

In Japanese

In English

August 1st & 2nd 2010



RAKUGOLOBAL IN SINGAPORE

The Japanese Sit Down Comedy Show

Rakugo x Global = Rakuglobal

Blend of traditional Japanese entertainment and culture!!

RAKUGO is a traditional Japanese comedy entertainment, having a 300-years-long history. The lone storyteller (rakugoka, 落語家) sits on the stage, regaling a long comical story. The Rakugo, Japanese Sit-Down Comedy has been around for some 10 years all over the world. It has achieved great success and was well received in London and Edinburgh, which is well-known for the fringe festival, in 2008.

Showko is a bilingual comedienne who started her career as a comedienne in Singapore, brushing up her career in London and Osaka. This time, here in Singapore, she will be performing with her master Kakushow and fellow performers from Japan. It will be an incredible show with a variety of RAKUGO and other performances in both Japanese and English. Don't miss it!!



What is "RAKUGOLOBAL"?

"Rakuglobal" is a word created by Showko and her fellow performers, which means Rakugo for global market especially for people all over the world to have fun and laughter. "Rakuglobal" show includes traditional Japanese comedy, Rakugo, Ventriloquy, Puppet Show along with free-talk.

SHOWKO (Shofukutei Showko)

Her career began in 1995 entertaining audiences on Radio and TV in Japan and Singapore and then performing Rakugo internationally at theatres, festivals and events around the world. She came back to Singapore with her Australian husband and 4 year-old son to promote Rakugo. 11 years abroad makes her Rakugo vivid and exciting.



KAKUSHOW (Shofukutei Kakushow)

He is a highly innovative artist who breathed new life into the traditional Rakugo world. His international career is highlighted with over 2000 performances in 25 countries. He has won several notable awards both in Japan and abroad such as the gala of "Just for Laughs".



AYAME (Katsura Ayame)

Started studying Rakugo with Katsura Bunshi in 1982. Ayame has been creating a new path for women in the Rakugo world, where men have been dominating. She is breaking new ground, producing numerous Rakugo stories about women from office ladies, old women to wife-mothers.



SOMEJAKU (Hayashiya Somejaku)

Started studying Rakugo with Hayashiya Somemaru, in 1992. He has such a variety of interest, from classic piano, Kabuki/Nou as classical Japanese dance-drama, to Indonesian dance/music. All his unique and variety of interest are reflecting his Rakugo performance.

KAZUME (Katsura Ayame)

Started studying Yose-Shamisen with Kobayashi Masako, in 1981. As she married Hayashiya Somehachi, a Rakugo Master, in 1987, she entered the Hayashiya family which is one of big name in Rakugo world. AYAME is her real sister.



ANESAMA-KINGS (Ayame & Somejaku)

Formed with AYAME and SOMEJAKU in 1999. Anesamaking is a unique comedy duo with comic songs, performing in Geisha looks. Their unique style is described as "nostalgic but new" or "classical but radical". They have also performed in Russia and the Dominican Republic.

The first performance (in Japanese)

August 1st 2010 Sunday

- Admission 2:30pm / Start 3:00pm

The second performance (in English)

August 2nd 2010 Monday

- Admission 7:00pm / Start 7:30pm

**Venue: The Japanese Association,
Singapore, 3F auditorium
120 Adam Road, Singapore 289899**

Capacity of venue: 205 persons

Admission: \$45 for Adult / \$25 for Child

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Audience ages range
from 4 years to 111 years!!
Showtime about 2 hours

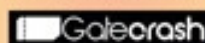


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