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ROKUGATSU-DO, LANTERN FESTIVALS HELD ONLY IN KAGOSHIMA

"Rokugatsu-do (literally June Light)" is Kagoshima's annual Summer festival which is held at shrines throughout Kagoshima in July.

Some say it started in the Edo era at Kagoshima castle town by Hisamitsu Shimazu, the 19th Shimazu lord. When he built a Kannondo (temple dedicated to Kannon) for Ueyama temple, he lit lanterns on the 18th of July in the lunar calendar.

Other people say that it is just one of the customs to light up shrines with votive lanterns like everywhere else in Japan or it was originally an event in which people dedicated seed oil to pray for good health for their domestic animals and extermination of damages caused by diseases and harmful insects.

Now, Rokugatsu-do is night festivals in this prefecture. When the sun sets, many handmade paper lanterns with colorful pictures are lit in shrines. People dressed in yukata (a light cotton kimono) and geta (wooden sandals) enjoy festivals and many stalls sell drinks, food and other things.

The festival at Terukuni shrine in Kagoshima city is the biggest. Some festivals have fireworks displays!





Street stalls are one of the big fun of festivals.

Above: Kakigori (かき氷), Japanese shaved ice dessert flavored with syroup. You can choose a flavor from strawberry, lemon, green tea, grape, melon or "Blue Hawaii". Depending on stalls, you can hace condensed milk on it as well.

Below: $\it Kingyo \, Sukui \, ($ 金魚すくい), one of the most popular stalls.

Enjoy Rokugatsu-do all over the city!

- July 9th (Mon) Ichinomiya Shrine (一之宮神社; Korimoto 2chome) ・18:00 ~ ・099-254-0092
 - Wakamiya Shrine (若宮神社; Ikenoue-cho) · 18:00 · 099-248-2789 Isachisa Shrine (伊佐智佐神社; Wada-cho) · 18:00 - · 099-269-5093
- July 11th (Tue) Shiogama Shrine (塩竈神社; Shioya-cho, Taniyama) · 18:00 ~ · 099-247-9518
- July 13th (Fri) Kashiwabara Shrine (柏原神社; Taniyama-chuo 2chome) · 17:00 ~ · 099-269-1225
- July 15th (Sun) & 16th (Mon)

Terukuni Shrine (照国神社; Terukuni-cho) · 18:30 ~ · 099-222-1820 One of the biggest Rokugatsu-do festivals in the prefecture. Hand-made lanterns make the place look fantastic. A fireworks display will also be held from 20:30 both days.

- July 17th (Tue) & 18th (Wed)
- Nanshu Shrine (南洲神社; Kami-tatsuo-cho) ・18:00 ~ ・099-247-6076 ◆ July 18th (Wed) Tsurugane Shrine (鶴嶺神社; Yoshino-cho) ・18:00 ・ 099-247-1551 Shinmei Shrine (神明神社; Korimoto 3chome) ・18:00 ~ ・099-255-7710
- July 19th (Thu) Tatebe Shrine (建部神社; Take 2chome) · 18:00 ~ · 099-258-1466
- ◆ July 22nd (Sun) Miyasaka Shrine (宮坂神社; Kiire-cho) · 19:00 ~ · 099-345-1157
- July 24th (Wed) & 25th (Thu)

Arata-Hachimangu (荒田八幡宮; Shimo-arata 2chome) • 18:30 - • 099-252-6744
● July 30th (Mon) Tsukiyomi Shrine (月読神社; Sakurajima-yokoyamca-cho) • 16:00 - • 099-293-2109

- July 30th (Mon) Tsukiyomi Shri
 July 31st (Tue) & August 1 (Wed)
 - Ken Gokoku Shrine (縣護國神社; Somuta 2chome) · 18:00 ~ · 099-226-7030

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TOYOTAMA-HIME JINJA-no CHIRAN SUISHA KARAKURI

(CHIRAN WATER MECHANISM DOLL PLAY AT **TOYOTAMAHIME SHRINE)**

(とよたまひめじんじゃのちらんすいしゃからくり 豊玉姫神社の知覧水車からくり) map

An annual event designated an intangible cultural asset. The waterwheel makes the dolls move all the time. The story for this year is "Ushiwakamaru-to Benkei", based on the story about Minamoto-no Yoshitsune in his childhood. Minamoto-no Yoshitsune was a brother of Minamoto-no Yoritomo who was the first shogun of the Kamakura Shogunate.

It is held only in Rokugatsudo festival at *Toyotamahime* shrine, 13:00 ~ 21:00 on the 21st (Sat) of July and 9:00 ~ 20:00 on the 15th (Wed) of August.

Date: July 9 (Mon) & 10 (Tue)

Time: 9:00 - 22:00

Place: Toyotamahime shrine, Chiran town

Admission fee: free

Info: Toyotamahime shrine / 0993-83-4335

KIRISHIMA KOKUSAI ONGAKUSAI 2012 (KIRISHIMA INTERNATIONAL MUSIC

FESTIVAL 2012) (きりしま こくさい おんがくさい 2012 / 霧島国際音楽祭2012) (map) → B

This event started in 1975, aiming to "provide ambitious young people who have no chance to learn abroad an opportunity to take an education by fine musicians and listen to a live concert".

Now, this event has become one of the biggest music festival in Asia, and it holds free concerts, teaching music to young people from not only Japan but abroad, too.

Date: July 18 (Wed) ~ August 5 (Sun) Time & Fee: Varied depending on the date, please check their web site

(http://www.kirishima-

imf.jp/english/index.html) in Japanese,

English, Chinese or Korean. Place: Miyama Conceru,

Makizono town, Kirishima city Info: Miyama Conceru 0995-78-8000

SAKURAJIMA NORYO KANKO-SEN (SASKURAJIMA SUMMER PLEASURE FERRY

CRUISE) (さくらじま のうりょう かんこうせん / 桜島納涼観光船) Enjoy Kinko bay cruise and fireworks from the ferry!

Some events will be held on the ferry. They sell food and drinks in the ferry. The beer garden on the ferry is nice. Enjoy Kinko bay cruise looking at the beautiful night view of Kagoshima city and fireworks. *The ferry doesn't sail from 13 (Mon) to 15 (Wed) of August.

