on a plane to Tokyo ... only to find that her friend who lives there has moved, she has no money, and she doesn't know the language. As luck would have it, one night she runs into Hiro, a rock 'n' roller whose band is looking for their big break. They form a romantic and musical connection and together end up making a hit record. But Wendy soon begins to wonder whether life in Japan is really for her. Directed by **Fran Rubel Kuzui** (*Buffy the Vampire Slayer*). Features terrific footage of late-'80s Tokyo. (1988, English & Japanese with English subtitles)

INFO & Tickets: <https://brattlefilm.org/movies/tokyo-pop/>**Free Performance: *Reamker*****Sunday, August 27 from 6 pm to 8 pm****Boarding House Park, 40 French St., Lowell**

Reamker is a Cambodian epic poem, based on the Ramayana epic - the battle against good and evil. The **Angkor Dance Troupe** will be performing with **Selepak Khmer** of Paris, France, as part of Lowell's Summer Music Series. **INFO:** <https://lowellsummermusic.org/concerts/angkor-dance-troupe/>; <https://www.angkordance.org/>

Boston Lyric Opera presents *Madama Butterfly*

- Thursday, September 14 at 7:30 pm

- Friday, September 22 at 7:30 pm

- Sunday, September 17 at 3 pm

- Sunday, September 24 at 3 pm

Emerson Colonial Theatre, 106 Boylston St., Boston

Amid Puccini's lush and sweeping score, *Madama Butterfly* unfolds in 1940s America under the shadow of World War II. This brand-new production from **Boston Lyric Opera** (BLO), will take audiences through the nightlife of San Francisco on the eve of Pearl Harbor through the story of Butterfly, a nightclub performer and Pinkerton, a young soldier, on the eve of his deployment. A culmination of BLO's three-year exploration of authentic storytelling through *The Butterfly Process*, this production examines the experience of Japanese Americans during a critical moment in U.S. history. Nina Yoshida Nelsen is the BLO Artistic Advisor, Phil Chan is Stage Director, and Michael Sakamoto is Choreographer. **INFO & Tickets:** <https://blo.org/butterfly/>

Monkey: *A Kung Fu Puppet Parable*

- Friday, September 22 and Sunday, September 23 at 7:30 pm

- Sunday, September 24 at 2 pm

Paramount Center Theater, 559 Washington St., Boston

This family-friendly opera is an ancient Wizard of Oz tale for our times that combines *Bunraku* puppetry, computer-generated images, and live opera. It is based on the Chinese quest saga, *Journey to the West*, rewritten to reflect contemporary issues from the multicultural mosaic of American life. The three main characters - Monkey, Pig (Zhu), and Sandwoman (Sha) - are life-sized *Bunraku* puppets. *Monkey* delves into the world of computer-generated technology through the use of CGI environs and avatars. Singers will be the voices of the puppets and avatars. Presented by **White Snake Projects**. **INFO & Tickets:**

https://www.whitesnakeprojects.org/projects/monkey-a-kung-fu-puppet-parable/?mc_cid=cbbe5a3425&mc_eid=0eda6af533

ANNOUNCEMENTS

White House Initiative: Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Mental Health Summit

On July 20, the **White House Initiative on Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders (WHIAANHPI)**, **U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (HHS)**, and **Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)** hosted the Biden-Harris Administration's inaugural **White House Initiative Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Mental Health Summit**. The Summit brought together Biden-Harris Administration leaders, mental health professionals, policymakers, community organizations, and people with lived experiences to collectively tackle the growing need for access to quality, culturally competent medical care, including mental health services for AA and NHPI individuals.

Fact Sheet: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2023/07/26/fact-sheet-biden-harris-administration-takes-action-to-promote-access-to-behavioral-health-care-for-asian-american-native-hawaiian-and-pacific-islander-communities/>

Highland Street Foundation presents August Adventures 2023

August Adventures 2023 provides free access and opportunities to new and old partners highlighting the geographical and cultural diversity of the Massachusetts arts and culture community. Please note some organizations require advanced registration.

