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 Arts Council Tokyo (Tokyo Metropolitan Foundation for History and Culture)
 NPO Ikimachi Club

Kagurazaka Street Stage O-edo Tour 2018

*Transforming the Entire Town of Kagurazaka into a Stage
 to Welcome You to Enjoy Japan's Various Traditional Performing Arts*

Arts Council Tokyo (Tokyo Metropolitan Foundation for History and Culture) and NPO Ikimachi Club will turn the entire town of Kagurazaka, where tradition meets innovation, into a stage to host **Kagurazaka Street Stage O-edo Tour 2018** on November 10th (Sat) <Eve> & 11th (Sun) <Main Festival>.

Kagurazaka Street Stage O-edo Tour 2018 offers a friendly environment where guests from different generations and countries can see, hear and touch Japan's symbolic traditional performing arts as well as the charm of Kagurazaka and its remaining atmosphere of the Edo Period. **The town and its people will become one** to create this 6th annual festival.

Kagurazaka is gaining popularity as a town where the Edo-Tokyo culture and the sophisticated atmosphere of Paris unite and live in harmony. New and experienced leading artists representing Kagurazaka in various genres of traditional performing arts will gather for this festival. In addition to Kagurazaka's symbolic street-strolling music performance called Shinnai Nagashi and Geisha entertainment, all kinds of performances including the new programs of live singing and folk music can be enjoyed in the streets, shrines, temples and parks.

This 2-day festival will be a perfect opportunity for you to enjoy Japan's various performing arts in the charming streets of Kagurazaka where traditional culture lives on. With our goal of promoting traditional performing arts and bringing greater prosperity to the town of Kagurazaka, we welcome you all to this unique event that now draws attention from all over the country.

【Event Overview】 *Please read the following pages for more details.

Title: Kagurazaka Street Stage O-edo Tour 2018

Date/Time: Eve November 10th (Sat) 2018, around 15:00-19:40

Main Festival November 11th (Sun) 2018, around 11:30-18:00

*Both festivals will be carried out rain or shine but will be cancelled in the case of a stormy weather.

Location: Kagurazaka area (Bishamonten Zenkoku-ji Temple, Akagi-jinja Shrine, Tokyo Kagurazaka Association/Kenban, Kagurazaka Avenue and other smaller streets in the area, local historic sites, THEGLEE, Enkaen, Rito Kitchen, Kagurazaka Monogatari and more)

Admission: Free (Geisha entertainment experience is subject to fees and requires prior reservations)

Hosts: Arts Council Tokyo (Tokyo Metropolitan Foundation for History and Culture)
 NPO Ikimachi Club

Supporter/Cooperator: Tokyo Metropolitan Government

Supporter: Shinjuku-ku and Shinjuku Convention & Visitors Bureau

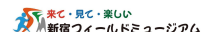
Cooperators: Tokyo Kagurazaka Association, Bishamonten Zenkoku-ji Temple, Akagi-jinja Shrine, Ikimachi Co., Kagurazaka Avenue Association, Kagurazaka Merchants Union, Edo Tokyo Guide Group, Kosho-ji Temple, Enpuku-ji Temple, Tokyo Metropolitan Comprehensive Consumer Center, Wakamiya-Cho Self-Government Association, Tokyo University of Science, Hosei University, KPMG AZSA LLC, Dai-Ichi Kangyo Credit Cooperative (Kagurazaka Branch), Chikaken Co.,Ltd and Mind

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1. Eve

The night scene is one of the greatest charms of Kagurazaka, from which various elements of its unique culture have emerged. Stroll through the stone-paved alleys hidden between black wooden walls during this magical time and indulge yourselves in traditional arts at stylish restaurants. We welcome you to discover the beauty of Kagurazaka that can only be found at night.

Shop Strolling / Live Performances of Traditional Performing Arts

Mini live performances at restaurants, cafes and live music clubs by traditional performing artists representing Kagurazaka. This year, storytelling such as Kodan and Rakugo and traditional folk music including Minyo, Zokkyoku and Jiuta can be enjoyed along with the newly introduced program of Hauta. The performances will be hosted and explained by the artists themselves in ways that are easy to understand.

Date	November 10th (Sat), 2018 *No postponement / cancellation for rain
Location	Enkaen 16:00-16:45
Time	Anmitsu ("Minyo" Japanese folk song)
Performers	Hiyama Umekichi ("Zokkyoku" music)
	Rito Kitchen 16:00-16:45
	Cyril Coppini ("Rakugo" storytelling)
	THEGLEE
	17:00-17:40 Okamura Shintaro ("Jiuta" music & "Sou" Japanese harp)
	19:00-19:40 Honjoh Maruhide & Honjoh Hideeiji ("Hauta" music)
	Kagurazaka Monogatari
	19:00-19:40
	Kanda Sanryoku ("Kodan" storytelling)
Admission	Free (separate charge for food and drink)

*For number control, admission tickets will be distributed at each venue one hour before the starting time of each show.

