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EDG has teamed up with long-time creative partners, Contemporanea Progetti, of Florence, IT to bring this important international tour to reality. With a goal of developing, organizing and managing exhibitions of high educational value *Contemporanea Progetti* was established by architects Eugenio Martera and Patrizia Pietrogrande. Today the team has grown into art historians, archaeologists, architects, graphic designers and communication experts. In twenty years of experience, *Contemporanea Progetti* has organized over 200 exhibitions connecting hundreds of museums all across the world with the aim of spreading culture among different countries.



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Step into the world of a Samurai and experience the Samurai armor, weaponry, and personal items that comprise *Samurai: Sunrise, Sunset*. Dedicated to the powerful military caste that ruled Japan for over 700 years, each item tells a story through its master craftsmanship and individual details.

Drawing from the rich and varied Japanese collection of the Museo Stibbert of Florence Italy, recognized as one of the most outstanding collections outside of Japan, *Samurai: Sunrise, Sunset* features some 100 exquisite objects related to the legendary Samurai warrior class. Full suits of Samurai armor illustrate the varying materials from which they were made – silk, leather, lacquer and metal – as well as their intricate decorative finishing. Spectacular helmets, fashioned in eccentric shapes reveal their inspiration in sacred and natural elements.

A range of Samurai weaponry demonstrate their military prowess, including exemplars of their iconic and legendary sword, the katana. Exquisite objects such as lacquered calligraphy boxes, incense trays and delicate vases tell the more personal story of Samurai life. Through these pieces, social, political, economic, and familial histories of the Samurai class and broader Japan can be traced.

Highlights of the exhibition include 3 exquisite helmets by Ryoei, one of the most famous and talented helmet-makers. Only 20 works attributed to Ryoei have survived; 6 of those are at the Museo Stibbert, and 3 on display in the exhibition. Other outstanding objects include a war hat and quiver entirely covered in flakes of mother-of-pearl, iconic swords with grips made of stingray skin and a restored silk 17th-century brigadine.





EXHIBITION DETAILS

CONTENTS

- +100 original objects, including: full suits of armor, helmets, swords, sword guards, saddles, lacquered writing boxes and incense trays
- Interpretive Graphic Panels
- Modular Exhibition Design
- Catalogue

SIZE

Approximately 4,000-5,000 square feet,
400-500 square meters

LOGISTICS

Shipping: 1 truck

Installation: approximately 4 days

Deinstallation: approximately 4 days

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