Date: July 21 (Sat) ~ September 2 (Sun) Departure: 19:00 Arrival: 21:00 Fireworks: 50 fireworks / night

Fare: Adults 1000 yen Children 500 yen

Families (2 adult, 2 children) 2400 yen

*Advanced tickets 500 yen cheaper. You can buy them at convenience stores.

Place: Sail from Kagoshima bay Sakurajima Ferry Terminal

Tel: 099-293-2525

[Attention] Soga-don-no Kasayaki (Soga-don Burning Umbrellas) has been canceled this year.

CHIRAN NEPUTA MATSURI



Neputa © K. P. V. B

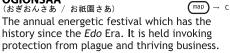
One of the three biggest festivals in Tohoku (North East of Japan), Neputa Festival will be held in Chiran! People pull 5 Neputa (fan shaped lantern) floats in the town. Neputas are 5 meters high. Stage events and other events will also be held.

Date: July 21 (Sat) Time: 19:30 ~ 21:00

Place: Chiran town shopping district, Chiran town, Minami-kyushu city

Info: Chiran Neputa-matsuri Jikko linkai 0993-83-2511

OGIONSAA (おぎおんさあ / お祇園さあ)



Men dressed in loincloths and Women dressed in happi walk around carrying portable shrines (mikoshi) from Ten Park (Chuo Koen) to Tenmonkan tram street.

The executive is recruiting the members who carry the 6th mikoshi and kodomo-mikoshi for children. Great chance to join the festival! If you are interested, please phone the number below by July 13 (Fri).

Date & Time: Evening July 21 (Sat) 18:00 ~ 21:00

Festival July 22 (Sun) 14:00 ~ 18:00 Place: Around Tenmonkan, Kagoshima city Info: Executive (Kagoshima Seinen Kaigisho) / 099-222-1342

KABUTO-MUSHI SUMO TAIKAI

(BEETLES SUMO COMPETITION) (かぶとむしすもうたいかい / カブト虫相撲大会)

Participant's beetles (kabuto-mushi) fight each other, in the sections of sumo, race, strength contest and ropewalking. A lot of people and families come to see this event every year. You can participate (free) on the day (infants ~ elementary school students), but please inquire beforehand. If you don't have any beetle, you can buy one at the place.

Date: July 22 (Sun)

Time: Entry 8:00 ~ Finish 12:30 Place: Osaki-cho Sogo Taiikukan (Next to Aspal Osaki), Osaki town, So county Aiseikai / 099-477-1171 Info:

KOKUSAI SAND ART FESTIVAL (INTERNATIONAL SAND ART FESTIVAL)

(こくさいさんどあーとふぇすてぃばる / 国際サンドアートフェスティバル)

Enjoy nature and making sand art! There are open and kids sections. Teams make sand sculptures.

A quiz event will also be held (only for elementary students and below. 100 yen / person)

Date: July 29 (Sun) Time: 9:30 ~

Place: Eguchi-hama Kaihin Koen, Higashi-ichiki town, Hioki city

Capacity: 40 teams (5 people or less / 1 team) Participation fee: Adult teams: 500 yen / team Kid teams: 200 yen / team

Application deadline: July 25 (Wed) Info: Hioki-city Shoko-kai Higashi-ichiki Shisho

099-274-2151

Sports

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MARINE FESTA in KANOYA (まりんふえすたinかのや / マリンフェスタinかのや

This is an annual event which is held on the day before Marine Day. You can try aquathlon, beach soccer, beach volleyball, canoe and various other sports.

Date: July 15 (Sun) Time: 9:00 ~ Place: Takasu beach,

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Takasu town, Kanoya city Takasu Chonaikai 0994-47-2008

24 HOUR TAKAONO HIMAWARI EKIDAN RACE

It is a 24 hour team relay race! People run around Takaono river flood plain

course. In a team you can have as many members as you like, men or women.

There are 3 categories: 24h ekiden, 12h ekiden and 6h ekiden.

Some events will also be held as well. Date: August 25 (Sat) & 26 (Sun)

Time: 10:30 ~ Entry

12:00 on the 25th race start, 12:00 on the 26th goal

*12h ekiden will be interrupted 18:00 ~ 6:00.

Place: Takaono river Jogging Road, Takaono town, Izumi city

Capacity: 60 teams Entry fee: 1000 yen / person Deadline: July 27 (Fri)

Info: Executive (24h Takaono Himawari Ekiden Jikkoiinkai Jimukyoku)/ 0995-82-5432

http://www.city.izumi.kagoshima.jp/update/uploa d/20120524135014_847.pdf

ROUGH WATER SWIM RACE in YORON

A rough water swim race will be held here in

Yoron, the birthplace of this race! Many repeaters participate in this race, because they love the beautiful sea!

There are 1.5 km, 3 km, 5km and relay (1km × 3 people) sections. A party will be held after the

race.

Date: September 1 (Sat) 8:00 - 16:00 Time:

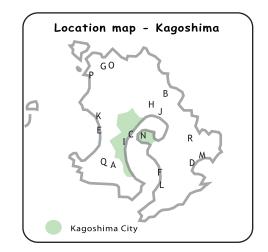
Place: Yoron island, Oshima county

Participation fee: Adults 4,000 yen / person H.S.Students 3,000 yen / person 9000 yen / relay team

* The participation fee will be 1,000 yen up from July 2.

Deadline: August 19 (Sat)

Info: Power Sports / 0467-84-8639 URL: http://www.powersports.co.jp/rws/



Antique & Flea Markets

DOLPHIN MARKET

(ドルフィンマーケット)

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Handmade craft shops, sundries shops, flower shops in Kagoshima, Miyazaki and Kumamoto sell many kinds of things.

*In case of heavy rain, it would be canceled.

Time: 10:00 ~ 16:00 Place: Dolphin Port,

Honkoh, Kagoshima port, Kagoshima city Executive (Country Zakka Sakuranbo) /

099-262-5520

KYUSHU KOTTOU MATSURI (KYUSHU ANTIQUE FAIR)

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. (きゅうしゅう こっとう まつり / 九州骨董祭り) Calligraphy, paintings, crockery, swords, tea ceremony tools, old money and other things will be sold. You might find something valuable?!

