

JAPANESE NIGHT: CONCERT, TASTING AND ART EXHIBITION

The Embassy of Japan and the Caudan Arts Centre with the support of Air Mauritius, Hennessy Park hotel and L'Épicerie, present the concert of Japanese artists Hibiki Ichikawa and Akari Mochizuki, respectively shamisen player and Japanese folk singer. This is the first concert of shamisen and Japanese folksongs in Mauritius and Hibiki Ichikawa is one of the best shamisen player in the world, having also participated in the production of the soundtrack for the Hollywood animation movie, "Kubo and the two strings".

A Japanese thematic night will be proposed on that day with the concert will be held at the Caudan Arts Centre on Saturday the 5th of October as from 19h00 and will be preceded by a vernissage of Japanese wooden block paintings known as hangigas while a complimentary tasting of sake and Japanese Ramen noodle will be available at the end show.

18h00-18h45 -

Vernissage of Hangigas (wooden block painting)

Free access for the public as from, the vernissage on the 5th, till the 11th of October at the Caudan Arts Centre.

19h00-20h30 -

Concert of Hibiki Ichikawa and Akari Mochizuki

Price: Rs 400 (normal)
Rs 450 (VIP)

20h30-21h00 -

Complimentary serve of Sake and Japanese Ramen Noodle (at the end of the show - depending on availability)

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ABOUT THE ARTISTS



Hibiki Ichikawa –

Master of Tsugaru Shamisen (Japanese three-stringed instrument)

Hibiki Ichikawa is the only professional player of tsugaru shamisen in the UK; a traditional 3-stringed instrument played using a large pick called a bachi. In recognition of his great skill, he has been qualified to perform under a "Tier 1 Exceptional Talent Visa", which is granted only to the most proficient artists. Hibiki frequently performs at festivals and formal occasions, including the Japan Matsuri in Trafalgar Square, and at the Japanese Emperor's birthday celebrations at the Japanese Embassy, and has also participated in a theatre production at the Edinburgh Festival.

He was involved with Laika's stop motion animated film 'Kubo and the Two Strings' for its Shamisen sound and music.

Website: www.hibikishamisen.com

Akari Mochizuki –

Professional Japanese folk & blues singer

Akari is from Iwakuni in Yamaguchi prefecture. When she was 3 years old, she started singing enka (a variety of traditional Japanese music which often takes the form of sentimental ballads) thanks to the influence of her father, who was a great fan of the genre. Akari studied drama in Cambridge and modern music in London, and started working as a professional singer in 2009. She has performed as an enka and minyo (Japanese folk music) singer for numerous occasions, including WOMAD 2010, Hyper Japan and Japan Matsuri. She has appeared in BBC Radio 3 programme 'The Verb' and sung several enka songs.

Website: www.akarisinger.com



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SHAMISEN
& JAPANESE FOLK MUSIC
CONCERT

5TH OCTOBER 2019 / 19H00
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