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MS 7163 Picture of a scene in a play
at the theater, by Hishikawa Moronobu

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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Anthropological Archives
Title:	MS 7163 Picture of a scene in a play at the theater, by Hishikawa Moronobu
Identifier:	NAA.MS7163
Date:	undated
Extent:	1 Page (30.5 cm x 43 cm)
Creator:	Hishikawa, Moronobu, approximately 1618-approximately 1694
Language:	Japanese

Administrative Information

Provenance

The reproduction was acquired in China by Dr. Rhea Blue in the 1930s. It was donated to the Smithsonian in 1970. It was transferred from the artifactual collection of the Department of Anthropology to the National Anthropological Archives by Chang-su Houchins in March, 1984.

Provenance

Previously titled "17th century (original)."

Location of Originals

Tokyo National Museum

Citation

Manuscript 7163, National Anthropological Archives, Smithsonian Institution

Biographical / Historical

Moronobu was the pioneer ukiyo-e school artist. His representative works depict the world of the courtesan and the theater.

Scope and Contents

Included is the print which shows actors on the stage and members of the audience. Some of the latter, as well as the characters depicted by the actors, are named. A cover sheet includes a biographical sketch of the artist.

Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements

Printed document

Local Numbers

NAA INV 10000029

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Translation of Title

Picture of a scene in a play at the theater, by Hishikawa Moronobu

Varying Form of Title

Hishikawa Moronobu hitsu engeki no zu

Local Note

Transliterations, translations, and other data furnished by Chang-su Houchins, of the Department of Anthropology. She consulted Richard Lane, *Images from the floating world: the Japanese print*, Fribourg, Sitzerland, 1978, and Laurence P. Roberts, *A dictionary of Japanese artists*, Tokyo and New Yor, 1976.

Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:

Japanese
Language and languages -- Documentation
Theater -- Japanese

Cultures:

Japanese

Types of Materials:

Art print