The Three Stones of the Kamo River

The three stones nearest the viewer arranged in the typical Japanese dry landscape design are called the “Three Stones of the Kamo River” (Kamo no sanseki). They also belong to the skilled stone scape design owing to the horticulturalist Kentei, and together visualize the three movements of the River Kamo, which flows through Kyoto: the left stone symbolizes a torrent, the middle stone the eddy or stagnant waters, and the right stone stands for turbulent and breaking waters.