INFO: <https://www.highlandstreet.org/programs/community-events/august-adventures>

Japonaise Bakery & Café

After more than 2 years, the Bakery has reopened at their renovated storefront at **1020 Beacon St. in Brookline**. **INFO:** <https://www.facebook.com/CafeJaponaise>

2023 INCARCERATION CAMP PILGRIMAGES

- **Poston Pilgrimage – Friday, October 13 – Saturday, October 14**
<https://www.postonpreservation.org/>
- **Crystal City Pilgrimage – Thursday, October 26 to Sunday, October 29**
<https://www.jampilgrimages.com/scheduleofevents/2023/10/26/2023-crystal-city-pilgrimage>

CONVENTIONS

NAAAP Leadership Convention: *Unifying Visionaries*

Thursday, August 24 to Saturday, August 26

Sheraton Boston Hotel, 39 Dalton St., Boston, MA

The National Association of Asian American Professionals (NAAAP) Leadership Convention will feature over 700 rising and established leaders, speakers, and visionaries over three days of educational and inspirational workshops in addition to social networking opportunities. Keynote Speakers: **George Takei**, Actor, Social Justice Activist, Social Media Mega-Power; **Michelle Wu**, Mayor of Boston; **Bing Chen**, CEO & Co-Founder of AU Holdings and Gold House; and **Hao Tran**, CEO of Vietcetera Media. Hosted by NAAAP National and the NAAAP Boston chapter. **INFO:** <https://www.leadershipconvention.org/>

EXHIBITS

Peabody Essex Museum

East India Square, 161 Essex St., Salem

• *Gu Wenda: United Nations*

through November 5

<https://www.pem.org/exhibitions/gu-wenda-united-nations>

Outdoor Installation: *Joyful Stitch*

through October 31

Leather District Park, 29 South St., near South Station, Boston

Created by multidisciplinary artist and landscape architect, **Ponnapa Prakkamakul**, *Joyful Stitch* is a temporary installation designed to bring joy and provide a space for residents of the area to connect. This interactive artwork is inspired by the invention of the first sewing machine in Boston and tells the story of the contributions of the Leather District and Chinatown to the history of the textile industry. The piece consists of two large sewing machines inviting people to paddle with their feet or roll with their hands to ignite the lights along the artwork. The sewing machines connect platforms similar to industrial machines that helped fabric workers in the past. One platform faces the Leather District, while the other looks toward Chinatown. On the back of the sewing machines are memories from Larry Chan, a current resident of the Leather District, and Cynthia Yee, a former resident of Chinatown, whose family members worked in the garment industry. The platforms also exhibit visions of the future for this park collected from workshops with residents. **INFO:** <https://pprakkamakul2.wixsite.com/joyfulstitch/history-%E5%8E%86%E5%8F%B2>

Pao Arts Center

99 Albany St., Boston Chinatown

• *At Home in Chinatown: A Resident Lab Retrospective*

through October 13

<https://www.paoartscenter.org/events/2023/at-home-in-chinatown-exhibition>

Museum of Fine Arts

465 Huntington Ave., Boston

• *Matthew Wong: The Realm of Appearances*

through February 18, 2024

<https://www.mfa.org/exhibition/matthew-wong-the-realm-of-appearances>

• *Otherworldly Realms of Wu Junyong*

through November 3

<https://www.mfa.org/exhibition/otherworldly-realms-of-wu-junyong>

• *Japanese Garden – Tenshin-en – The Garden of the Heart of Heaven*

<https://www.mfa.org/collections/featured-galleries/japanese-garden-tenshin-en>

New England Botanic Garden at Tower Hill

11 French Dr., Boylston, MA

CHIAOZZA – a sculpture exhibition

through October 15

<https://nebg.org/chiaozza/>

The Eric Carle Museum of Picture Book Art

125 West Bay Rd., Amherst, MA

Eric Carle Loves Japan!

through August 20

<https://www.carlemuseum.org/explore-art/exhibitions/upcoming-exhibition/eric-carle-loves-japan>

