


# MEET NETSUKE! STORYTELLERS OF JAPAN

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Netsuke!

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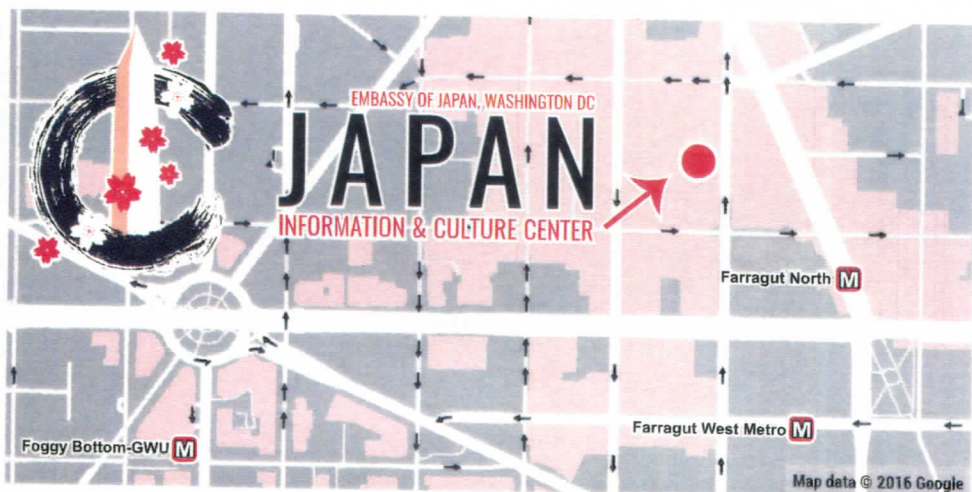
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OPENING ON MARCH 15TH WITH LECTURE AND DEMONSTRATION BY  
THE #1 CONTEMPORARY NETSUKE ARTIST IN THE WORLD!

## WHAT ARE NETSUKE?

Have you ever worn clothing without pockets and wondered where to place your personal items? In Edo Japan (17c-19c), men wearing kimono had similar concerns. They solved this issue by attaching their wallets, tobacco pouches, and other small boxes to carved toggles called netsuke [*pronounced "netz-kay"*], and looping them under their obi belt.

Netsuke began as purely functional accessories, but grew in popularity as examples of the era's fashion. Artful sculptures of everything from cute animals to honored elements of nature, frightening mythological figures, playful faces from folklore, and legendary creatures, each piece has a unique story to share about Japan.



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