Street Performance - Shinnai Nagashi (Performed at Eve and Main Festival)

Wander into the stone-paved back alleys and you will be greeted by the sound of Shamisen played by strolling musicians. A stylish Shinnai Nagashi troupe led by Tsuruga Wakasanojo, the headmaster of the Shinnai school and a living national treasure who lives in Kagurazaka, will fill the streets with an elegant and melancholic melody.

Date / Time	November 10th (Sat), 2018 16:30-17:30, 18:30-19:30 November 11th (Sun), 2018 12:30-13:00, 14:00-14:30, 15:30-16:00 *Approximate performing time
Location	Streets of Kagurazaka (Starting from Jinai Park)
Admission	Free
Performers	Tsuruga Wakasanojo shamisen Troupe ("Shinnai-bushi" music)

Street Performance - Johana Hikiyama Festival <"Iori Uta"> (Performed at Eve and Main Festival)

Edo Iori Uta music was brought from Tokyo to Johana area of Nanto city in Toyama prefecture and has since been passed on for 300 years in the form of Iori Uta performances at the local festival, developing into their unique cultural heritage. On this special night, Iori Uta comes back to its home, Tokyo. Young performers from Johana will bring the atmosphere of Hikiyama Festival to the back alleys of Kagurazaka, strolling as they sing and play Shamisen and Japanese flutes.

Date / Time	November 10th (Sat), 2018 15:00-16:00 / 17:30-18:30 November 11th (Sun), 2018 12:00-12:40 / 13:10-13:50 / 14:20-15:00 *Approximate performing time
Location	Streets of Kagurazaka (Starting from Bishamonten Zenkoku-ji Temple)
Admission	Free
Performers	Houtetsu Kai (Johana Hikiyama Festival, Iori Uta)

2. Main Festival

The main street of Kagurazaka during the day is reserved for pedestrians and has a completely different atmosphere from the nighttime. It is visited by many young people, families and international visitors. From its two biggest landmarks, Bishamonten Zenkoku-ji Temple and Akagi-jinja Shrine, to the stone-paved alleys and the parks, the entire city of Kagurazaka turns into a stage of traditional performing arts.

Kagurazaka Rakuza - Storytellers' Theater

Lecture fields set up in the precincts of shrines and temples in the old days where people gathered for various information will be recreated in Bishamonten Zenkoku-ji Temple. Traditional storytelling performances will be offered here such as Kodan by young performers, Biwa-gatari accompanied by Japanese lute, Joruri (Gidayu) and Rokyoku recited with the sound of Shamisen three-string guitar. Beginner-friendly words and programs are carefully selected for all guests to fully understand the stories.

Date / Time	November 11th (Sun), 2018 11:30-16:30 *Approximate performing time
Location	Special stage at Bishamonten Zenkoku-ji Temple
Admission	Free
Performers	Takemoto Koshikou & Tsuruzawa Kanya (Gidayu-bushi) Kanda Riei ("Kodan" storytelling) Biwa Duo ("Satsuma biwa" Four or five-stringed Japanese lute) Tamagawa Nanafuku & Sawamura Toyoko (Rokyoku)
Host	Ishii Yokichi (an owner of Sukeroku store)

Performing Arts Tour and Street Live Performances in Kagurazaka

Various traditional performing artists will greet you at three performing locations set up in Kagurazaka Avenue. Breathtaking acrobats and intriguing music will entertain guests from all generations. Come meet talented groups that create the fusion of classic and modern styles as well as prestigious artists who pass the Edo-Period tradition on to the present.

Date / Time	November 11th (Sun), 2018 12:10-16:30 *Approximate performing time
Location	Kagurazaka area ("Shimakin", Kagurazaka-ue Intersection and "Park Luxe Kagurazaka", "Pocket park" patio)
Admission	Free
Performers	Wakajishikai ("Hogaku-Bayashi" Japanese traditional percussion) Yurara ("Gagaku" ancient court music) Seshami Street Boys (Tsugaru Shamisen) Maruichi Senoh Troupe ("Edo-Daikagura" Japanese traditional juggling and lion dance) Otawa Masaki ("Taiko" Japanese drum) & Oyama Yutaka (Tsugaru Shamisen) Koibumi by Ito Erina ("Sou" Japanese harp) & Tsujimoto Yoshimi ("Shakuhachi" bamboo flute) GMQ ("Shakuhachi" bamboo flute) Kyu-ren-ja ("Kokyū" Japanese fiddle) Fujiyama Taiju ("Tezuma" Japanese classical magic)



Experiencing Ozashiki Asobi (Traditional Japanese Parlor Games)

Banquets with Geisha entertainment is one of Japan's unique forms of hospitality. This program offers you the opportunity to enjoy songs, shamisen music and dances performed by Kagurazaka's Geishas in their training house called Kenban, which is normally closed to the public. Participants can also try playing games that Geishas often play in banquets. English interpretation is available for non-Japanese-speaking participants.

