Stage Idols: Japanese Kabuki Theater
At the Peabody Essex Museum, Salem, MA
Reservations needed for some of the workshops and events as indicated below.
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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27
10:30am-noon  WORKSHOP  Movement and Voice in Kabuki
East India  Learn facial expressions, speech techniques and body language,
Marine Hall  including walking across a stage or drawing a sword.
For teens and adults. Reservations by September 25

Noon  PREVIEW  of the afternoon performance of Kabuki Theater: Music, Dance
Atrium  & Narration.

12:30pm  DEMONSTRATIONS  Kabuki Theater with Mark Akira Oshima
Morse Auditorium  Mark Akira Oshima combines his talents in acting, dance and playing
kiyomoto shamisen to demonstrate the complexities of his craft.
Recommended for teens and adults. Reservations by September 25

1-3 pm  DROP-IN ART ACTIVITIES  Kabuki Theater for All Ages
Atrium  Try on kabuki-style costumes, use props, learn to perform mie (dramatic
poses) and wear kabuki makeup or create a mask.

1:30pm  FAMILY WORKSHOP  Make your own Tenugi
Art Studios  A tenugui is an oblong piece of decorated cloth used as a head scarf or
decoration. Kabuki theaters sell tenugi decorated with actors’ mon or
family crests, signs and patterns.
For adults and children ages 8 and up with accompanying adult.
Tickets will be distributed 30 minutes prior to the start of the program on a
first-come basis.

2:30pm  PERFORMANCE  Kabuki Theater: Music, Dance & Narration
Morse Auditorium  Dalki Nishikawa, one of the top-ranked performers in Japan, shares
his extraordinary talent in dramatic kabuki-style dance. Nishikawa is
accompanied by Roei Tosha in traditional drum and flute, along with other
musicians and narrators.
Reservations by September 25

4 pm  FILM & DISCUSSION  The Story of the Last Chrysanthemum
Morse Auditorium  This classic black and white film by acclaimed film master Kenji Mizoguchi
features the tragic love story of a kabuki actor and a servant girl. 1939, 143
minutes long.
Reservations by September 25

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28
2 pm  PRESENTATION  The Stars of Kabuki, Then and Now
Morse Auditorium  Professor Laurence Kominz, director of the Center for Japanese Studies at
Portland State University, shows slides and talks about the celebrity status
of kabuki actors from the 18th century to today.
Reservations by September 25

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Morse Auditorium  Reservations by September 25