Art of Korea: Shin Saimdang and Chochungdo Paintings

Introduction to the Chochungdo paintings of flowers and insects painted on an eight-panel folding screen by Shin Saimdang (1504-1551), the earliest female artist of the mid-Joseon dynasty in Korea. Chochungdo paintings are esteemed for their candid representations of flowers and insects with a delicate touch, stable composition, and beautiful colors. The pleasant and lively illustrations take viewers beyond time and space, inviting us into the life of Shin as if we are standing inside of her garden.