



Tokyo Culture Creation Project Announcing our Line-up for FY2014

Established in response to Tokyo's bid for the 2016 Summer Olympic & Paralympic Games, the Tokyo Culture Creation Project has spread its operations into a wide range of fields, including "Traditional Arts/Culture", "Theatre/Dance", "Music" and the "Visual Arts" based on four pillars: "Festivals", "Kids/Youth", "Artpoint", and "Networking" in order to establish Tokyo as a city of global cultural creativity. With the 2020 Summer Olympic & Paralympic Games now set for Tokyo, and interest in the metropolis growing both at home and abroad, we are further enriching our program to bring the culture of Tokyo to the world.

■ A wider range of festivals for more people to enjoy

As Japan's world-famous traditional arts and culture continue to spread ever more widely at home and abroad, our **Tokyo Traditional Arts Program** will continue to pass on to future generations the 'spirit of *wa*' in which the Japanese culture is grounded. **Roppongi Art Night 2014**, under the theme 'Move Your Body!' had a variety of programs in the Roppongi area, and the tie-up program **La Folle Journée au Japon** of classical music performances will celebrate its 10th anniversary.

■ More participatory events for children and young people

In the "Kids/Youth" program, the **Traditional Performing Arts for Kids**, in which children learn such traditional arts as Noh and *Nihon buyo* (Japanese dance) from leading performers, will add classes for high-school students and for those who have completed the programs offered so far, and in association with local municipal facilities offer community-based programs leading through a short series of rehearsals to public recital performances. Further participatory programs in other fields will provide promising young talent with more opportunities for creative activity and a wider range of experience.

■ 8 new Tokyo Artpoint projects

Eight new projects will join such continuing programs as **TERATOTERA** and **Art Access Adachi: Downtown Senju – Connecting through Sound Art** as part of "Tokyo Artpoint Project", local resident-based art projects designed to create and publicize the various attractions of Tokyo. Some projects will unite different fields such as Social Services and other civic institutions, while others will take place in surrounding areas of Tokyo's 23 wards such as Tama and Tokyo's islands. Cultural programs designed to support disaster areas will also continue to be included.

■ Disseminating the culture of Tokyo in and outside of Japan aiming to establish Tokyo as a city of global cultural creativity

Our "Networking" activities invite various cultural players from in and outside of Japan and realize international conferences and visitors programs for exchanges and encounters in order to strengthen the networks and disseminate the cultural scenes of Tokyo internationally.

■ **The TOKYO PAPER for Culture: to deepen and enhance the culture of Tokyo**

Established in FY2013, the **TOKYO PAPER for Culture** is a cultural research institute in the form of a free newspaper. In each issue the production team serves as research staff, chooses some topics from different art projects and Tokyo culture in general, and reports back on the results of this “research” in cooperation with guest researchers who are highly individual cultural figures.

For details on individual projects, please refer to the attached project summary.

The outline for ‘Tokyo Creative Weeks’, scheduled for this coming fall, is to be announced this summer.

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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 as well as it creates and globally disseminates new Tokyo culture through organizing international festivals and other diverse events. <http://www.bh-project.jp/en/>

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