

Kintsugi. From gOld to new

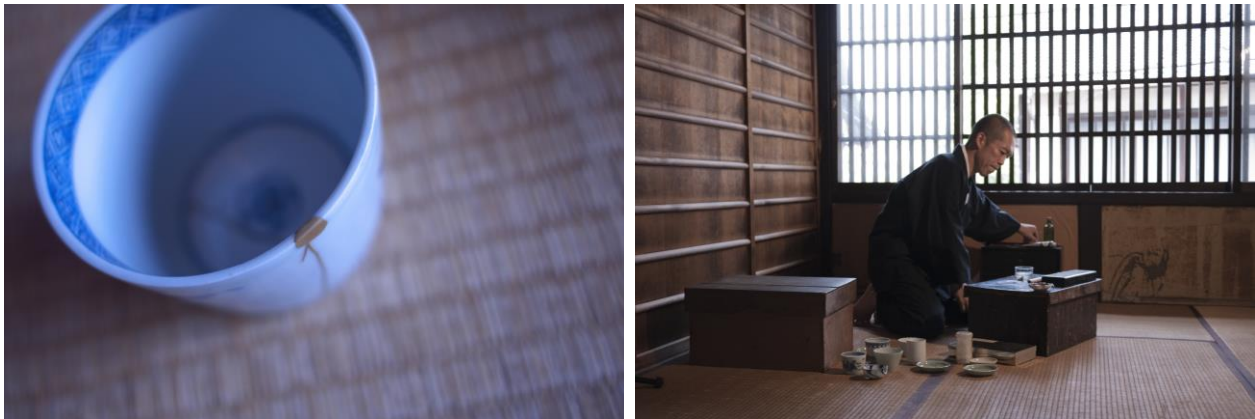
The Ashmolean Museum

Friday 24 January 2014

Kintsugi talk and demonstration 10.30 until 12.00 am £4/ £3 concessions

Kintsugi workshop 1.00 until 4.00pm £30/ 25 concessions

Advance booking recommended: <http://www.ashmolean.org/events/Courses/?id=133>



The Ashmolean Museum is pleased to host a talk and demonstration of *kintsugi*. The event is followed by an afternoon workshop where participants are encouraged to bring along a damaged ceramic item that they would like to be restored to its former condition. For those wishing to join the workshop who have been fortunate in not suffering breakages at home, simple ceramic pieces from Japan will be provided to allow them to learn and practice the fundamentals of *kintsugi*.

Kintsugi is the process of repairing chipped or broken ceramics using *urushi* lacquer sprinkled with fine gold or other precious metal powder. Traditionally associated with vessels related to the Japanese tea ceremony, *kintsugi* has since been used over the

centuries in Japan to repair and restore ceramics that have a value which precludes them being thrown away once damaged.

The event is being co-ordinated by a team of Japanese craftsmen and specialists from Kyoto, Japan.

NB. Workshop participants are advised to wear clothes that they are comfortable working in. The craft work will be carried out sitting down at tables. An apron or work shirt would be suitable wear but are not essential. All tools and materials for the workshop will be provided by the Ashmolean Museum.