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Editorial Review

Review

"Shunmyo Masuno restores nature in Japan within a corner of urban space. His gardens bring comfort to people who tire of dry city life by cleansing their souls." —*Toyo Ito, internationally acclaimed award-winning architect and founder of Toyo Ito & Associates, Architects*

"This stunning book illustrates many (but probably not all) of Shunmyo Masuno's oeuvre. Not only are there outstanding images but the text accompanying them is interesting, readable and informative. This is highly recommended to all members interested in modern interpretations of Japanese gardens. Masuno is arguably the most important designer to have emerged in Japan in the last 20 years. ... If you haven't already bought this book, I unhesitatingly commend it to you." —*Shakkei blog*

"Locher's stunning presentation highlights 37 master gardens in Japan and abroad (including in the U.S.) that embody a transcendent marriage between the primal elements of nature and metaphysics. [...] With 320 color photos and designs, Locher captures the mystery and mastery of Masuno's work." —*Publishers Weekly, Starred Review*

"This showcase of the work of Japanese garden designer Shunmyo Masuno marries clear exposition of the designer's philosophy with drop-dead gorgeous color art." —*Publishers Weekly, 2012 Best Book, Gardening*

"*Zen Gardens* endorses a spiritual approach to the process of garden design, whereby the design and its inherent aesthetic qualities are allowed to grow from the place, rather than being imposed on it. Illustrated with more than 400 drawings and colour photographs, this book is a wonderful source of inspiration for creating beautiful, contemplative landscapes." — *Garden Design Journal*

"Even just a quick riffle through the pages of *Zen Gardens: The Complete Works of Shunmyo Masuno* can cause a healthy lowering of one's blood pressure. Seeing such tranquil spaces in our generally chaotic world offers an escape to an oasis of serenity, or what Shunmyo Masuno himself calls an "unmoving truth." [...] Author Mira Locher, an architect and professor based in the United States and Japan, is an excellent guide to this tour of Masuno's work, explaining key elements of Zen and Japanese design and the complexity of such calm splendor. [...] *Zen Gardens: The Complete Works of Shunmyo Masuno* is surely best approached just as one would enter a Masuno garden—with a sense of quiet, curious wonder at how man and nature can sometimes meet as one." —*ForeWord Reviews*

"Shunmyo Masuno has chosen the most determinate and primal material of all to work with: rock, a substance that ages but does not wither. Embracing tradition and modernity, these gardens are expressive of a keen intelligence and profound knowledge of Japanese culture, yoked with an artist's perspective on landscape. Visionary garden designers like this appear perhaps once in a single generation, if that." —*Stephen Mansfield, author of Japan's Master Gardens and Japanese Stone Gardens*

"Shunmyo Masuno's oeuvre of thoughtful and thought-provoking designs represents an important contribution to the world of gardens and landscapes. From his training and life as a Zen priest, Masuno has developed a viewpoint and mindset that have strong contemporary relevance yet are clearly bound to Japan's long history of garden design. He is able with his artistry to transpose Japanese concepts to gardens all over

the world to delight the eye and soul." —**Cornelia Oberlander, landscape architect**

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