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Backstage to Hanamichi

*A Behind the Scenes Look at the Color, Magic
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A rare glimpse into the backstage world of this centuries-old theater
culminating in performances of two kabuki dance classics.
Celebrated kabuki actors Kyozo Nakamura and Matanosuke Nakamura
lead a troupe from the world renowned Shochiku Company.

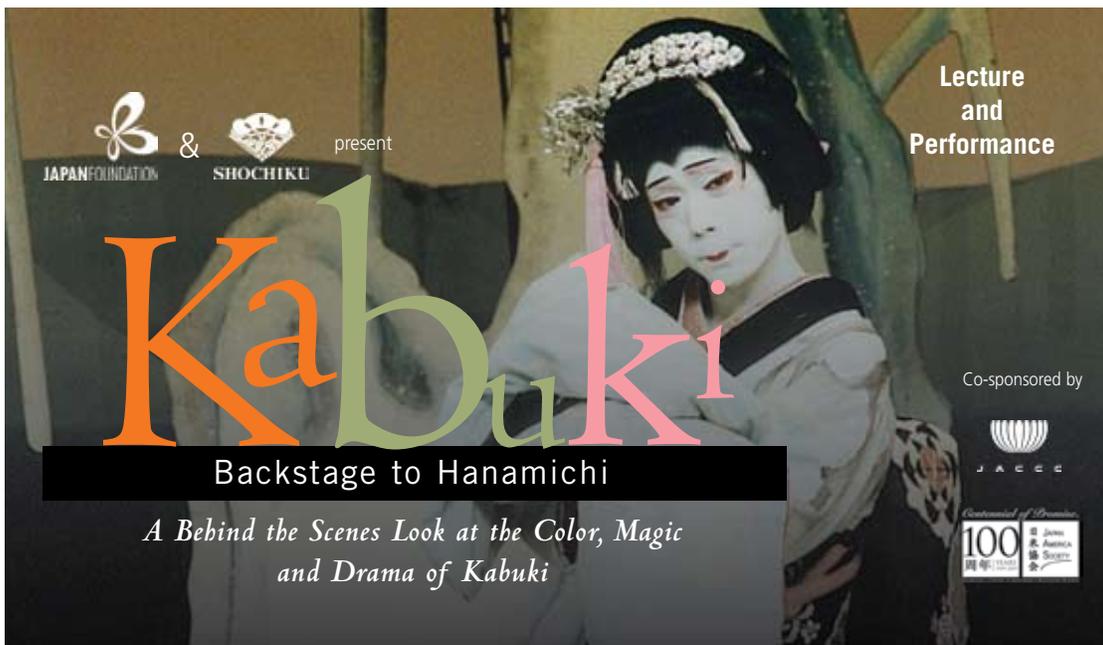
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244 S. San Pedro St., Los Angeles, CA 90012

BOX OFFICE: (213) 680-3700

INFORMATION: (213) 628-2725 ext. 133

\$25 General Admission, \$20 JACCC Members

Students/Seniors/Groups (10+) call for ticket prices



San Francisco, CA

Saturday, October 17, 2009, 2pm

San Francisco State University

McKenna Theatre

1600 Holloway Ave., San Francisco, CA 94132

BOX OFFICE: (415) 338-2467

INFORMATION: <http://creativearts.sfsu.edu>

\$20 General Admission, \$10 Students



Seattle, WA

Monday, October 19, 2009, 7pm

Seattle Cherry Blossom &

Japanese Cultural Festival Committee

Illisley Ball Nordstrom Recital Hall

at Benaroya Hall

200 University St., Seattle, WA 98101-3428

BOX OFFICE: (206) 215-4747

INFORMATION: sbcjcf@earthlink.net

\$20 or \$10 (All seats are assigned)



Portland, OR

Wednesday, October 21, 2009, 7pm

Portland State University

The Dolores Winningstad Theatre

111 SW Broadway (at Main Street)

Portland, OR 97205

BOX OFFICE: (503) 248-4335

(<http://pcpa.com/tickets/index.php>)

INFORMATION: ron@pcpa.com

\$20 General Admission, \$12 Seniors/Students



Denver, CO

Saturday, October 24, 2009, 7pm

Japan America Society of Colorado

June Swamer Gates Concert Hall

BOX OFFICE: (303) 871-7720

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The Japanese American Cultural and Community Center and The Japan Foundation are pleased to present **Backstage to Hanamichi - A Behind the Scenes Look at the Color, Magic and Drama of Kabuki** with lead actors **Kyozo Nakamura** and **Matanosuke Nakamura** of the world-renowned Shochiku Company.



Kyozo Nakamura



Matanosuke Nakamura

Kabuki with its magnificent beauty and highly refined skill stands as a rare jewel among the great theater traditions of the world. Its actors must undergo years of rigorous training to master its three artistic components of music (*ka*), dance (*bu*) and drama (*ki*) before being allowed to perform before an audience. In order to create the magic that is seen on stage, the kabuki actor is supported backstage by a team of unseen artisans and craftsmen including costume stylists, wig masters, musicians and prop masters.



Backstage to Hanamichi provides the audience with a rare glimpse into the traditional world of this centuries-old theater and the painstaking preparations that lead up to an actor's grand entrance onto the *hanamichi* stage.

The lecture/performance includes two kabuki dance classics: *Sagi Musume* (The Heron Maiden) and *Shakkyo* (Lion Dance), contrasting the lyric style of the *onnagata* (actor specializing in female roles) with that of the dynamic, acrobatic style represented in the heroic Lion Dance.

This program is presented in conjunction with the 100th Anniversary Celebration of The Japan America Society of Southern California.

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