ELSEWHERE

78th North American Chinese Invitational Volleyball Tournament

Saturday, September 2 to Monday, September 4 |

Baltimore, MD

INFO: <https://dcnacivt.com/>

60th Anniversary March on Washington

August 26, 2023

Washington, DC

National Action Network (NAN) has announced their ***Not a Commemoration, a Continuation March on Washington***. The march looks back on the 60 years since the original march back in 1963 and all the achievements and failures that have occurred in the time in between. INFO:

<https://nationalactionnetwork.salsalabs.org/60thmarchonwashington/index.html>

46th Asian American International Film Festival

Now through Sunday, August 6

New York, NY

INFO: <https://www.aaiff.org/events/>

Japan Cuts: Festival of New Japanese Film

Now through Sunday, August 6

New York, NY

INFO: <https://japansociety.org/film/japancuts/>

Dragon Festival in New York City

- **Saturday, August 26** at Broadway between 12th-13th Streets
- **Sunday, August 27** at 4th Avenue between 12th-13th Streets
- **Sunday, September 17** on 6th Avenue between 29th and 30th Streets

This cultural experience in **New York City** brings people together through food, music and art to celebrate, share and connect through a series of events held during the summer. Each Dragon Fest day will run from 10 am to 6 pm.

Article from **Tasting Table**: *New York City's First Ever Chinese Food Festival*:

<https://www.tastingtable.com/1307559/new-york-city-first-ever-chinese-food-festival-this-summer/>

Free Tickets: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/dragon-fest-tickets-623110850327>

Updates on Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/dragonfests/>

Print Center New York

535 West 24th St., New York, NY

New Voices: On Transformation

through August 25

The group exhibition provides a critical exploration of works by **Lois Harada**, NE JACL member from Providence, RI, **Eriko Tsogo**, **Aaron Coleman**, **Julia Curran**, **Juana Estrada Hernandez**, **Nina Jordan**, **Farah Mohammad**, and **Jacquelyn Strycker**, accompanied by a publication and a series of artist-led public programs.

INFO: <https://www.printcenternewyork.org/new-voices-on-transformation>

Lois Harada INFO: <https://www.printcenternewyork.org/lois-harada>

Emiko Tsogo INFO: <https://www.printcenternewyork.org/eriko-tsogo>

Musical: *Here Lies Love***Now through January 7, 2024** Broadway Theatre, 1681 Broadway at West 53rd St., NY

This immersive disco pop musical is based on former Filipina First Lady Imelda Marcos' rise to power and subsequent fall at the hands of the Philippine People Power Revolution. Music by David Byrne and Fatboy Slim. **INFO:** <https://herelieslovebroadway.com/>

Tickets: <https://herelieslovebroadway.com/tickets/>**Museum of Chinese in America**

215 Centre St., New York, NY

- ***With a Single Step: Stories in the Making of America*** through December 31

<https://www.mocanyc.org/event/with-a-single-step/>

- ***Sour, Sweet, Bitter, Spicy: Stories of Chinese Food and Identity in America***
On view at Tangram, 133-33 39th Ave., Flushing, Queens, NY through September 10

<https://www.mocanyc.org/event/sour-sweet-bitter-spicy-tangram/>**Japanese American National Museum** 100 North Central Ave., Los Angeles, CA

- ***Glenn Kaino: Aki's Market*** through January 28, 2024

<https://www.janm.org/exhibits/glenn-kaino>

- ***Don't Fence Me In: Coming of Age in America's Concentration Camps*** through October 1

<https://www.janm.org/exhibits/dont-fence-me-in>

- ***The Ireichō*** through September 24

<https://www.janm.org/exhibits/ireicho>

- **Online Exhibit: *Wakaji Matsumoto - An Artist in Two Worlds: Los Angeles and Hiroshima, 1917–1944*** <https://www.janm.org/exhibits/wakaji-matsumoto>

Asian Art Museum

200 Larkin St., San Francisco, CA

- ***Chinese Ink Paintings: A Selection of Modern Masters*** through September 9

<https://exhibitions.asianart.org/exhibitions/chinese-ink-paintings-a-selection-of-modern-masters/>

- ***Resilient Traditions: Korean American Stories Told Through Paper*** through Dec 31

