

• National Theatre, Tokyo presents

# Discover KABUKI

2025

## KABUKI GUIDANCE

How to Appreciate KABUKI  
Guide BANDŌ Kamezō

## KABUKI PERFORMANCE

Experience the Live Performance  
of KABUKI

Iromoyō Chotto Karimame  
Kasane

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web page



歌舞伎

Kasane  
NAKAMURA  
Manju



Yoemon  
NAKAMURA  
Shikan



July 25 (Fri.) 7:00p.m.

Venue:  
Tiara Koto (Large Hall), Tokyo



BANDŌ Kamezō

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# 2025 Discover KABUKI

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## Discover KABUKI

In this program, Kabuki, one of the Japanese traditional performing arts, will be performed along with a commentary.

## 发现歌舞伎的魅力

在这次公演, 我们向外国人观众提供日本传统表演艺术歌舞伎和其讲解节目。

## 發現歌舞伎的魅力

在這次公演中, 我們將向各位外國人觀眾呈現日本傳統表演藝術歌舞伎與內容講解。

## 처음 만나는 매력 있는 가부키

이번 공연에서는 일본의 전통 예능인 가부키를 해설과 함께 보여 드립니다.

## Découvrez le KABUKI.

Ce programme comprend une représentation commentée de Kabuki, genre théâtral traditionnel japonais.

## Descubre KABUKI

En este programa, se interpretará el kabuki, una de las artes escénicas tradicionales de Japón, acompañado de comentarios explicativos.

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**Part I "How to Appreciate KABUKI"** A Kabuki actor will guide you on "How to Appreciate KABUKI".

**Part II Experience the Live Performance of KABUKI "Iromoyō Chotto Karimame : Kasane"**

### [Synopsis]

The story takes place on the bank of the Kinegawa River near Edo, which is now located near the border between Katsushika and Sumida wards in Tokyo. Yoemon, a man on the run after killing a peasant, finds himself in this location. Meanwhile, Kasane, who is in love with Yoemon, chases after him. She has been unable to let go of her feelings for him, especially after he left a note behind.

As they reminisce about their first meeting, Kasane reveals her true feelings to Yoemon. Suddenly, a skull with a sickle lodged in it floats down the river. Yoemon picks it up and realizes it belongs to the man he killed. At that moment, Kasane begins to suffer, and her face undergoes a horrifying transformation. Unbeknownst, she is the daughter of the man he murdered, and her father's hatred for Yoemon has cursed her appearance. Yoemon, pursued by his enemies, cuts down Kasane, who clings to him with a sickle and tries to escape. However, Kasane's grudge pulls Yoemon closer, preventing his escape.

### [Highlights]

The first half features a secret love story between the beautiful Kasane and the handsome Yoemon, as well as "Kudoki," where Kasane confesses her feelings to Yoemon. In contrast, the second half is packed with thrilling moments, showcasing powerful fight scenes and "Renribiki," which portrays supernatural abilities. Both halves are infused with the stylized beauty of Kabuki, resembling a nishiki-e painting. NAKAMURA Manju, who has matured significantly since adopting his name last year, plays the role of Kasane.

NAKAMURA Shikan, known for his depth in numerous leading roles, portrays Yoemon.

In the "Guidance: How to Appreciate KABUKI" prior to the performance, BANDŌ Kamezō will provide an easy-to-understand explanation of the highlights of the story and the charm of Kabuki. Enjoy the beauty and variety of one of the masterpiece Kabuki dances, accompanied by exquisite pieces of Kiyomoto music.

**Price (tax included) (20% discount for guests with disabilities)** Students : All seats **¥2,000** Adults : 1st Grade **¥6,000** / 2nd Grade **¥4,000**

**Booking opens from** 10:00a.m., June 13 (Fri.)

0570-07-9900 / 03-3230-3000 (IP Phone & International calls) Business Hours 10:00a.m.-6:00p.m. Available in English & Japanese

**Online Booking** [https://ticket.ntj.jac.go.jp/top\\_e.htm](https://ticket.ntj.jac.go.jp/top_e.htm) \*Tickets for Students and persons with disabilities for this performance are available online.

\*If tickets are still available on the day of the event, you may purchase them in person at the Box Office (on-site) for this performance.

**Box Office (on-site) : Open from** 1:30p.m. until curtain time

### Information for Groups

Group customer's reservation are accepted from groups of 10 or more people. 1st Grade / 1person **¥4,500** 2nd Grade / 1person **¥3,000**

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### Access Map



### Access

—Subway—

4-minute walk from Exit A4 of Sumiyoshi Station (Toei Subway Shinjuku Line / Tokyo Metro Hanzomon Line).

—Tokyo Metropolitan Bus—

5-minute walk from Sumiyoshi Sta. Stop (Route 東22 from JR Kinshichō Sta. bound for Tōyōchō Sta. / Route 錦11 from JR Kinshichō Sta. bound for Tsukiji Sta.).

1-minute walk from Koto Kokaido-mae Stop (Route 錦28 from JR Kinshichō Sta. bound for Higashi-Ōjima Sta.).

\* Please make sure eating or drinking in the auditorium is prohibited. Please note that the dining space in the lobby is limited.