

Portrait of Tokugawa Ieyasu

by Kanō Tan'yū

Kanō Tan'yū was one of the leading Japanese painters of the early Tokugawa period. He was appointed by the shogunate to become the first official painter. His most famous work is a narrative handscroll depicting the life of Tokugawa Ieyasu, the first Tokugawa shogun and major figure in Japanese history. His work was influenced by both Chinese and Japanese scroll painting but differed in important ways from both traditions.

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