Date: July 14 (Sat) ~ July 15 (Sun) Time: 8:00 ~ 17:00

Place: Sky Road Mizobe, Mizobe town,

Kirishima city

Executive (Enokizono-san) / 090-8411-3336 Info:

KAZAN MEGURI YACHT RACE FLEA MARKET (VOLCANO TOUR YACHT RACE FLEA MARKET)

、 (鹿児島カップ火山めぐりヨットレース 「フリーマーケット」)

More than 200 boothes will sell various things. Sell stuff you don't need and make some cash!

Date: July 15 (Sun)

*In case of bad weather, it would be canceled.

Time: 9:00 ~ 16:00

Place: Marine Port Kagoshima,

Kagoshima port

(From SquareMall on Sangyo doro, head to

the sea)

Info: Executive (Minami-nihon Living) /

099-222-7290

Stage

NINA ANANIASHVILI IN STATE BALLET OF **GEORGIA**

"SWAN LAKE"

(バレエ「白鳥の湖」) Date: July 11 (Wed)

Time: 18:30

Place: Hozan Hall (Ken Bunka Center),

Yamashita town, Kagoshima city

Ticket: SS seat 8,500 yen / S seat 7,000 yen

A seat 5,000 yen / B seat 3,500 yen

*500 yen cheaper advance tickets

available.

Info: Hozan Hall 099-223-4221

KUMI HULA NAPUA GREIG & HALAU NA LEI KAUMAKA O UKA

(ナプア・グレイグ&ハワイアン・フラ・ガールズ)

Date: July 18 (Wed)

Time: 18:30

Place: Hozan Hall (Ken Bunka Center), Yamashita town, Kagoshima city

Ticket: 6,500 yen

Info: Kagoshima Onkyo 099-226-3465

~KIEV CLASSICAL BALLET~

TCHAIKOVSKY'S THREE BALLET HIGHLIGHTS

(キエフ・クラシック・バレエ ~ チャイコフスキー3大バレエ・ハイライト)

Tchaikovsky's three ballets, "The Nutcracker", "Swan Lake" and "Sleeping Beauty" will be danced.

Date: July 31 (Tue) Time: 18:30

Place: Hozan Hall (Ken Bunka Center), Yamashita town, Kagoshima city

Ticket: 5,500 yen

(Pair ticket 10,000 yen) RO ♪ON Rust 099-223-8426 Info:

SHIKI THEATRE COMPANY

ANNE OF GREEN GABLES

(劇団四季ミュージカル「赤毛のアン)

Date: August 4 (Sat)

Time: 17:30

Place: Hozan Hall (Ken Bunka Center),

Yamashita town, Kagoshima city

Ticket: S seat 8,000 yen / A seat 6,000 yen /

B seat 4,500 yen

*H.S.Students & below half price

for S & A seat.

Info: Kagoshima Onkyo / 099-226-3465

DISNEY LIVE!

MICKEY'S MUSIC PARTY!!

(ディズニー・ライブ! ミッキーのミュージックパーティー!!) Date & Time: August 10 (Fri) 19:00

August 11 (Sat)

10:30 / 14:00 / 18:30 August 12 (Sun) 10:30 / 14:00

Place: Shimin Bunka Hall 1, Yojiro, Kagoshima city

Ticket: 5,000 yen

Kagoshima Onkyo / 099-226-3465 Info:

FUKUOKA

MOJIKO RETRO TRAIN "SHIOKAZE-GO"

(観光トロッコ列車「潮風号」)
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Retro Train "Shiokaze-go (sea breeze)" runs between Retro area, Moji port and Mekari area where you can see Kanmon Straits. Only from March 17th (Sat) to November 25th (Sun). It takes 10 minutes, and it stops at Kyushu Railway History Museum (Kyushu Tetsudo Kingn-kan) Station, Idemitsu Museum of Arts *Kinen-kan*) Station, *Idemìtsu* Museum of Arts (Idemitsu Bijutsu-kan) Station, Norfork Hiroba Station and Kanmon Straits Mekari Station. A bus service "Mekari Zekkai Bus (Mekari Superb View Bus) from Kanmon Straits Mekari Station is a 25 minute trip and runs around *Mekari* area. In the tour it stops at Mekari Dai-Ni Tenbojo where you can enjoy the great view of Kanmon Straits.

Date: Only Saturdays, Sundays and national holidays from March 17 (Sat) to November 25 (Sun).

*It runs everyday during Golden Week (April 28 ~ May 6) and summer holiday (July 21st to August 31st).

Place: Moji aréa, Kita-kyushu city

Fee: Adults: 300 yen
Children (E.S.Students) 150 yen
*Reserved-seat ticket: + 100 yen
Info: Heisei Chikuho Tetsudo Moji-ko Jimusyo / 093-331-1065

URL: http://www.retro-line.net/

HAKATA GION YAMAGASA (博多祇園山笠)

Gion Yamagasa festival in Fukuoka is the biggest

Gion Matsuri in Japan.

There are two types of Yamagasa, the kazariyama type (fixed floats), and the kakiyama type used in the Oiyama race. Kakiyama weighs about 1 ton and is carried by a team of 28. Followers swell this number to several hundred. "Oiyama" race is a race in which teams dash with their kakiyama

along a 5km course.
The exciting "Oiyama" race starts 4:59 on the morning of July 15. It's an event not to be missed!
Date: July 1 (Sun) ~ July 15 (Sun)

Place: Kushida shrine and other places in Hakata, Hakata-ku, Fukuoka city Executive (Hakata Gion Yamagasa Shinkokai / 092-291-2951 Info:

URL http://www.hakatayamakasa.com

OMUTA "DAIJAYAMA" MATSURI

(おおむた『大蛇山』まつり)

This event had started at Milke area in the Edo period.

