

Basic Detail Report



Illustration of the second floor of the Bicho-ya, in the New Yoshiwara district

Date

19th century

Primary Maker

Tsunoda Kunisada

Medium

Color woodblock print in triptych format

Description

Three sheets of approximate size are joined together in a single subject and composition. On the upper right corner, the subject is given as "Illustration of the second floor of the Bisho-ya (teahouse) in the new Yoshiwara district (in Edo/Tokyo)." Eight geishas, with their names given in nearby cartouches, are seen from the open second story of a teahouse wearing sumptuous, multi-layered kimonos and elaborate hairdos and pins. Some are reading or holding text scrolls, perhaps letters; one holds a brush for writing. They are attended by finely-dressed young female servants. Several large and ribboned lanterns hang from the ceiling on the top; on the bottom near the balustrade are cherry and pine tree tops. The palette is dominated by saturated blue, red, and green.

Dimensions

Image: 14 x 8 3/4 inches (35.6 x 22.2 cm)