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Various Programs for Children! Programs in March 2011

For March 2012, The Tokyo Culture Creation Project has organized a variety of programs for children: “Performance Kids Tokyo”, “Traditional Performing Arts for Kids”, “Iza! Kaeru Caravan! in Tokyo” and “Artists in Jidokan (a daily playground for children).”

■ “Performance Kids Tokyo”

This program features workshops that children create dance performances with artists. The program aims to nurture children’s creativity, independence and communication sense and to improve their presentation skills. Tatsuya Kusuhara (choreographer/dancer) is directing “A Story From the Body or a Body From a Story?” on March 3 (Sat) in Parthenon Tama in Tama City and Mika Kurosawa (choreographer/dancer) “I’m Brave When I Dance” on March 31 (Sat) in Suitengu Pit in Chuo ward. Both performances will be held in theaters with audience.

■ “Traditional Performing Arts for Kids”

This is a program that children receive lessons directly from top-class performers of Noh, Nihon Buyo (dance), Sokyoku (koto music) and Nagauta. Children participate in training courses of above mentioned performing arts for 7 months and experience at close hand what it means to be a professional. They can acquire knowledge and skills of traditional theater, dance and music well as manners. It might be an important experience for children to have professional lessons for months and finally attain the goal to perform on a big stage. “Noh” will be performed on March 20 (Tue/holiday) in Hosho Nohgakudo in Bunkyo ward, both “Sokyoku (Yamada style)/Nihon Buyo” on March 28 (Wed) and “Nagauta/Sokyoku (Ikuta style)” on 29 (Thu) in Asakusa Public Hall in Taito ward. We wish that this program raises awareness about traditional culture among families, schools and local communities while passing them on to the next generation.

Indeed, this is the period for children. Please make sure that you do not miss them!



Performance Kids Tokyo
Performance by Sengawa Theater (2011)
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Traditional Performing Arts for Kids
Noh Lesson (Kyogen)

Main Programs in March

Kids/Youth

■ “Performance Kids Tokyo”

- Original Dances Created by Artists and Children -

Overview

[Performance: “A Story From the Body or a Body From a Story?”]

- Date: March 3 (Sat)
- Performance: from 15:00 * Reception opens at 14:00; venue opens at 14:30
- Venue: Parthenon Tama (2-35, Ochiai, Tama-shi)
- Artist: Tatsuya Kusuhara (choreographer/dancer)
- Admission: free *Advance reservation prioritized;
day-of-performance admission on a first-come-first-served basis

[Performance: “I’m Brave When I Dance”]

- Date: March 31 (Sat)
- Performance: from 15:00 *Reception opens at 14:00; venue opens at 14:30
- Venue: Suitengu Pit (Tokyo Performing Arts Studio)
- Artist: Mika Kurosawa (choreographer/dancer)
- Admission: free *Advance reservation prioritized;
day-of-performance admission on a first-come-first-served basis



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■ “Traditional Performing Arts for Kids”

- Children’s First Encounter with Traditional Performing Arts -

Overview

[Performance: Noh]

- Date/Time: March 20 (Tue/holiday) Noh I: 10:30-13:00 *Venue opens at 10:00
Noh II: 14:30-17:00 *Venue opens at 14:00
- Venue: Hosho Nogakudo (Bunkyo ward)

[Performance: Sokyoku (Yamada style)/Nihon Buyo]

- Date/Time: March 28 (Wed) 13:30-15:40 *Venue opens at 13:00
- Venue: Asakusa Public Hall (Taito ward)

[Performance: Nagauta/Sokyoku (Ikuta style)]

- Date/Time: March 29 (Thu) 13:30-16:20 *Venue opens at 13:00
- Venue: Asakusa Public Hall (Taito ward)

- Admission: free *Advance reservation required (deadline: February 27);
Participants will be chosen by random drawing if applicants exceed availability.



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■ “Iza! Kaeru Caravan! in Tokyo”

- Learning program to prevent disaster with fun in communities -

Overview

- Date/Time: March 4 (Sun) /March 11 (Sun) 13:00-16:00
- Venue: March 4 (Sun) – Square in front of The Harumi Residence
March 11 (Sun) – Kiyose-shi Jido Center Koropokkuru, Kamiyama Koen



■ “Artists in Jidokan (a daily playground for children)”

- Creative/Expressive Activities in playing -

Overview

[Zen Jido Jidokan]

- Date/Time: March 17 (Sat) 10:00-17:00
- Venue: Nerima-ku Nakamura Jidokan



Tokyo Culture Creation Project:

Tokyo Culture Creation Project, organized by the Tokyo Metropolitan Government and the Tokyo Metropolitan Foundation for History and Culture in cooperation with arts organizations and NPOs, aims to establish Tokyo as a city of global cultural creativity. The project facilitates involvement of a larger number of people in creation of new culture, by building regional bases for culture creation across the city and offering opportunities for creative experiences to children and young people. Moreover, it creates and globally disseminates new Tokyo culture through organizing international festivals and other diverse events.

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