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19th Century Japanese art of display May 21-June 1 at UM

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A display entitled "19th Century Japanese Ukiyo-E (pronounced You-key-yo-ee) Art" will be presented May 21-June 1 in the University Center Art Gallery at the University of Montana, Missoula.

"The Ukiyo-E prints of the mid-19th century convey a great deal of the essence of Japanese popular culture," said Gary Bogue, U Center program director. "The prints are not an illusionary taste borrowed from the nobility, but rather one that is purely plebian."

The works typify the lighter side of the Japanese character and give a pictorial documentation of the Kabuki theatre, as well as some of the social changes that were occurring at this time, Bogue said.

Printing perfection and the beauty of the line block, all of which involved hand labor, are said to be a marvel to this day.

The gallery, containing approximately 40 original prints from woodblocks, will be open to the public from noon-3 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. weekdays except Friday evening.