On the 29th, People play flute, taiko and fire bell on the dashi floats which is in the shape of huge snakes (actually they look more like dragons), and parade the streets. Fireworks and smoke screens are set up on the dashi floats and it looks like as if

they are 'fire-breathing dragons! they are Tire-Dreatilling dragoris:
On the 28th 10,000 performers dance together to Tanko Bushi (A Folk Tune of a Coal Mine) and Dijayama Bayashi (Another Folk Tune of this area).
Date: July 28 (Sat) 8 29 (Sun)

Place: Around Taisho-machi, Omuta city Info: Omuta city hall 0944-41-2750

URL http://www.omutadaijayama.com/index.html

SAGA

KYUSHU HANABI TAIKAI (KYUSHU FIREWORKS FESTIVAL)

(九州花火大会)

Many kinds of beautiful fireworks disply will be held in *Karatsu*. Enjoy 6,000 fireworks such as 480m diameter fireworks, 500m long firework 'Niagara Falls'! The view of *Karatsu* castle and the

fireworks is great.
Date: July 15 (Sun)

*In case of bad weather, it will be postpond until July 16th (Mon), national holiday. Time: 20:00 ~ 21:15

Place: Nishinohama Beach, Karatsu city Info: Sagashinbun 0952-28-2151

SECRET KILN OKAWAUCHIYAMA "WIND BELL FESTIVAL"

(OKAWAUCHIYAMA "FURIN MATSURI")

(大川内山風鈴まつり) Potteries in *Okawauchiyama* make wind bells and hang them in front of the houses. During the period many events will be held. Imari ware lamps are very popular and sell out

every year. The sale of *Imari* ware lamps (5,000 yen) will be held on July 23rd (Sat) from 9:00. "Boshi Toro Matsuri (Firebrick lantern festival)" is also worth seeing. It will be held on July 23rd (Sat) from 16:30.

If you are thinking about buying ceramics for summer, you should go to "Natsu-no Utsuwa-ten (Summer ceramics exhibition)" which will be held from July 10th (Sun) to August 31st (Wed) Date: June 18 (Sat) - August 31 (Wed) Place: Okawauchi town, Imari city

Info: Executive (Furin Matsuri Jikko linkai) / 0995-23-7293

KUMAMOTO

TAKAMORI YUSUI TUNNEL TANABATA **FESTIVAL**

(高森湧水トンネル七夕まつり)

In a tunnel with spring water running through, there will be 70 tanabata decorations. Inside the long tunnel is very cool and fantastic. The *tanabata* decorations will be exhibited until

the end of August.

Date: July 5 (Thu) - July 8 (Sun) Time: 9:00 ~ 20:00

Place: Takamori Yusui Tunnel, Takamori town,

Aso county
Entrance fee: J.H.S Students and up 300 yen E.S.Students 100 ven

Kankyo Library Yusuikan 0967-62-3331 Info:



Summer festivals are held mostly in July & August, and most of them are originally involved with Bon festival, the Star Festival and Gion Festival.

In farming areas, people hold events in appreciation of their hard work.

In cities, summer festivals often originate in warding off summer plagues and holding memorial services for the people who died because of plagues.

Enjoy cheerful festivals and gorgeous fireworks displays!



KIRISHIMA KOKUBU SUMMER FESTIVAL (霧島国分夏まつり) (map) → C

Date: July 14 (Sat) 16:00 ~ 21:00 & 15 (Sun) 15:30 ~ 21:00 Place: Around Kirishima City Hall (Kokubu), Kirishima city





KUSHIKINO SANOSA FESTIVAL (串木野さのさ祭り)

Date: July 14 (Sat) 14:00 ~ 21:00 & 15 (Sun) 14:00 ~ 19:45 Place: The Central Shopping District, Ichiki-kushikino city Info: Ichiki-kushikino City Hall 0996-32-3111



KINKO TOWN ONEJIME SUMMER FESTIVAL (錦江町大根占夏祭り)

Date: July 15 (Sun) / Fireworks Display 21:00~22:00 Place: Osumi Misaki Gyokyo Hiroba, Kinko-cho, Kimotsuki county

Info: Kinko-cho Shoko-kai 0994-22-2521



10000 SHIBUSHI MINATO FESTIVAL (志布志みなとまつり)

Date: July 22 (Sun) / Fireworks Display 20:00 ~ 21:30

Place: Shibushi Port, Shibushi city

Info: Shibushi-shi Shoko-kai 099-472-1108



6000 2012 HINOSHIMA FESTIVAL (2012火の島祭り)

Date: July 28 (Sat) 17:30 ~ / Fireworks Display 20:00 ~ 20:45

Place: Sakurajima Tamokuteki Hiroba, Kagoshima city

Info: SunSun Call Kagoshima 099-808-3333



4000SUMMER FESTIVAL IZUMI "KAKUSHO-SAI"(夏祭りいずみ「鶴翔祭」)

Date: July 28 (Sat) 18:00 ~ 21:00 & 29 (Sun) 16:00 ~ 21:00

Fireworks Display 29th (Sun) 20:00~21:00

Place: Around Izumi-shi Bunka Kaikan, Izumi city Info: Izumi-shi Shoko Kaigisho 0996-62-1337



6000AKUNE MIDOKOI FESTIVAL (阿久根みどこい祭り)

Date: July 28 (Sat) 13:00 ~ 21:00, 29 (Sun) 10:00~15:00

August 4 (Sat) 12:30 ~ 18:00 / 20:00 ~ 21:00

August 5 (Sun) 9:00 ~ 14:00

Fireworks Display 4th (Sat) 20:00 ~ 21:00

Place: Festival.. Akune-shi Chuo Park

Fireworks Display..Akune Shinko, Akune city

Info: Akune City Hall 0996-73-1211



KAWANABE GION FESTIVAL & FIREWORKS DISPLAY

(川辺祇園祭・花火大会)

Date: July 29 (Sun) 16:00 ~ / Fireworks Display 20:00 ~ Place: Festival..Kawanabe Hondori Shopping District

Fireworks Display..Suwa Undo Park, Kawanabe town,

Minami-kyushu city

Info: Minami-kyushu-shi Shoko-kai Kawanabe-shisho 0993-56-0247



SUEYOSHI SUMMER FESTA (末吉サマーフェスタ)

Date: August 3 (Fri) 18:00 ~ 21:00 & 4 (Sat) 14:00 ~ / 17:30 Place: Eiraku Park & Shopping District, Sueyoshi town, So city

Info: So-shi Shoko-kai Sueyoshi-shisho 0986-76-0232



2500 Fireworks Display & The Number of Fireworks

Kagoshima City Marchen Fairytale Museum!! かごしまメルヘン館

Kagoshima City Marchen Fairytale Museum is a facility which a wide age range of people from little children to adults can enjoy. Experience the world of fairytales through trick art and mini leisure facilities!



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Experience the world of fairytales here with the gingerbread house of "Hansel & Gretel," a Beanstalk Obstacle based on "Jack & the Beanstalk", and a Trump Tunnel composed of the playing card soldiers in "Alice in Wonderland"!



Marchen Wagon, Marchen Trunk (1st Floor)

Using the props here, you can transform yourself into Tinkerbell or an evil witch!

