



The Kawaguchi Ferry and Zenkoji Temple: #20 from One Hundred Famous Views of Edo

Date

1857

Primary Maker

Utagawa Hiroshige

Medium

Color woodblock print; oban size

Description

The ferry is at the lower right, crossing the Arakawa (Sumida) River from the Temple of Zenkoji under the cartouche at upper right corner; the Temple is famous for its periodic unveiling of its main image of Amida, about every 17 years; this plain and somber scene could be compared in the Edo mind to the festivities and bustle of the viewing months; sense of movement along the river,

upstream, is stronger than across it, creating a subtle interplay of varied diagonal shapes.

Dimensions

14 1/4 x 9 3/8 inches (36.2 x 23.8 cm)