<https://exhibitions.asianart.org/exhibitions/resilient-traditions/>

- ***Hell: Arts of Asian Underworlds*** through September 18

<https://exhibitions.asianart.org/exhibitions/hell-arts-of-asian-underworlds/>

- ***Into View: Bernice Bing*** through December 4

<https://exhibitions.asianart.org/exhibitions/into-view-bernice-bing/>

- ***Bernice Bing: Open Call*** through December 11

<https://exhibitions.asianart.org/exhibitions/bernice-bing-open-call/>

- ***Past Continuous Tense*** through December 31

<https://exhibitions.asianart.org/exhibitions/past-continuous-tense/>

- ***East West Bank Art Terrace*** opens August 24

The Museum's newest gallery space is a unique rooftop venue for contemporary art.

<https://exhibitions.asianart.org/exhibitions/coming-soon-east-west-bank-art-terrace/>**Chinese Historical Society of America**

985 Clay St., San Francisco, CA

- ***We Are Bruce Lee: Under the Sky, One Family*** - Tickets are required. on-going

<https://chsa.org/we-are-bruce-lee-under-the-sky-one-family/>

TELEVISION PROGRAMS ON GBH

<https://www.wgbh.org/schedule-grid>

(Click on "A-Z" for an alphabetical list.)

Programs about Japan

- ***A Culture Built with Wood* – 7:35 am – WORLD**
Forests cover close to 70 percent of Japan's land area. Japan's climate varies significantly from north to south, making it home to diverse forests. These forests have been an intrinsic part of Japanese culture since time immemorial. Series presented by NHK World-Japan.
 - **Monday, August 7**
 - **Wednesday, August 9**
 - **Thursday, August 10**
 - **Friday, August 11**
 - **Monday to Friday, August 14 to 18**
- ***Asia Insight* – days and times vary this month – WORLD**
- ***Cycle Around Japan Highlights* – Fridays at 10 am or 5 pm – CREATE**
- ***Dining with the Chef* – Mondays at 9 am - CREATE**
- ***Journeys in Japan* – Sundays at 10:30 am – CREATE**
- ***Newsroom Tokyo* – Monday through Friday at 7 am – WORLD**
- ***NHK Newsline* – Monday through Friday at 6:30 pm – WORLD**
- ***NHK World – Japan Special Program* – Monday, August 7 & 15 at 7:30 am - WORLD**
- ***NHK World Selection* – days vary this month - 7:30 am - WORLD**
- ***Trails to Oishii Tokyo* – Sundays at 10 am – CREATE**

Wednesday, August 2

- **9:30 am – CREATE – *America's Test Kitchen – A Trip to Vietnam***
- **12:30 pm – CREATE – *America's Test Kitchen – A Trip to Vietnam***
- **3:30 pm – GBH44 – *P.O.V. – Children of the Mist***
Di, a 13-year-old Hmong girl living in rural northwest Vietnam navigates the cultural and social challenges faced by young girls in her community while balancing inherited traditions and modernity.
- **4:30 pm – CREATE – *America's Test Kitchen – A Trip to Vietnam***
- **8:30 pm – WORLD – *P.O.V. – Children of the Mist***

Saturday, August 5

- **2 pm – GBH44 – *Simply Ming – Broccoli & Beef***

Sunday, August 6

- **2 pm – GBH44 – *Simply Ming – Bok Choi***
- **8 pm – CREATE – *No Passport Required – Seattle, WA* (Filipino Community)**

Monday, August 7

- **8 pm – WORLD – *Pacific Heartbeat – Ola Hou – Journey to New York Fashion Week***

Tuesday, August 8

- **9 am – WORLD – *Pacific Heartbeat – Ola Hou – Journey to New York Fashion Week***

Wednesday, August 9

- 2:30 pm – GBH2 – *America's Test Kitchen – Japanese Inspired Favorites*
- 3:30 pm – CREATE – *America's Test Kitchen – Bulgogi & Bokkeumbap* (Kimchi Fried Rice)

Thursday, August 10

- 8 pm – WORLD – *America Reframed: Far East Deep South*
Charles Chiu and his family's search for their roots takes them on a journey through the Mississippi Delta, uncovering otherwise unknown stories and the racially complex history of Chinese immigrants in the segregated South.
- 10:30 pm – GBH2 – *Local, USA: Caretakers*
Film looks at the history of Filipinos in care work and profiles Filipino Americans on the front lines today. The film shows, as filmmaker Geena Rocero says, "Filipinos as we are," while telling the stories of people providing vital care.