The Wonder Mirror (1st Floor)

Your reflection will change into the main character of a story in an instant! Let's go and see who

you will turn into!

Marhen Street (3rd Floor)

Have a taste of Europeaninspired trick art, including the world of "Alice in Wonderland".

Castle of Picture Books (3rd Floor)

A display collecting recommended picture books. In The Room of Picture Books, you can have a read of them yourself.



There are more attractive facilities! Come and enjoy the world of fairytales!



Kagoshima City Marchen Fairytale Museum

Address: 5-1 Shiroyama-cho, Kagoshima city Tel: 099-226-7771

Open: 9:30 ~ 18:00 (Final admission 17:30) Closed: Tuesdays & 29th of

December ~ 1st of January *The following day is Tuesday is a public holiday.)

Admission Fee:

Adults 300 yen

E.S.& J.H.S.Students 150 yen

Kagoshima Italian Part 1

Commemorating the 50th anniversary of Kagoshima city concluding a pact as sister city with Naples city, restaurants in Kagoshima city started to offer Italian food using ingredients from Kagoshima in a style which is called "Kagoshima Italian". Italian dishes made with Kagoshima's fresh tasty ingredients are so popular and many people have tried them. 14 Restaurants and hotels which offer and approve of "Kagoshima Italian" started "The Kagoshima Italian Society". With the aim of heading for a tastier, more delightful Kagoshima, "The Kagoshima Italian Society" will provide great food and welcoming space.

Authentic Napoli Pizza L' ORO DI NAPOLI

Kagoshima city is called "The Eastern Napoli", because both Kagoshima and Napoli have active volcanoes and a bay in front of them. Kagoshima is Napoli's sister city. As we have "Napoli street" in Kagoshima city, they have "Kagoshima street" in Napoli.

So, why don't we have a great Napoli pizza shop? We do! There is a very tasty authentic Napoli pizza restaurant "L'ORO DI NAPOLI"! They brought their oven from Italy. The owner said it was difficult to look for a restaurant to put their huge oven in. But, the pizzas they bake in the oven are great, crispy outside and chewy inside. If you eat it once, you will become addicted!

"L'ORO DI NAPOLI" means "Napoli's gold". They say Napoli bay, shinning gold in the sunset reminds Napolians of a pizza with plenty of cheese on it. The shop's name comes from that.

Enjoy the Napoli taste and atmosphere here in Kagoshima!



The owner and the oven from Italy.

The oven is made with Mount Vesuvius's volcanic

Above: Lunch Set (MARGHERITA CON TONNO E CIPOLLE) 1,150 yen

L'ORO
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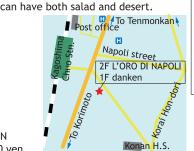
The entrance of the restaurant.

The restaurant is only 3 minutes walk from Chuo Station.

Not only weekdays but Saturdays, Sundays & Holidays the same price! Lunch Time: 11:30 ~ 14:00

(Order Stop) Price: 1,000 yen ~ 1,500 yen

(Pizza, Drink & Salad or Desert) You can choose from various pizza. If you pay 150 yen more, you



L'ORO DI NAPOLI

Shop Information Address: 2F 16-3

Chuo-cho,

Kagoshima city Tel: 099-254-6117

Open: 11:30 ~ 14:00 18:00 - 22:00

(order stop) Closed: Every Monday &

3rd Tuesdays

Parking: 3 spaces

(Only night time)

The basic philosophy of Satsuma

Jissinko Iroha-uta (日新公いろは歌) vol.28

This is the most recommended pizza,

"Margherita with buffalo mozzarella" (2,200

If you visit this restaurant, you should try it. Mozzarella's plain taste and tomato match

vary well. You would enjoy the pizza paste as

Iroha-uta is originally a Japanese short poem. It is a perfect pangram, containing each character of the Japanese syllabary (hiragana) exactly once. Jissinko iroha-uta are 47 poems each of which begin, respectively, with the original iroha poems first syllabary.

They also became the spirit of *Goju kyoiku* (郷中教育: The *Satsuma* education system).

The twenty-eighth poem (starting with the letter " < "):

苦しくと直道を行け 九曲折りの末は鞍馬のさかさまの世ぞ

(Kurushiku-to Sugumichi-wo Yuke

Tsuzura-ori-no Sue-wa Kurama-no Sakasama-no Yo-zo)

However hard your circumstances, live honestly and conduct yourself properly. To stray from the straight and narrow is to live in perpetual darkness.

ふみづき 文月(fumizuki)

Japanese has a different name for each month. We call July "shichi-gatsu" usually, but we also have another name "Fumizuki". Some people say that the name means the letter (Fumi) for Tanabata (the Star Festival). Others say that it means the rice bearing season.

Fumizuki Calender

半夏生 (Hangesho)

July 1 (Sun)

It is the 11th day from the summer solstice. It is at the end of the rainy season that very humid and medicinal herbs which are called "hange" come out.

Farmers used to observe some customs: finish rice planting by this day, don't eat or seed wild plants such as bamboo and bracken, and put a lid on wells because they used to say that in this season the ground fills with poisonous air.

七夕 (Tanabata)

July 7 (Sat)

Based on old Chinese legend about Vega and Altair and old Japanese religion. People decorate bamboo with a piece of paper on which was written a wish.

Many places in *Kagoshima* hold the *Tanabata* event on the 7th of August.



小暑(Shousho)

July 7 (Sat)

It gets really hot around this time. The really hot summer starts, so you need to take care of your health.

海の日 (Umi-no Hi)

July 16 (Mon)

National holiday. The third Monday of July. It is the day to be thankful for the blessings from the sea, and to wish for ocean-bordered Japan's prosperity.

Many events connected with the sea are held in this season.

大暑 (Taisho)

July 22 (Sun)

Around this time the rainy season is over. It means this is the hottest time, but actually it gets even hotter later.

土用の丑の日

(Doyo-no-Ushi-no-Hi)

July 27 (Fri

It is so hot around this time, so on this day people eat eels to develop stamina.

This custom started in the *Edo* era. Somebody (there are several opinions as to who it was, but *Gennai Hiraga* is the most likely) said that it is good to eat eels on this day for an unpopular eel shop. Then, people started to eat eels. Now, on this day, all the supermarkets sell more eels than usual.

