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## 2024 National Cherry Blossom Festival Official Art Display JICC Tokonoma

### Pop-up

Presented by JICC, Embassy of Japan in partnership with the National Cherry Blossom Festival

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The Japan Information & Culture Center (JICC), Embassy of Japan, is excited to host the official artwork for the 2024 National Cherry Blossom Festival for the second year in a row! This privilege highlights the longtime importance of the gift of cherry blossom trees from Tokyo to Washington D.C. in 1912. These trees have helped to create a stronger Japan-US relationship, and we're ready to celebrate spring in 2024 with our partners across the region.

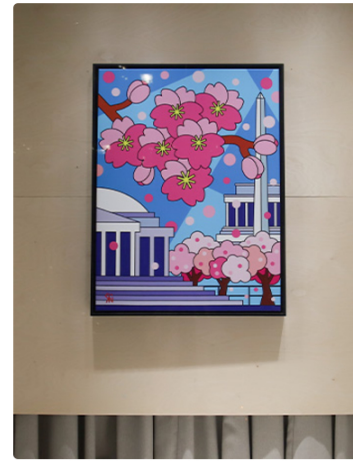
The piece, created by Nicolas Shi, will be on display in The JICC Tokonoma, the front window, from November 16 to 29. The 2024 Official Artwork, 'Fleeing Beauty', captures the essence of cherry blossoms against the iconic backdrop of Washington DC's monuments and a sneak peek of the beautiful Tidal Basin. Come and immerse yourself in the beauty of cherry blossoms this month, only at the JICC.



#### ABOUT THE OFFICIAL ARTIST

**Nicolas Shi**, a long-time Washington DC resident, was born in El Salvador from Chinese parents. Shi has exhibited internationally, most notable at Museo de Arte, El Salvador; Centro Cultural Casa de la Moneda, Santiago, Chile; Smithsonian's Anacostia Community Museum, Washington, DC; the Gasteig Cultural Center, Munich; the Ibero- Amerikanisches Institut, Berlin; and the Biggs Museum of American Art, Dover, DE. His work is included in numerous private and public collections, including the Smithsonian's Anacostia Community Museum, the Inter-American Development Bank, Museo de Arte de El Salvador, DC Art Bank, and the University of Maryland.

The pop-up display is **free** and **open to the public**. This display will run from November 16 through November 29.



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