

# Chapter Beats March, 2020

*JETAA Chapter Beat is a periodic mosaic of events taking place in the JETAA sphere. Compiled by [AJET](#)'s Director of Alumni Relations [Megan Buhagiar](#) (Ishikawa Prefecture, 2017- Present)*

## 1) JETAA NSW



### a. JETAA NSW Equinox Haiku Workshop

- i. DATE: March 22<sup>nd</sup>
- ii. TIME: 13:30 – 16:30 UTS +11
- iii. VENUE: NSW Writers' Centre,  
Callan Park, Rozelle
- iv. Autumn equinox marks the changing seasons. It's a great time of year to get creative and explore the craft of English language haiku writing. In this three-hour practical workshop you'll discover that there's much more to

composing haiku than counting syllables. Come and join with fellow JET alumni to celebrate the change of season in Japanese style - with poetry!

When: Sunday 22nd March 2020, 1:30 ~ 4:30 pm

Where: NSW Writers' Centre in the grounds of Callan Park, off Balmain Road in Rozelle

Who: JETAA members. Anyone can write haiku: the workshop is suitable for both complete novices and those with some haiku or other writing experience.

Workshop Leader: Leanne Mumford, JET alumni (ALT Saitama-ken 1999-2000) and published haiku poet (see: <http://lemumford.id.au/>)

Cost: Free, but please register by 14th March, with your name, email address, and mobile phone number to: [info@jetaansw.org](mailto:info@jetaansw.org)

## 2) JETAA London: Theatre!



- a. DATE: Wednesday March 11<sup>th</sup>
- b. TIME: 19:15 – 20:30 UTC
- c. VENUE: JETAA UK Alumni Association  
Whitehall, 15, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, SW1A 2DD  
London, United Kingdom
- d. Wednesday 11th March

London's biggest, boldest and wildest arts festival: The Vaults, Waterloo. If you

want to experience new, creative and experimental shows, this is the place to be! JETAA is going to watch Baaba's footsteps, a story set in 2020 Tokyo and WWII San Francisco,. It addresses stories of migration, love and belonging, exploring two generations of women. We've got specially priced tickets on the opening nights – for just £11, come along and join us for an evening of culture on Wednesday 11th March.

Book your ticket here: <https://forms.gle/p3HxZqcEv4UukzJH7>

Yu is 39, career-driven but recently fired and she resents the pressure that society puts on her to marry. Sick of the patriarchy, she embarks on a journey of self-discovery and learns about her great-grandmother Takako - a Picture Bride, who sailed to America to marry a man she had never met, with only a photo to recognise him by. Takako's family later gets torn apart in the WW2 internment camps - a phenomenon that traumatised generations of Japanese-Americans in the US. Can Takako's brave story teach Yu about her own life and help her carve out a better future?

The hardships that Japanese-Americans experienced living in a land that both welcomed and resented them is hardly remembered. In a time, where immigration camps are being built once again, we want audiences to critically reflect on how immigration issues tend to resurface generation after generation and ask why this is happening.

### 3) JETAA Ottawa

a. CUJA Japan Fest

b. DATE: March 7<sup>th</sup>

c. TIME: 13:25 – 15:30

d. VENUE: Dominion Church  
355 Cooper Street

e. The **Carleton University Japanese Association (CUJA)** is organizing their annual **Japan Fest!** They are currently looking for volunteers to **talk about different regions of Japan**. Don't miss this chance to share your experience living in your region and all the fun facts and things to do there! This is also a great way to promote the JET Programme to university students!

**The regions represented:** Hokkaido (1:25 PM), Kanto (1:50 PM), Shikoku (2:20 PM), Kyushu (2:50 PM), Tohoku (3:20 PM), Kansai (3:50 PM)

If you're interested, please contact [web@jetaaottawa.ca](mailto:web@jetaaottawa.ca)

**What:** 15-minute-long presentation about the region of your JET placement

**When:** Saturday March 7, 2020

**Where:** Dominion Church (355 Cooper Street)

#### 4) JETAA Quebec/Atlantic

a. Oyster and Sake Night



b. DATE: Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> March

c. TIME: 17:30 – 21:30 EST

d. VENUE: Restaurant Nozy

3568 Rue Notre-Dame O,

Montreal, Quebec, H4c1p4

e. We will have 1\$ oyster and great Sake choices !!

5) JETAA South Island, New Zealand



a. Sake Tasting with JETAA 2020

b. DATE: March 5<sup>th</sup>

c. TIME: 18:30 – 21:30 UTC +13

d. VENUE: Tomi Japanese Restaurant

Edgware Mall 76 Edgware Rd,

Christchurch, New Zealand

e. More details TBA

6) JETAA Auckland



- a. Zealong High Tea – March 2020 Social Event
- b. DATE: Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>
- c. TIME: 10:30 – 15:00 UTC +13
- d. VENUE: Zealong Tea  
495 Gordonton Road,  
Hamilton, New Zealand 3281
- e. For our first social event of the year, we'll be heading down the beautiful Zealong Tea Estate in Hamilton to enjoy some high tea!

