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Keio Plaza Hotel News Release**Keio Plaza Hotel Collaborates with The National Noh Theatre for Japanese
Classical Culture Demonstration****Special Exhibition of Noh Masks and Costumes and Dance-Drama
Performance: “Enjoying the Performing Art of Noh at the Keio Plaza Hotel”**
From October 1 to 31, 2023, Free Admission

TOKYO - [Keio Plaza Hotel Tokyo](#) (KPH), one of Japan’s most prestigious international hotels located in Shinjuku, Tokyo, will co-host a special complimentary exhibition of the Japanese traditional dance-drama performing art “Noh” entitled “Enjoying the Performing Art of Noh at the Keio Plaza Hotel” from October 1st (Sunday) to 31st (Tuesday), 2023 in collaboration with the National Noh Theatre (Sendagaya, Tokyo, Director Mariko Hasegawa), which is celebrating its 40th anniversary since its founding. Masks, costumes and other paraphernalia of the National Noh Theatre will be displayed, and Noh performances will also be conducted with English interpretation in the main lobby of our hotel for the enjoyment of both international and domestic guests who may have never seen a Noh performance before.

Noh masks and costumes actually used in on-stage performances will be displayed at this exhibition, along with a display of photographic panels of various Noh performances with Japanese and English descriptions of the various items, allowing hotel guests to sample the unique art of Noh in an informal setting at the Keio Plaza Hotel.

Teruhisa Oshima, a master of the Kita school of Noh, will perform a Noh demonstration on October 19th (Thursday) and 24th (Tuesday) wearing traditional Noh masks and costumes. This demonstration will be a shortened version of one of the easier to understand Noh performances, and English and Japanese narration will be provided. The Keio Plaza Hotel hosts this event as a great opportunity for many visitors and guests to experience the beauty and depth of not only Japan’s, but one of the world’s oldest surviving cultural art forms.



Thanks in part to the various events introducing Japanese culture and arts hosted at the Keio Plaza Hotel, about 80% of guests staying with us are from overseas. And we look forward to welcoming many Japanese and overseas guests to come and enjoy this Noh event at Our Hotel.

◆ “Enjoying the Performing Art of Noh at the Keio Plaza Hotel”

Admission: Complimentary

Dates: October 1 (Sunday) to 31 (Tuesday), 2023

Venue: 3rd Floor Art Lobby, and Other Locations

■ Special Exhibition (The National Noh Theatre Collection)

Venue: 3rd Floor Art Lobby

The Japanese traditional drama artform of “Noh”, which combines song and dance with lavish masks and costumes, was founded in the Muromachi Period (1336 to 1573) about 600 years ago, and is one of the oldest surviving dance-drama artforms still performed today. Noh has also been recognized as a UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage in 2008.

■ “Noh Performance Demonstration”

Venue: 3rd Floor Main Lobby

Dates: 20 minute performances held from 4:00PM on October 19 (Thursday) and 24 (Tuesday), 2023

Performer: Teruhisa Oshima, Kita School Noh Master

- English interpretation provided

For more event details: <https://www.keioplaza.com/offers/noh2023.html>

Profile: Teruhisa Oshima

Born in Fukuyama City, Hiroshima Prefecture in 1976. Teruhisa is the 5th generation of the Oshima family in the Kita school of Noh performers. He made his stage debut at the age of three in the Shimai “Shojo” play. Thereafter, Teruhisa has performed various Noh plays including “Shojomidare”, “Dojoji”, “Shakkyo”, “Okina” and “Mochizuki”. He has also performed in several overseas performances in North America, Europe and Asian countries. More recently, Teruhisa has also conducted Noh performances in English and sign language, and using advanced virtual reality and three-dimensional technologies to explore the untapped potential of Noh.



2023 Japan Cultural Expo 2.0 (Consignment)

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- The National Noh Theatre

Founded in September 1983 in Sendagaya, Shibuya, Tokyo for the purpose of preserving and promoting the art of Noh.

Celebrating its 40th anniversary in September 2023

A wide variety of activities are promoted both in Japan and abroad to help the general public become more familiar with the art of Noh dance-drama, including “Noh Appreciation Classes” for junior and senior high school students and the “National Noh Showcase” for novices of Noh.

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