* The dates above depend on the lunar calendar, so they change every year.

TANABATA, A Story of Tragic Love

Tanabata was inspired by the famous Chinese folklore story, "The Princess and the Cowherd".

Orihime (織姫 Weaving Princess), daughter of the Tentei (天帝 Sky King, or the universe itself), wove beautiful clothes by the bank of the Amanogawa (天の川 Milky Way). Her father loved the cloth that she wove and so she worked very hard every day to weave it. However, Orihime was sad that because of her hard work she could never meet and fall in love with anyone.

Concerned about his daughter, *Tentei* arranged for her to meet *Hikoboshi* (彦星 also referred to as *Kengyu*, 牽牛) who lived and worked on the other side of the *Amanogawa*. When the two met, they fell instantly in love with each other and married shortly after.

However, once married, Orihime no longer would weave cloth for Tentei and Hikoboshi allowed his cows to stray all over Heaven.

In anger, Tentei separated the two lovers across the Amanogawa and forbade them to meet. Orihime became despondent at the loss of her husband and asked her father to let them meet again. Tentei was moved by his daughter's tears and allowed the two to meet on the 7th day of the 7th month if she worked hard and finished her weaving.

The first time they tried to meet, however, they found that they could not cross the river because there was no bridge. Orihime cried so much that a flock of magpies came and promised to make a bridge with their wings so that she could cross the river.

It is said that if it rains on *Tanabata*, the magpies cannot come and the two lovers must wait another year to meet.

Look for *Orihime* and *Hikoboshi* in the sky, It is said *Orihime* is Vega, the brightest star in the constellation Lyra and *Hikoboshi* is Altair, he brightest star in the constellation Aquila.



Fortune-telling

July 1 ~ July 31



January Birthday:

School trip, business trip or going on holiday; it is good to go somewhere this month. You'll have no trouble and will enjoy traveling a lot. You might find something great such as ideas, things, people... Buying a little present for your friends is also a lucky action.

February Birthday:

It is the time of a new start. Break off relations with people who you don't want to see anymore. Cleaning your room makes you lucky.

March Birthday:

Time passes quickly, but it is important to review the study which you've learnt on the day. It will bear fruits.

April Birthday:

It is the time to have a halt and go back to basics. Check your life style. Keep regular hours, sleep enough and do some exercise.

May Birthday:

When you feel stress, remember to breathe deeply. It calms you down and makes your mind clear.

June Birthday:

Be honest with yourself and other people. If you think it is right, tell others. Things go smoothly towards the direction which you hope. The important thing is honesty and truth.

July Birthday:

You've started getting tired with various events and relationships. You need to find time to be by yourself and relax.

August Birthday:

Trust your sixth sense, and try to listen your heart. You will find something important.

September Birthday:

It is the time to feel stress. Get yourself back with 10 minutes meditation before you go to bed. You will be able to see what you should do.

October Birthday:

People can receive happiness, wealth and success as they imagine. So, do not make any limitation of your imagination and prepare to receive a bigger gift.

November Birthday:

You're a part of nature. Go outside and feel the air, listen to birds or the sound of a stream. It makes your mind clear.

December Birthday:

When you feel disappointed or your thoughts reached a deadlock, walking is good for you. It will make your mind clear and you'll find the solution.

Movie Guide

★ Foreign movie ☆ Japanese movie

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	☆ THERMAE ROMAE / テルマエ・ロマエ (April 28~)	☆ BRAVE HEARTS UMIZARU / BRAVE HEARTS 海猿 (July 13~)		
	☆ <i>Hotaru-no Hikari /</i> 映画 ホタルノヒカリ (June 9 ~)	☆ POCKET MONSTERS / 劇場版ポケットモンスター ベストウイッシュ		
тоно	★ Snow White and the Huntsman (June 15 ~)	「キュレムVS聖剣士」(July 14 ~)		
Cinemas	☆ LOVE <i>Masao-kun-ga Iku /</i> LOVE まさお君が行く! (June 23 ~)	☆ Helter Skelter / ヘルタースケルター (July 14~)		
Yojiro	☆ <i>Rinjo /</i> 臨場 劇場版 (June 30 ~)	★ Brave 3D / メリダとおそろしの森 【 3 D】 (July 21 ~)		
東宝シネマズ与次郎 Phone: 099-206-6544	★ The Amazing Spider-Man 3D / 2D (June 30 ~)	☆ Okami Kodomo-no Ame-to Yuki / おおかみこどもの雨と雪 (July 21 ~)		
(Frespo Jungle Park 2F)	★ THE RUM DIARY (June 30 ~)	★ The Dark Knight Rises (July 28 ~)		
	★ BEYOND THE ONEDAY STORY OF 2PM	☆ ROAD TO NINJA - NARUTO THE MOVIE - (July 28 ~)		
	★ Man on a Ledge (July 7 ~)	☆ EIGHTRANGER / エイトレンジャー (July 28 ~)		
	☆ THERMAE ROMAE / テルマエ・ロマエ (April 28~)	☆ The Life of Gusuko Budori / グスコーブドリの伝記 (July 7 ~)		
	★ DARK SHADOWS (May 19 ~)	☆ Anpanman / それいけ!アンパンマン よみがえれバナナ島 (July 7 ~)		
	☆ Hotaru-no Hikari / 映画 ホタルノヒカリ (June 9 ~)	☆ LIGHT UP NIPPON ~日本を照らした、奇跡の花火~ (July 7~)		
	☆ Michi - Hakuji-no Hito - / 道~白磁の人~ (June 9 ~)	☆ BRAVE HEARTS UMIZARU / BRAVE HEARTS 海猿 (July 13~)		
	\bigstar Snow White and the Huntsman (June 15 ~)	☆ POCKET MONSTERS / 劇場版ポケットモンスター ベストウイッシュ		
	★ Seeking Justice (June 16 ~)	「キュレムVS聖剣士」(July 14 ~)		
11:44 - 40	☆ Ai-to Makoto /愛と誠 (June 16 ~)	☆ Kueki Ressha / 苦役列車 (July 14 ~)		
Mitte 10 ミッテ10	☆ Berserk Golden Age II / 黄金時代篇II ドルドレイ攻略 (June 23 ~)	☆ Helter Skelter / ヘルタースケルター (July 14~)		
Phone: 099-812-6662 (Amu Plaza 6F)	☆ LOVE Masao-kun-ga Iku / LOVE まさお君が行く! (June 23 ~)	☆ Magical Girl Lyrical Nanoha The MOVIE 2nd		
(Alliu Flaza of)	☆ <i>Rinjo</i> / 臨場 劇場版 (June 30 ~)	/魔法少女リリカルなのは The MOVIE 2nd (July 14 ~)		
	★ The Amazing Spider-Man 3D / 2D (June 30 ~)	☆ Paikaji Nankai Sakusen / ぱいかじ南海作戦 (July 14~)		
	★ Melancholia (June 30 ~)	★ Brave 3D / メリダとおそろしの森 【 3 D】 (July 21~)		
	☆ Magical Girl Lyrical Nanoha The MOVIE 1st	☆ Okami Kodomo-no Ame-to Yuki / おおかみこどもの雨と雪 (July 21 ~)		
	/魔法少女リリカルなのは The MOVIE 1st (June 30 ~)	★ The Dark Knight Rises (July 28 ~)		
	★ Man on a Ledge (July 7 ~)	☆ ROAD TO NINJA - NARUTO THE MOVIE -		
Gardens Cinema	★ 父後七日 (Chinese) June 23 ~ July 6)	★ 第三十六個故事 (Chinese) (July 7 ~ July 20)		
ガーデンズ シネマ 099-222-8746	☆ CUT (June 23 ~ July 6)	★ Chantrapas (French, Georgian, Russian) (July 7 ~ July 20)		
(Maruya Gardens 7F)	☆ <i>Kaien</i> Hotel Blue / 海燕ホテル・ブル― (June 30 ~ July 6)	☆ Seiji Riku-no Sakana / セイジ 陸の魚 (July 7 ~ July 20)		
Tenmonkan Cinema Paradise 天文館シネマパラダイス Phone: 099-216-8833 (LAZO Omote Sando 3F)	★ MEN IN BLACK 3 (May 25 ~)	★ The Amazing Spider-Man (June 30 ~)		
	★ Midnight in Paris May 26 ~)	☆ soup / スープ 生まれ変わりの物語 (July 7 ~)		
	★ Final Judgement (June 2 ~)	★ TINKER TAILOR SOLDIER SPY (July 21 ~)		
	☆ Waga Haha-no Ki /わが母の記 (June 9 ~)	★ TRESPASS (July 21 ~)		
	☆ Sadako 3D / 貞子 3 D (June 30 ~)	★ Jane Eyre (July 21 ~)		
	? Bokura-ga Ita (the latter part) / 僕等がいた(後篇)(June 2 ~)	★ Act of Valor (July 28 ~)		
	? La Piel Que Habito (Spanish) (June 30 ~)			
Rena Theater	☆ LIAR GAME - Saisei - / ライアーゲーム - 再生 - (June 23 ~ July 13)			
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Kanoya

