

## Shimada Tadashi: Wild Moments The World of Beautiful Birds

July 23 (Tue.) – September 23 (Mon., public holiday), 2019

*Ougonfukuchoumodoki* 2008 Collection of The ArtistSummary of Exhibition

The Tokyo Photographic Art Museum will be holding a solo exhibition by one of today's leading nature photographers, SHIMADA Tadashi, whose work is highly regarded throughout the world.

Shimada Tadashi (1949–) is world-famous for his photographs of wildlife, particularly those of kingfishers. From works that capture the powerful sense of presence and sublime vitality of kingfishers and ruddy kingfishers, to delicate photographs of other birds that live in Japan's humid climate, his diverse works share the same consciousness and sensibilities that are a feature of the traditional Nihonga-style of painting that promotes 'learning from nature', and are highly regarded everywhere. This exhibition will feature an overview of his forty-year career while also introducing his pictures of the rare wildlife in 'the world's oldest rainforest' of New Guinea, which enthrall people with their mysterious and beautiful appearance.

As the 2020 Tokyo Summer Olympic/Paralympic approaches, the development of photographic technology knows no bounds and we look forward to seeing ever more fascinating and varied forms of expression. We hope that you will come and witness these 'miraculous moments' that are a result of the fusion of Shimada Tadashi's outstanding aesthetics with the latest technology and which transcend human perception.

## Artist's background



### Shimada Tadashi

Born in Ōimura, Irumagun (present day Fujimino City), Saitama Prefecture in 1949. He grew up enjoying the local countryside and spent his time studying wild birds. After graduating in Animal Husbandry from the Agricultural Veterinary Department of Nihon University in 1971 he participated in the publication of the inaugural issue of the animal magazine, 'Anima' (Heibonsha) and ever since he has worked as a freelance photographer, specializing in wild birds, while developing his own unique style. In 1980 he won the 17<sup>th</sup> Sun Prize and Photographic Society of Japan's Newcomer's Award for his *Kawasemi seiryū ni tobu* (Kingfisher, Flying Over Clear Streams). In 1986 he won the Photographic Society of Japan's Annual Award for his *Hinotori akashōbin* (Firebird—Ruddy Kingfisher). In 1980 he moved to Chitose City in Hokkaido, thereafter using Hokkaido as the base for his activities both in Japan and abroad. From 1990s onwards he has also produced video works—his *Ezo momonga* (Siberian Flying Squirrel) winning the IBA International Broadcasting Advertisement Award, and his *Kaze no ōkoku-seimei no mori* (Kingdom of the Wind—Forest of Life) winning the Galaxy Encouragement Award (Japan Association of Broadcast Critics).

## Associated Events \*All Japanese Language Only

### Serial Discussion: Talking at Length About the King of the Skies

- August 3 (Sat.) *Tori to ikiru* [Living With Birds].  
ANZAI Hideaki (Chief Researcher, Japan Wild Bird Association) with Shimada Tadashi
  - August 10 (Sat.) *Riku no hashira x sora no ōja* [Ruler of Earth vs. King of the Skies].  
MIYAZAKI Manabu (photographer) with Shimada Tadashi
  - August 17 (Sat.) *Tori kara manabu* [Learning from Birds]. HIGUCHI Hiroyoshi (Honorary Professor of Ornithology, Tokyo University) with Shimada Tadashi
- Admission free / Each event starts at 14:00. Venue: 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Gallery Lobby (seating capacity 50)

### Special Screening: *Darwin Has Come! Wildlife*, filmed and directed by Shimada Tadashi

- August 24 (Sat.) from 14:00. In cooperation with NHK Enterprise  
To be followed by a discussion between YOKOSUKA Takahiro (NHK Enterprise Executive Producer) and Shimada Tadashi.  
Admission free / Venue: 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Hall (seating capacity 190)

## Nature Talk by the Artist

Every Sunday during August, from 14:00 to 16:00, Venue: 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Gallery Lobby. The photographer, Shimada Tadashi, will provide simple answers to any questions regarding nature or photography that the audience may have. We look forward to a enthusiastic response. (admission free)

## Summer Night Artist Talk

August 2 (Fri.), 16 (Fri.) from 18:00

As part of the special summer extended opening hours, the artist, Shimada Tadashi will talk about the exhibition.

## Gallery Talk by the Curator

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays of each month from 14:00, the exhibition's curator will present a gallery talk. Please gather in front of the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor gallery with a valid ticket (stamped for that day).

\* Schedules may change due to unforeseeable circumstances.

## Event Summary

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Yebisu Garden Place Fax 03-3280-0033 URL: <http://topmuseum.jp>

Open Hours: 10:00–18:00 (Thu./Fri. 10:00–20:00, however, from July 18 (Thu.) to August 30 (Fri.) it will remain open until 21:00 every Thursday and Friday, final admission 30 minutes before closing.

Museum Closed: Every Monday, however it will open on July 15 (Mon. public holiday) and close on July 16 (Tue.)

Admission: Adults ¥700 (¥560), Students ¥600 (¥480), Junior and Senior High School Students / People aged 65 or over ¥500 (¥400).

\*Prices in parenthesis apply to groups of 20 or more, admission is free for grade school children or younger; junior high school students living or attending schools in the Tokyo metropolitan area and those with handicapped person's passbook together with their carers. People aged 65 or over are admitted free on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month.

\* Every Thursday and Friday between July 18 (Thu.) to Aug 30 (Fri.) from 17:00 to 21:00, there is a Summer Night Museum discount (students and junior / senior high school students are free, adults and those of 65 and over group rates apply)

\* September 16 (Mon. Respect-for-Senior-Citizens-Day holiday) people 65 and over, free of charge.

\* Multiple discounts do not apply

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