

Lecture for International Students - Understanding Japanese Musical Arts -

A special opportunity to experience Japanese traditional entertainment through the *shamisen*, a representative Japanese musical instrument.

The presentation will begin with a short lecture on Japanese traditional entertainment, followed by a *shamisen* performance. The event will be held at a high-class Japanese style restaurant and *matcha* green tea and Japanese traditional sweets will be served. This is a wonderful opportunity to experience traditional Japanese culture - please join us!

Jun. 24 (Tue) / Sep. 17 (Wed) / Oct. 7 (Tue) / Nov. 18 (Tue), 2014
15:00 - 16:30 Max Enrollment: 30 persons per session Admission: ¥2000
Simultaneous Japanese/English interpretation provided

The presentation will be given by Mr. Miyako Itchu, the 14th generation head of the Itchu Bushi school of musical performance, recognized by the Japanese government as an Important Intangible Cultural Heritage. It will be in workshop form with demonstrations of *shamisen* performance accompanied by an explanation of the traditional narrative.

The program : *Matsu-no-Hagoromo* (The Celestial Robe on Pine)

The Matsu no Hagoromo is a well known traditional performance based on the Japanese version of the worldwide "swan maiden" myth. In the Japanese version, a fisherman steals the robe of feathers but returns it to the maiden in response to her entreaties. She dons the robe of feathers and returns to heaven demonstrating that, unlike humans, a heavenly being cannot lie and cannot remain on earth.

The workshop format will combine the performance with an explanation of the narrative and the music and will offer an opportunity to deepen your knowledge of Japanese culture.

Presenter: MIYAKO ITCHU

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Player of the Japanese traditional instrument *shamisen*

1999: Designated as an Important Intangible Cultural Heritage for "Itchu-Bushi"

2008: Designated as an important Intangible Cultural Heritage for "Tokiwazu-Bushi"



Venue: SUKIYA KANETANAKA

SUKIYA KANETANAKA provides refined surroundings that combine traditional and contemporary beauty.

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In e-mail title: Kanetanaka

In e-mail Text: 1. Preferred date, 2. Name, 3. Phone number, 4. Home country

Reservations are first come/first served; we will close reservations for each session once it reaches the maximum number.

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