リナシアター Phone: 0994-35-1001 (Rena city Kanoya 3F)

☆ SPEC - Ten - / 劇場版 SPEC~天~ (June 23 ~ July 13)

☆ Bokura-ga Ita (the first part) / 僕等がいた(前篇) (July 14~)

Movies on TV

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1	21:00	BS-N	Burn After Reading
2	21:00	BS-P	Bridget Jones: The Edge of Reason
_	21:00		My Sister's Keeper
3	21:00	BS-J	First Blood / Rambo
6	21:00		Spirited Away (Ghibli) (Japanese)
7	00:00	BS-P	
	20:00	BS11	Le Clan des Siciliens (French)
8	19:00	BS-N	Casablanca
	21:00	KKB	Toy Story 3
9	13:00	BS-P	Pepe le Moko (French)
	21:00	BS-J	Crank
10	13:00	BS-P	Il Ferroviere (Italian)
11	13:00	BS-P	Summertime
12	13:00	BS-P	The Egyptian
13	13:00	BS-P	Cleopatra
	21:00		My Neighbor Totoro (Ghibli) (Japanese)
14	00:00		Enemy of the State
		TwlV	Coffee and Cigarettes
	20:00		Nobody's Fool
15	.,		88 Minutes
	21:00		Spider-man
16	13:00		Breakfast at Tiffany's
	21:00		Le Concert (French)
17	00:45		The Adventures of Baron Munchausen
	13:00	RS-b	Funny Face

18 00:45 BS-P The Jane Austen Book Club 13:00 BS-P Sabrina 22:00 BS-T Le Grand Alibi (French)

19 00:40 BS-P Rent 13:00 BS-P

Paris - When It Sizzles 20 13:00 BS-P How to Steal a Million

21 00:00 BS-P Deja Vu

14:00 BS-N Second in Command

14:00 TwlV Into the Wild

21 20:00 BS11 The Final Countdown 22 19:00 BS-N Righteous Kill

23 13:00 BS-P Beau Geste

21:00 BS-P Charade

21:00 BS-J The Time Traveler's Wife 24 13:00 BS-P Dishonored

25 13:00 BS-P Tabacco Road

Beyond a Reasonable Doubt 22:00 BS-T

26 13:00 BS-P The Competition

27 13:00 BS-P Taps

Backdraft 28 00:00 BS-P

The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers 20:00 BS-P

20:00 BS11 Anna Karenina

29 19:00 BS-N Scandal Makers (Korean) 21:00 KKB The Chronicles of Narnia:

The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe

30 13:00 BS-P Jagged Edge 21:00 BS-J Proof

31 13:00 BS-P The Brothers Grimm

* Schedules are subject to change without notice.

