

Performing Arts Japan 2013-2014

List of Awardees

The Japan Foundation is pleased to announce grant awards totaling **US\$246,000 to 9 organizations** in the United States through the PAJ Program for the 2013-2014 fiscal year. The grant recipients are listed below. (Please contact the Japan Foundation, New York for further information and finalized performance dates).

Touring Grant awards

Total projects: 5

Total funds allocated: \$180,000

Grant amounts: \$11,000 – \$50,000

Bang on a Can (Brooklyn, NY) for a five city tour of *Bang on a Japan* that **Bang on a Can** curated and commissioned from Japanese composers, such as **Ryuichi Sakamoto, Mamoru Fujieda, Somei Satoh**, in a series of programs highlighting contemporary thought in Japanese art music will be performed.

Tour Date: July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014

Tour Locations: Mass MoCA (North Adams, MA); Atlas Arts Center (Washington, DC); Walker Arts Center (Minneapolis, MN); World Financial Center (New York, NY); Carlsbad Music Fest (Carlsbad, CA)

Film Society of Lincoln Center (New York, NY) for a seven-city tour of *The Great Edo Art of Light and Shadow*, a series of traditional Japanese Magic Lantern performances and workshops featuring the **Minwa-za Company** of Tokyo and their revived art of *Utushi-e*, a spectacular Edo-era entertainment with projections, music and storytellers.

Tour Dates: May – June, 2014

Tour Locations: Freer and Sackler Galleries, Smithsonian Institution (Washington, D.C.); Film Society of Lincoln Center (New York, NY); New Bedford Whaling Museum (New Bedford, MA); Yale University (New Haven, CT); Harvard Film Archive (Cambridge, MA); University of Chicago (Chicago, IL); Pacific Film Archive (Berkeley, CA)

Japan Society, Inc. (New York, NY) for a five city tour of *The Room, Nobody Knows* by **Niwa Gekidan Penino** theater company, founded and led by playwright/director and former psychiatrist **Kuro Tanino**.

Tour Dates: January 4 –February 11, 2014

Tour Locations: Japan Society (New York, NY); Walker Art Center (Minneapolis, MN); Wexner Center for the Arts (Columbus, OH); Philadelphia Live Arts Festival (Philadelphia, PA); On the Boards (Seattle, WA)

Legion Arts (Cedar Rapids, IA) for a three-city tour of *Anton, Neko, Kuri*, a multi-disciplinary performance by **Faifai**, a Tokyo-based theater group. The performance was originally created by Faifai's director **Chiharu Shinoda**.

Tour Dates: November 25 – December 14, 2013

Tour Locations: Legion Arts (Cedar Rapids, IA); DiverseWorks (Houston, TX); Contemporary Arts Center (New Orleans, LA); NPN Annual Meeting (New Orleans, LA)

ShadowLight Productions (San Francisco, CA) for a two-city tour of *AINU SHADOW THEATRE PROJECT*, a new multidisciplinary shadow theatre work created by Larry Reed in collaboration with **OKI, Marewrew** and **UrotsuteNoyako Bayangans**.

Tour Dates: October 1, 2013 – January 31, 2014

Tour Locations: Cowell Theater (San Francisco, CA); The Hopkins Center (Hanover, NH)

Collaboration Grant awards

Total projects: 4

Total funds allocated: \$115,000

Grant amounts: \$7,000 – \$25,000

Board of Trustees of Leland Stanford Jr. University (Stanford, CA) for the world premiere of *Linked Verse*, by composer **Jaroslav Kapuscinski** and the digital media collective **OpenEndedGroup**, in collaboration with sho player **Ko Ishikawa** and cellist **Maya Beiser**.
Project Period: July 2013 – June 2014

Robert W. Woodruff Arts Center (Atlanta, GA) for *Theatre for the Very Young Production: Little Song About Raindrops*, a collaboration between puppeteer **Michael Haverly** and **Lullatone**, a Japanese musical duo based in Nagoya.
Project Period: July 2013 – May 2014

TAIKOPROJECT (Los Angeles, CA) for a collaboration with **Ryutaro Kaneko** to create an innovative full-length taiko concert program entitled "*LifeRhythm*."
Project Period: October 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014

Theatre Arts Japan (New York, NY) for *Our Planet*, a collaborative development by New York-based actor **Alec Duffy** and Japanese motion graphics designer **Nobuyuki Hanabusa**.
Project Period: July 1, 2013 – December 9, 2013

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