

## **Blooming Season - Enjoy theatergoing in Tokyo! -**

The National Theatre has been dedicated to preserving and promoting traditional Japanese performing arts since its opening in 1966. After closing at the end of October 2023, we continue to offer performances at other theaters in Tokyo.

As the cherry blossoms are in full bloom, we have two recommended performances, “BUNRAKU 1st SESSION” and “Discover NIHONBUYO”.

We invite you to visit us for your spring outing and experience the charms of traditional Japanese performing arts!

### **BUNRAKU 1st SESSION - BUNRAKU Performance in March -**

Bunraku is a traditional theatrical art in which the voice of the tayū (narrator), the music from the Shamisen (a three-stringed Japanese musical instrument), and the movements of the puppets fabricate to present a story.

The National Theatre will take on a new challenge, staging one of Bunraku's greatest masterpieces, "Sonezaki Shinjū," employing the background art for anime instead of the stage settings.

Under the visual supervision of puppeteer KIRITAKE Kanjūrō, the background art was created by OGA Kazuo, who has created the backgrounds for many classic anime such as "My Neighbor Totoro" and "Princess Mononoke." The premiere of the performances abroad.

English audio guide will be available for rent, and Free English program brochures will be distributed.

### **Performance Information**



Venue : Yurakucho Yomiuri Hall

Performance Dates

March 23 (Sat.) - March 29 (Fri.), 2024

Performance Times

16:00 - 17:00 (except March 23)

18:30 - 19:30

Ticket Prices (tax included)

Adults: 1st Grade ¥4,500 2nd Grade ¥3,800

Students: 1st Grade ¥3,200 2nd Grade ¥2,700

◇For more information on [BUNRAKU 1st SESSION](#).

## Discover NIHONBUYO - An Invitation to Japanese Traditional Dance -

The National Theatre has been holding regular performances titled "Discover " to provide foreign audiences with opportunities to enjoy traditional Japanese performing arts such as Kabuki and Bunraku since 2015.

This Spring, Discover NIHONBUYO will be held for the first time. NIHONBUYO is a performing art in which expressive dances, coupled with vocals, Shamisen and Hayashi music, depict seasonal scenery or various tales and legends.

This performance will give you the exciting opportunity to learn the “ABCs” of NIHONBUYO through entertaining and informative commentary and performances of various masterpieces by leading artists. Free English program brochures will be distributed, and English subtitles will be shown on the screen in front of your seat. First-time theatergoers will not have to worry!

### Performance Information



The poster for the performance "Discover NIHONBUYO" features a central red circle with the title in white. The background is a light pink and white floral pattern. Text on the poster includes the title in Japanese and English, the names of the performers, and the date and venue. The date is March 24, 2024, at 2:00 PM, and the venue is the National Noh Theatre. Ticket prices are listed for front-stage, side-stage, and middle-stage seats, with adult and student rates. The poster also includes contact information for the National Theatre Ticket Centre and a QR code for more information.

Venue : the National Noh Theatre

Performance Date

March 24(Sun.)

Performance Times

2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Tickets (Tax included)

[Front-Stage seats] Adults: 6,000 yen (Students: 4,200 yen)

[Side-stage seats] Adults: 5,500 yen (Students: 3,900 yen)

[Middle-stage seats] Adults: 5,500 yen (Students: 3,900 yen)

◇For more information on [Discover NIHONBUYO](https://ticket.ntj.jac.go.jp/top_e.htm).

### National Theatre Ticket Centre

Tickets are now on sale!

By Phone in Japanese and English (10:00-18:00)

0570-07-9900 (From overseas: +81-3-3230-3000)

Online

[https://ticket.ntj.jac.go.jp/top\\_e.htm](https://ticket.ntj.jac.go.jp/top_e.htm)

## **About The National Theatre**

The Theatre was established in 1966 for the purpose of preserving and promoting traditional Japanese performing arts.

Over the years, it has showcased diverse performances in this genre and organized programs to help beginners and international audiences better understand the arts.

However, the Theatre was closed for reconstruction at the end of October 2023. Nonetheless, it continues to present performances at other venues in Tokyo.



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