

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 *tenugui* 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