** This information is as of June 30.

KKB = Digital 5

KTS = Digital 8 KYT = Digital 4

BS11 =BS 11

BS-A = BS Asahi

BS-J = BS Japan

BS-T = BS TBS

BS-F = BS Fuji TwlV = TwellV

BS-N = BS Nittele

BS-P= BS Premium

Yösui Inoue LIVE 2012

(井上 陽水) LIVE 2012) - Folk song, J-POP

Date: July 6 (Fri) Time: 18:30

Kagoshima Shimin Bunka Hall 1, Place:

Yojiro, Kagoshima city Ticket: Reserved seats 8,400円

Standing tickets 6,300円

Info: BEA 092-712-4221

New York Philharmonic Principal Brass Quintet Brass guintet

Date: July 8 (Sun)

Time: 14:00 Place: Miyama Conseru, Kirishima city

Ticket: Adults 4,000 yen

H.S.Students & below 2,000 yen Info: Miyama Conseru 0995-78-8000

May'n WORLD TOUR

"ROCK YOUR BEATS" - J-POP, R&B

Date: July 16 (Mon) *National holiday

Time: 17:30

Place: CAPARVO Hall, Tenmonkan,

Kagoshima city Ticket: 4,500 yen (+ 1 Drink) Info: TSUKUSU 092-771-9009

Bando Tamasaburo Concert

(坂東玉三郎コンサート ~世界の旅~) Japanese music, Chanson, Samba, Bossa

Nova and others

Date: July 16 (Mon) *National holiday Time: 17:30

Hozan Hall (Ken Bunka Center), Yamashita town, Kagoshima city

Ticket: 8,000 yen

Info: Kagoshima Onkyo 099-226-3465

- J-POP Yusuke (連助)

Date: July 19 (Thu) Time: 19:00

Place: Kagoshima Shimin Bunka Hall 1,

Yojiro, Kagoshima city

Ticket: 5,800 yen

Info: K&M Corporation 099-223-7710

Porno Graffitti 12th Live Circuit

(ボルノグラフィティ 12th ライヴサーキット "PANORAMA × 42") - Rock, J-POP

Date: August 6 (Mon)

Time: 18:30

Kagoshima Shimin Bunka Hall 1, Place:

Yojiro, Kagoshima city

Ticket: 7,000 yen Info: BEA 092-712-4221

The Ventures Japan Tour 2012

Instrumental

Date: August 26 (Sun)

Time: 16:00

Place: Kagoshima Shimin Bunka Hall 2,

Yojiro, Kagoshima city

Ticket: 5,000 yen

Info: Kagoshima Onkyo 099-226-3465

TOTALFAT / Northern19

Punk Rock, Melodic hardcore, Pop rock

Date: August 21 (Tue) Time: 19:00

Place: SR Hall, Tenmonkan, Kagoshima city Ticket: 3,000 yen (+ 1 Drink)

"Ticket will be on sale from July 14 (Sat).

Info: BEA 092-712-4221

Kenichi Mitsuda Tour 2012 - J-POP

(光田健一ビトータTOUR2012「HIKARI NO SATO」)

Date: September 8 (Sat)

Time: 16:00

Place: Live HEAVEN, Tenmonkan,

Kagoshima city

Ticket: Advance 5,000 yen (+ 1 Drink) At the door 5,500 yen (+ 1 Drink) Kagoshima Onkyo 099-226-3465 Info:

Kenji Okahira (周平健治) - J-POP

Date: September 9 (Sun)

Time: 17:30

Place: SR Hall, Tenmonkan, Kagoshima city

Ticket: Advance 3,000 yen (+ 1 Drink) At the door 3,500 yen (+ 1 Drink)

Kyodo Nishi-nippon 092-714-0159

THE BACK HORN "KYO-MEI TOUR"

Alternative rock, Heavy metal

Date: September 14 (Fri)

Time: 19:00

Place: CAPARVO Hall, Tenmonkan,

Kagoshima city Ticket: 3,675 yen (+ 1 Drink)

"Ticket will be on sale from July 21 (Sat). Info: Kyodo Nishi-nippon 092-714-0159

lynch. "THE FATAL EXPERIENCE" - Rock

Date: September 16 (Sun)

Time: 18:00

Place: SR Hall, Tenmonkan, Kagoshíma city

Ticket: 3,500 yen (+ 1 Drink) Info: BEA 092-712-4221

DEEN PLUGLESS TOUR 2012 - J-POP

Date: September 18 (Tue)

Time: 19:00

Place: Amami-no Sato,

Nanei, Kagoshima city

Ticket: 4,500 yen

Info: K&M Corporation 099-223-7710

KAGOSHIMA CITY MUSEUM OF ART

4-36 Shiroyama cho, Kagoshima city

099-224-3400 / 9:30 - 18:00 / Closed Mondays

Entrance fee: Adults 300 yen

STORE PRODUCT EXHIBITION OF EARLY SUMMER

(初夏の所蔵品属) - Painting

Hashiguchi Goyo (橋口五葉) Special May 22 (Tue) ~ July 22 (Sun)

TRAD. KAGOSHIMA PICTORIAL ART MATERIALS

(庶児島伝来の絵画資料)

Paintings

May 29 (Tue) - July16 (Mon)

FASCINATION OF BLACK SATSUMA WARE

(蔵出し美術館 黒篠摩の魅力) July 2 (Mon) - July 13 (Fri)

NAGASHIMA MUSEUM

3-42-18 Take, Kagoshima city 099-250-5400 / 9:00-17:00 Entrance fee: Adult 1000 yen Lunch: 1890 yen (week days only) 2100 yen - 3150 yen (others)

KATO KUNIO EXHIBITION (加藤久仁生展) - Painting The animator known especially for his "La Maison er Petits Cubes", a prize-winning work of Academy Award for Best Animated Short Film. This is the first exhibition of his work in his home town, Kagoshima. July 21 (Sat) - September 17 (Mon / National holidar

MIYAKE MUSEUM

1-4319-4 Taniyama-chuo, Kagoshima city 099-266-0066 / 10:00 - 16:30 / Closed Wednesdays & May 3 - 6 Entrance fee: Adults 300 yen Lunch: 11:00 - 14:00 / 750 yen - 1100 yen Tea Time: 14:00 -18:00

Dinner; 18:00- (Bookings are required) WATERSIDE ALBUM EXHIBITION

(水辺のアルバム展)

July 12 (Thu) ~ October 14 (Sun)

WHITE GALLERY

25-7 Shimotatsuo-cho, Kagoshima city 099-248-3904 / 11:00 - 18:00 / Closed Mondays Lunch: 11:30 - 14:00 / 1050 yen or 1260 yen and cafe muu

Kato Tsubusa Exhibition - Potter

July 7 (Sat) ~ July 19 (Thu)

MIZUHO OSHIRO GALLERY

6-51-25 Murasakibaru, Kagoshima city 099-813-5460 / 11:00~21:00 / Closed Wednesdays

Entrance fee: free

Hanasakan cafe 11:00 - 21:00

YUJI AKATSUKA EXHIBITION "CAGE AND CANARY"

(赤塚祐二展「ケージとカナリア」) Paintini July 15 (Sun) - September 2 (Sun)



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