Rantokaku Art Museum Annex

Exhibition Title Event period : June 18th to September 1st, 2025

Collection Exhibition II

Focusing on "Douga (Illustrations for children)." by TERAUCHI, Manjiro

Exhibition Overview

The Japanese oil painter TERAUCHI, Manjiro (1890-1964) painted many nude figures throughout his life and was known as "Nude paintings are about Terauchi." However, a lesser-known side of Terauchi is his work for children's magazines. This exhibition will focus on cover art and illustrations that Terauchi created for children.

The Taisho period, when Terauchi began working as an illustrator for children, was a time when artistic interest in the binding and illustrations of children's magazines was on the rise, and it was a time when people tried to entertain children not only through text but also through visuals. This would later become established as a genre known as "Douga (Illustrations for children)." Terauchi was one of the painters who were bearers of this movement. He contributed expressive works to children's magazines that were popular among children at the time.

During the Showa period, he generously demonstrated his natural drawing ability by creating the cover and illustrations for the observational picture book "Kinder Book," which features realistic depictions of nature, vehicles, and other things.

Enjoy the world of Illustrations for children by Terauchi, which will invite children into a world of fun and learning.