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Noh Theater
Watch
in the City

NAGOYA NOH THEATER

Saturday, September 13, 2025

Spectator seating opens -16:00 / Young performers stage - 16:30

Performance starts - 18:00

Oasis 21 Galaxy Platform

*In case of bad weather or a severe weather forecast, the event will be held at Nagoya Noh Theater.

Kyogen "Fukuro Yamabushi"

Noh play "Chikubu-shima"

Free admission

<All seats non-reserved>



Organizer: Nagoya City Cultural Promotion Agency

Cooperation: Nohgaku Performers' Association, Nagoya Branch



Experience Noh at Oasis 21, in the heart of Nagoya. With free admission, even those who feel Noh is a bit highbrow are welcome to stop by casually. Discover the enchanting world of Noh, a world-renowned traditional performing art with over 650 years of history, right in your familiar city.

Program



Kyogen "Fukuro Yamabushi"

Yamabushi: Matsujiro Inoue, Older brother: Ikuro Imaeda, Younger brother: Sodai Inoue

When the younger of two brothers returns from the mountains, something seems off. It looks as if he's been possessed by a spirit. His older brother tries all sorts of treatments, but nothing seems to work. Then he visits a yamabushi, a mountain monk and spiritual healer, and asks him to take a look at his brother's condition.

The dignified yamabushi's panicked reaction, along with the younger brother's strange cries and bizarre movements, will definitely get a laugh. Be careful—this mysterious illness is highly contagious. (Kyogen Kyodosha)



Noh play "Chikubu-shima"

Fisherman and Dragon God: Tobiyoshi Naito, Woman and Benzaiten: Ai Ibi, Vassal: Tadasuke Iitomi
Attendants: Tsukasa Hashimoto, Masaki Sugimoto, Shrine Priest: Nobutaka Nomura

When a vassal of the Imperial Court visits Lake Biwa on a pilgrimage to Chikubu-shima, he encounters an old man and a woman. Together, they head to the island on a fishing boat. The vassal points out that women are traditionally forbidden from setting foot on the island, but the old man explains that Chikubu-shima enshrines Benzaiten, a female deity, and therefore does not exclude women. With that, the old man and the woman vanish. Soon after, Benzaiten and the Dragon God appear...

The story is set on Chikubu-shima, an island on Lake Biwa that is also a famous tourist destination. The chants evoking the lake's springtime scenery and the graceful dances of the gods are key highlights of the performance.



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Event

Noh Play Experience Corner (free participation) 14:00-17:00

There will be hands-on areas where visitors can experience Noh culture, such as trying on traditional costumes and masks, and playing instruments like the tsuzumi drums and taiko drums. Don't just watch! Get hands-on and fully experience the world of Noh! There's also a Noh mask coloring section for kids to enjoy!



Venue

Oasis 21 Galaxy Platform 1-11-1 Higashi-sakura, Higashi-ku, Nagoya City

- Get off at "Sakae" Station on the Higashiyama Line or Meijo Line. Just outside the ticket gate
- Get off at "Sakaemachi" Station on the Meitetsu Seto Line. Just outside the ticket gate

In case of bad weather or a severe weather forecast, the venue will be changed to Nagoya Noh Theater.

*The event details will be posted on the organizer's website under "Important Notices" at 10:00 AM on Saturday, September 13, the day of the event.

* If the event is held at Nagoya Noh Theater, seating for the Kyogen "Fukuro Yamabushi" and the Noh "Chikubu-shima" is limited. Therefore, 600 numbered admission tickets will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis in the entrance hall of Nagoya Noh Theater starting at 16:00 on Saturday, September 13, the day of the event.

In case of bad weather or a severe weather forecast: Nagoya Noh Theater

- Just outside the main gate of Nagoya Castle
- Get off at "Sengen-cho" Station on the Tsurumai Subway Line. Walk 10 minutes east from Exit 1
- Get off at "Nagoyajo" Station on the Meijo Subway Line. Walk 12 minutes west from Exit 7

[For Inquiries] • Nagoya City Cultural Promotion Agency Ticket Guide (052-249-9385 / Weekdays 9:00-17:00)
*On the day of the event, please contact Nagoya Noh Theater (052-231-0088 / 9:00-20:00)

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