That's right! We're heading out of Auckland to host this event!

For more information about the estate and what they offer, see here ->

<https://zealong.com/high-tea/>

Cost: \$49 per person + a contribution to petrol for drivers (\$ TBC)

Transport: Car(pooling)



~ Schedule ~

10:30am = Depart Auckland

12:00pm = Enjoy high tea at Zealong Tea Estate

3:00pm ~ = Arrive back in Auckland

RSVP by Friday 28th February! You have a WHOLE month!

As we do need to make a booking in advance, if numbers are quite high by the RSVP date, we will have to stick to it strictly so in order to avoid disappointment, please respond sooner rather than later. Of course, family and friends are welcome as this is currently an open social event but please comment below for the sake of keeping an accurate headcount.

If you do have a car and are WILLING to drive and transport some of your fellow alumni members to the event, please comment below. To make it fair, designated drivers will be compensated for petrol (source of compensation TBC).

We look forward to see you at our first official 2020 JETAA monthly social event!

## 7) JETAA Queensland

### a. JETAA Queensland 女子会



- i. DATE: Sunday, March 8
- ii. TIME: 10:00 – 13:00 UTC +13
- iii. VENUE: The Smug Fig  
999 Stanley Street East,  
East Brisbane, East Brisbane, Queensland
- iv. 第3回 JETAA 女子会

Theme: International Women's Day

This year on March 8th JETAA 女子会 is celebrating International Women's Day.

We will discuss about notable Japanese and Australian women past, present and future who have impacted society.

[#EachforEqual](#)

Activities:

Ice-Breaker - A surprise shhhhh!!

- 1) Current Me vs. Future Me
- 2) A letter to my future self

This event is open to all JETAA members, friends and families. Please RSVP by responding to this event page.

I hope to see you there!

## 8) JETAA DC



- a. JET Alumni Cross-Chapter Cherry Blossom Celebration
- b. DATE: March 21<sup>st</sup>
- c. TIME: 10:00 – 20:30 EDT
- d. VENUE: Washington D.C.
- e. TICKETS: [event.etix.com](http://event.etix.com)

f. Join JET Alums from all over the East Coast for the kick off of D.C.s renowned National Cherry Blossom Festival on Saturday, March 21st, 2020. JETAADC has teamed up with JETAA New York, JETAA New England, and JETAA Southeast for a cherry blossom crawl that includes three meet up points for JETAA members to choose their own cherry blossom adventure. More details will be available soon.

g. **Schedule - Saturday, 21 March 2020**

- i. 11:30
  - 1. First Meet-up - SAAM CHERRY BLOSSOM CELEBRATION - Free event (Kogod Courtyard: Smithsonian American Art Museum)
- ii. 16:00
  - 1. Second Meet-up - OPENING CEREMONY - Tickets - \$5.15 - Must purchase in advance! (Warner Theater)
- iii. 19:30
  - 1. Third Meet-up - NIJIKAI (TBD)

9) NETAA NY



a. Farewell Party for the JLGC (CLAIR New York) Staff

- i. DATE: Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> March
- ii. TIME: 18:00 – 21:30 EDT
- iii. VENUE: Topsy NoMad

37 E 28<sup>th</sup> Street,

New York, New York, 10016

iv. Mr. Yoshihiro Akagi, Ms. Kumiko Takayama, Mr. Satoshi Kuroki, Mr. Takahiro Korenaga, Mr. Shinori Nagasawa, and Mr. Shoji Onuma will be leaving New York and heading back to Japan at the end of March. Please join and help us celebrate with them for one final gathering in the Big Apple.

10) JETAA NC



- a. Japanese Kabuki Theatre Appreciation Class
- b. DATE: Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup>
- c. TIME: 18:30 PDT
- d. VENUE: Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Northern California (JCCCNC)  
1840 Sutter Street
- e. Interested in Japanese Kabuki theatre? Join JET alumni and friends for a fun class exploring the "Goten" and "Yukashita" scenes of this popular Kabuki drama:  
[https://www.kabuki21.com/takenoma\\_goten\\_yukashita.php](https://www.kabuki21.com/takenoma_goten_yukashita.php)

Learn why millions have come to love the drama, spectacle, and beauty of this powerful theatre tradition. The class is free and open to the public. No preparation needed. Feel free to bring snacks. All ages welcome!

What is Kabuki? Click here for a good introduction:

<https://www.kabukiweb.net/about/kabuki/>

Or watch this short intro video:

[https://www.kabukiweb.net/news/2019/12/introductory\\_video\\_kabuki.html](https://www.kabukiweb.net/news/2019/12/introductory_video_kabuki.html)

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