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2013 Evangelion Art Exhibition

with voice actress Yuko Miyamura



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In collaboration with Madman Entertainment and NTV Films, The Japan Foundation, Sydney is pleased to host the **2013 Evangelion Art Exhibition** from **Friday 10 to Saturday 18 May** at the Japan Foundation Gallery. This exhibition will offer a rare glimpse into the renowned *Evangelion* franchise.

In the exhibition, a collection of original concept and production art, character drawings and key artefacts will be on display, offering an insider's view into Japanese anime film production. A limited selection of exclusive merchandise will also be available.

In conjunction with the exhibition, the Japan Foundation is excited to welcome guest **Yuko Miyamura**, an anime voice actress best known for her role as **Asuka** in the *Evangelion* series, for "**Meet the voice of Asuka**", a one-day event program featuring a **Q+A session** and a **voice acting workshop** on **Saturday, 11 May**.

The **Q+A session** with Miyamura will be facilitated by **Ryan Huff**, [Geek of Oz](#) editor and resident anime writer for JB Hi-Fi's STACK Magazine, and will be followed by a short signing opportunity. The **voice acting workshop** will give participants an insight into what happens behind the

scenes of an anime production, touching on everything from breathing techniques to acting and synching with actual video images from *Evangelion*. As places are limited, participants will be selected in advance by Miyamura-san herself through an online audition process.

"Voice actress extraordinaire Yuko Miyamura has worked on some of the best known anime properties such as *Astro Boy*, *Pokémon* and the incredible *Neon Genesis Evangelion*. The Melbourne-based superstar literally bridges the cultural gap between Japan and Australia, bringing with her a wealth of experience that she plans to share with *Evangelion* fans in Australia," says Huff.

2013 *Evangelion* Art Exhibition is showing now at The Arts Centre Gold Coast (17 April – 5 May) and in Melbourne's No Gallery (28 May – 9 June).

2013 *Evangelion* Art Exhibition

10 May – 18 May 2013

Japan Foundation Gallery

Level 1, Chifley Plaza, 2 Chifley Square, Sydney

Monday – Saturday, 11am – 4pm

Free admission

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Meet the voice of Asuka

Q+A session with Yuko Miyamura

Q+A session and signing opportunity with Yuko Miyamura, facilitated by Ryan Huff

Saturday 11 May, 11am – 12:30pm

The Japan Foundation

Seats are limited. Bookings essential to reception@jpf.org.au / 02 8239 0055

Voice Acting Workshop with Yuko Miyamura

Saturday, 11 May, 2pm – 4pm

The Japan Foundation

Online audition selection by Yuko Miyamura prior to event

Places are strictly limited. For audition details, head to www.jpff.org.au

ABOUT YUKO MIYAMURA

In addition to being a very talented voice actress, she is an actress, J-pop singer and director of audiography. Her acting roles include the presenter in *Battle Royale*, voice roles in gaming include *Chun Li* and *Rose* in the *Street Fighter Alpha* and *EX* series, *Larxene* in the *Kingdom Hearts* series, and many more. She has provided the voices for so many characters in anime series, such as *Kazuha Toyama* in *Detective Conan*, *Alyssa Sears* in *My-Hime* and *Casca* in *Berserk*, and she is incredibly popular for her role as being the voice of *Asuka* in the *Evangelion* series



ABOUT RYAN HUFF

From a very young age, Ryan has had an interest in pop culture, specifically Japanese pop culture. His earliest memories are of watching *Astro Boy*, *Marine Boy* and *Monkey* on TV. While as a young geeking he may not have realised that these things were Japanese, he always knew that they had something in common – they were awesome. As he grew, so did his love of all things Japanese until, as a young and impressionable teen he was exposed to *Neon Genesis Evangelion* through SBS. After recording each episode on VHS (kids, ask your parents), he would break his brain trying to understand *Evangelion*'s religious and philosophical allusions as well as its abundance of Freudian psychoanalysis. Nowadays Ryan is the geek behind GeekOfOz.com and is the resident anime guy for JB Hi-Fi's *STACK* magazine.



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The Japan Foundation aims to promote cultural and intellectual exchange between Japan and other nations through a diverse range of programs and events. The Japan Foundation, Sydney runs a gallery space, library and Japanese language courses for all levels catering from beginner to advanced. The Japan Foundation was established in 1972 with a global network of 23 offices in 21 countries. The Australian office was founded in 1977.

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