Date / Time	November 11th (Sun) 1st Performance: 13:00-14:00 2nd Performance: 14:30-15:30 *Program contents are the same in both performances.
Location	Tokyo Kagurazaka Association - Kenban (administration office and training place for Geishas)
Performers	Kagurazaka Geishas Dancers: Momoko, Konatsu and Kiyono Musicians: Mayumi (songs), Natsue and Sakurako (shamisen) and Yumie (drum)
Admission	2,500 JPY per person *Prior reservation is required (Capacity: up to 40 participants per performance) *English brochures and consecutive interpretation are available at each performance. *For tickets, please contact Confetti https://www.confetti-web.com/ Ticket sales starts on October 1st (Mon) at 10:00 TEL: 0120-240-540 (toll free) - Operators are available between 10:00 and 18:00 on weekdays only.

Evening Live Music Performances at Akagi-jinja Shrine Kagura Hall

Akagi-jinja Shrine has been one of Kagurazaka's landmarks since the Edo Period and is also known as a perfect viewing spot for the sunset. On the stage in this beautiful modern-looking shrine, energetic Edo Daikagura performances and solemn Ginei will be presented as well as Nagauta Shamisen and Hogaku-Bayashi. Do not miss the grand finale where the performers, the guests and the staff come together to close the festival.

Date / Time	November 11th (Sun) 17:00-18:00 *Approximate performing time
Location	Akagi-jinja Shrine Kagura Hall
Admission	Free
Performers	Maruichi Senoh Troupe ("Edo-Daikagura" Japanese traditional juggling and lion dance) Arai Ryuou ("Gin-ei" poem chanting) & Mizushima Yuiko ("Satsuma biwa" Five-stringed Japanese lute) Yoshimura Isojiro Troupe (Nagauta shamisen) & Wakajishikai ("Hogaku-Bayashi" Japanese traditional percussion)
Host	Cyril Coppini



Kagurazaka Time Slip (Stamp Rally / History Guides / Kids' Square)

Collect stamps as you walk through 7 historical landmarks of Kagurazaka and learn more about the city from knowledgeable local guides welcoming you at 8 different spots along the way. At Shirogane Park checkpoint, kids and adults can enjoy nostalgic live performances of picture stories and Edo marionettes, and also play with toy building blocks. Participants who have collected all 7 stamps will be awarded limited edition Tenugui towels specially designed for this festival.

Date / Time	November 11th (Sun) 11:30-16:00 *Participants can exchange their stamps for prizes until 16:30. Prizes are limited in quantity.
Locations	Stamp rally checkpoints: Bishamonten Zenkoku-ji Temple / Kosho-ji Temple / Enpuku-ji Temple Akagi-jinja Shrine / Jinai Park / Karuko-zaka slope / Wakamiya Park History Guides: Checkpoints above (apart from Akagi-jinja Shrine), Geisha-shinmichi alley and Shirogane Park Kids' Square: Shirogane Park / Jinai Park (street tricks only)
Admission	Free
Performers	Shibuya Gagekidan (Picture cards show) Kamijo Mitsuru (The Edo marionette group) *Maps / stamp collecting sheets will be distributed at each stamp rally checkpoint. *English maps and interpretation are available at each checkpoint. *Programs are subject to change or cancellation depending on circumstances. Alternative venues for a rainy weather and other information will be announced on the official website and at the festival venues.

Encounter Japan's Traditional Performing Arts in Kagurazaka

Your guide will lead you through the performance points and many scenic and historic sites in Kagurazaka over this 2 to 2.5 hour walking tour. There will be 7 check points where you will collect stamps, which will be exchanged with prizes at the end of the tour.

Date / Time	November 11th (Sun) 13:00 - around 15:00
URL	https://www.meetup.com/japanize/ For more information, please find us on meetup.com!

All programs and performances are subject to change without notice.

Charms of Kagurazaka

Unlike the rest of Tokyo that has been dramatically redeveloped, the town of Kagurazaka and its stone-paved back alleys mostly remain what they looked like in the Edo Period. The rise of its Geisha district brought to Kagurazaka dedicated masters of performing arts who established training houses here to pass on the traditions.

In the prewar time, Kagurazaka had many theaters where the arts of storytelling were actively practiced. After the war, the French started finding residence in this neighborhood that somewhat reminded them of Paris, whose culture united with that of the Japanese in harmony and created the unique atmosphere of Kagurazaka.

In recent years, the leading local NPO Ikimachi Club has been working with young volunteer groups, local store associations, corporations and shop owners to host numerous events in different sizes mainly focusing on traditional performing arts. Kagurazaka is now gaining worldwide attention as a town rich in cultural heritages.