Friday, August 11

- 8 am – WORLD – *America Reframed: Far East Deep South*
- 10:30 am – CREATE – *Samantha Brown's Places to Love – Shanghai, China*
- 1:30 pm – GBH44 – *Local, USA: Caretakers*
- 3 pm – WORLD – *America Reframed: Far East Deep South*
- 5:30 pm – CREATE – *Samantha Brown's Places to Love – Shanghai, China*

Saturday, August 12

- 12 pm – WORLD – *Pacific Heartbeat – Ola Hou – Journey to New York Fashion Week*
- 9 pm – WORLD – *P.O.V. – Liquor Store Dreams*
Two Korean American children of liquor store owners reconcile their own dreams with those of their immigrant parents. They confront the complex legacies of LA's racial landscape, while engaged in current struggles for social and economic justice.
- 10:30 pm – WORLD – *America Reframed: Far East Deep South*

Sunday, August 13

- 9 am – WORLD – *America Reframed: Far East Deep South*
- 5 pm – WORLD – *America Reframed: Far East Deep South*

Monday, August 14

- 12:30 pm – CREATE – *Yan Can Cook: Spice Kingdom – Panda-Monium!*
- 8 pm – WORLD – *Pacific Heartbeat – Island Cowgirls*

Tuesday, August 15

- 9 am – WORLD – *Pacific Heartbeat – Island Cowgirls*

Saturday, August 19

- 12 pm – WORLD – *Pacific Heartbeat – Island Cowgirls*
- 12:30 pm – CREATE – *Canvassing the World with Sean Diediker – Ubud, Indonesia*
Sean encounters three brothers who all have glass bone syndrome. Then, he explores the Sacred Monkey Forest and documents the epic battle of the Ogoh-Ogohs. He finds inspiration in an unlikely place for his painting "The Beggar Woman."

Sunday, August 20

- 2:30 pm – CREATE – *Canvassing the World with Sean Diediker – Ubud, Indonesia*
- 8 pm – CREATE – *No Passport Required – Las Vegas, NV (Chinese Community)*
- 11 pm – CREATE – *Yan Can Cook: Spice Kingdom – Panda-Monium!*

Monday, August 21

- 12:30 pm – CREATE – *Yan Can Cook: Spice Kingdom – Tomorrow's Chengdu*
- 7 pm – WORLD – *Islands of Wonder: Borneo*
- 8 pm – WORLD – *Pacific Heartbeat – Daughters of the Waves*

Tuesday, August 22

- 9 am – WORLD – *Pacific Heartbeat – Daughters of the Waves*
- 12 pm – WORLD – *Pacific Heartbeat – Daughters of the Waves*
- 9:30 pm – CREATE – *Canvassing the World with Sean Diediker – Ubud, Indonesia*

Wednesday, August 23

- 9 pm – GBH44 – *Martin Clunes: Islands of the Pacific – French Polynesia*

Thursday, August 24

- 7 pm – GBH44 – *America's Test Kitchen: Chinese Noodles & Meatballs*

Saturday, August 26

- 1 pm – WORLD – *Islands of Wonder: Borneo*

Sunday, August 27

- 11 pm – CREATE – *Yan Can Cook: Spice Kingdom – Tomorrow's Chengdu*

Monday, August 28

- 12:30 pm – CREATE – *Yan Can Cook: Spice Kingdom – Hot Pot, Anyone?*
- 7 pm – WORLD – *Islands of Wonder: Hawaii*
- 8 pm – WORLD – *Pacific Heartbeat – Hawaii's Precious Resources*

Tuesday, August 29

- 8 am – WORLD – *Islands of Wonder: Hawaii*
- 9 am – WORLD – *Pacific Heartbeat – Hawaii's Precious Resources*

Wednesday, August 30

- 9 pm – GBH44 – *Martin Clunes: Islands of the Pacific – South West Pacific*