



Hitomaro

(Nara Period 710-784)

A lot of his poems were selected for the Manyo-shu, which is the oldest poetry book in Japan. Hitomaro was a leading lyricist and was praised as a poetry genius. He was born in the suburbs of Masuda city but lived in the capital, Kyoto. Later he returned to Masuda as the governor of Iwami.



Sesshu

(1420-1506)

Known as the founder of Japanese ink painting. After studying in Kyoto and China, he returned to Masuda. He painted the famous portrait of Masuda Kanetaka and designed the Manpukuji Zen Garden and the Ikoji Zen Garden.



Iwami Kagura

A very fast tempo Kagura (traditional Shinto) dance which reflects the cheerful nature of the Iwami people.

There are many Kagura dance groups in Masuda. They not only give performances in Japan but also perform around the world. You can see Kagura performances every Sunday evening at Grand Toit.

