The museum's name was put to public vote, and is a combination of "WA-RASSE and "Nebuta no Ie" which were voted 1st Place and 2nd Place, respectively. The "Ie" expresses the sentiment that the museum was to become a "house" (ie) in which the Nebuta can coexist, for a year, with citizens of Aomori-alongside whom they carved history. The "WA" is added to the "RASSE" of the festival's chant (rassera), and represents the "wa" from laughter (warai) and the bonds (wa) that are formed between people through their involvement in the Nebuta Festival.



#### •Nebuta Hall



•Room for Hire/ Lecture Room (3 rooms) Multi-purpose Room (2 rooms)



Event Hall (180 seats)



•Restaurant: Den September-April: 11:00-19:00 May-August: 11:00-20:00 TEL: 017-721-4499



•Shop: Aimori September-April: 9:00-18:30 May-August: 9:00-19:30 TEL: 017-752-6228

#### Stamp here

#### Nebuta Museum entrance fees

¥110

¥510

Fukui Mari

Nebuta Museum		groups (minimum 10 people)
Adult	¥620	¥550
Student (High School)	¥460	¥410
Student (Elementary/Junior High School)	¥260	¥230

The first hour

¥220

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Aomori Cit

Tourist Info and Exchange Centre

Memorial Ship Hakkoda Maru

Opening Hours: 9:00-18:00 (May-August: 9:00-19:00) •Please enter by 30 minutes

•Closed: 31st Dec, 1st Jan, 9th-10th Aug

- before the closing time
- Overnight Parking: 10:30pm-8:30am
- Open: 8:30am-10:00pm
- •Departure available 24 hours.
- Buses must be paid at Information counter.

### Access

¥650

¥3,210

- 1 min. walk from JR Aomori Station
- •40 min. by car from Aomori Airport ●20 min. by car from Aomori Chuo Interchange
- Parking lot: available for 80 cars including 3 disabled. \*Booking is necessary for buses and large-sized automobiles.

Shinmachi Street

Join our Warasse membership card? WA-RASSE Please visit Information counter.

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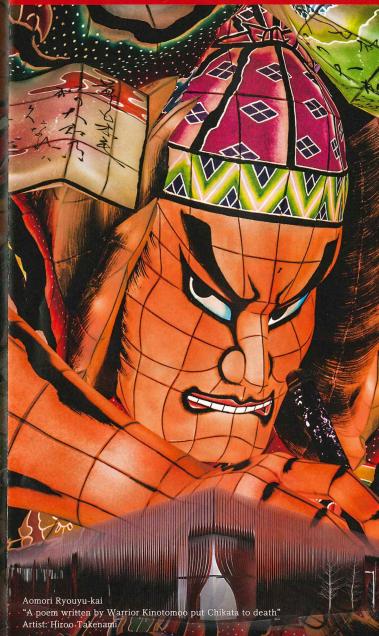
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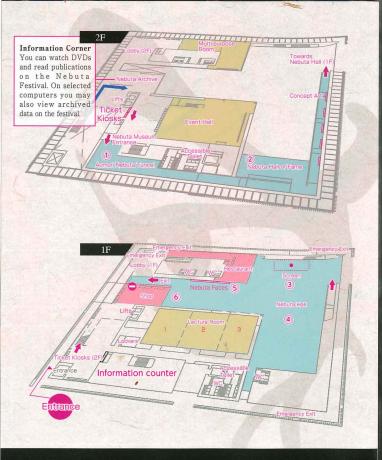




## Aomori Nebuta Festival

Nationally Designated Important Intangible Folk Culture Property Festival dates: 2nd August-7th August

There are many theories in regards to the origins of the Nebuta fesival, but the most popular theory is that it originates from the syncretism of the Tanabata Festival's Tōrō Nagashi and the custom of "Nemuri Nagashi". Nemuri Nagashi was seen nationally as a custom that was practiced to ward off the sleep demons—the enemies of farmwork which were said to cause drowsiness during the busy farming season of summer. Thus, it is thought that the word "Nebuta" is a corruption of the word "Nemuri" from Nemuri Nagashi. Every year about 20 large-sized Nebuta floats are made for the procession. During the festival you can also see the Haneto dancers dancing boisterously in accompaniment to the soul-stirring parade of the Nebuta floats. During the festival period the city bustles with crowds of over 2 million people.



## Nebuta Museum

The Town, People & Hearts that the Nebuta Festival brings together.



#### Vebuta Hall Map-1F4

Here, fully-sized Nebuta that participated in the Aomori Nebuta Festival are displayed. You can view some of the charming features of the Nebuta that cannot usually be appreciated during the parades. Footage of the Nebuta parade is also projected onto a 400-inch large screen. Screenings take place every hour on the hour starting at 9:30am. On weekends and holidays our in-house guide group "Obesama" gives guides about the festival.

#### Faces of Nebuta Map-1F(5)

The faces on display here were created by currently active Nebuta artists. You can see the differences in the artists' personal styles and techniques inherited from their respective teachers.



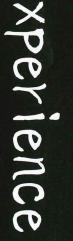
#### Experience the Festival Map-1F3

Experience and try your hand at live nces of the festival music "Nebuta which includes taiko drumming and

11:30 @13:00-13:30 @15:00-15:30 eekends and holidays we host special ances from the Hayashi Group

#### Nebuta Papering Experience Mar 1F 6

Test your skills by covering Nebuta structures with species paper. Through this experien you learn about the structure ar construction process of the float ①10:00~10:30 ②14:00~14:30



# Learn

#### Aomori Nebuta Tunnel Map-2F(1)

Close to the entrance of the museum's exhibit section is the Nebuta Tunnel which introduces the festivals origins, this tory, and the creation process of the floats. Walk though the tunne and learn about the background of the festival. Photos of past prize-winning Nebuta and more are also on display here.



#### Hands-on Nebuta Map-1F4

While people aren't usually allowed to touch the floats, the "Hands-on Nebuta" give you a chance to feel what a real Nebuta is like. We welcome you to examine the processes and fine skill that go into making the floats.

#### Nebuta Hall of Fame Map-2F2

The title of "master", bestowed upon Nebuta artists who have contributed to the Aomori Nebuta Festival, has up until now only been granted to 6 people. The Nebuta Hall of Fame screens a video about the masters and introduces the revered artists' works.

