# KABUKIFORUM Let's learn what Kabuki is (informal presentation)

The Consulate-General of Japan in Seattle, in cooperation with the Seattle Cherry Blossom and Japanese Cultural Festival Committee, is pleased to announce a Seattle presentation of the traveling **Kabuki Dance lecture and performance** with lead actors **Nakamura Kyozo** and **Nakamura Matanosuke** of the world-renowned **Shochiku Company** on **October 19, 2009 at Benaroya Recital Hall** (Tickets \$20/\$10 See Announcement Flyer)



You can study what Kabuki is at this forum before their presentation. **50 seats only (Free) Pre-registration required** Contact : Aki Takeda 206.682.9107 ext. 134

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## October 9, 2009 (Friday) at Panama Hotel Café

17:40 Open

#### 18:00 Kabuki Lecture

Prof. Motohusa Murayama (Seattle University) Mr. Yutaka Sasaki (Seattle Cherry Blossom & Japanese Cultural Festival Committee)

- 19:00 Floor Discussion
- 19:30 Reception

### 21:00 Close

Co-Organized by: Consulate-General of Japan in Seattle, Panama Hotel, Kabuki Advisory Comittee

## What is Kabuki?

**Kabuki** is the highly stylized classical Japanese dance-drama with its magnificent beauty and highly refined artistry, making it a rare jewel among the great theater traditions of the world. Its actors must undergo years of rigorous training in order to master its three artistic components of **music (ka)**, **dance (bu) and drama (ki)** before being allowed to perform in front of 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 craftsman including costumer stylists, wig masters, musicians and prop masters.

