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JAPAN DAY 2019 in ANNANTALO – 100 YEARS OF FINNISH JAPANESE RELATIONSHIPS

Time: Sunday 8th of September 2019 at 12:00-17:00

Venue: Annantalo Art Centre, Annankatu 30, Helsinki.

For the 17th time, Japan Day will take over Annantalo. On Japan Day we will honour the 100th Anniversary year of diplomatic relations between Japan and Finland with an exhibition. In the lecture hall we will lecture and discuss Tokyo Summer Olympics of 2020 and learn customs that travelers will face in Japan. The lectures are in Finnish language.

Buyō dance artist Ichinosuke Umekawa arrives from Japan as a special guest and performs twice in the main hall. Umekawa started his career as a dancer in Tokyo Ballet Company. From there he transferred to National Theatre of Japan to learn the art of kabuki acting and received training from National Treasure of Japan Tamasaburo Bando. Umekawa focused in kabukibuyō-dance. In his performances Umekawa mixes classic and modern music. He has performed his innovative performances in shrines, temples and museums in Japan and abroad.

In Japan Day you can enjoy budō performances, chadō the art of tea, music, exhibitions (furoshiki, rolls, woodcut prints, food, ceramics), workshops (go-board game, haiku and haiga, ikebana for children, calligraphy, origami, manga) and lots of other insights into Japanese culture. In Annanraitti you will be able to discuss with representatives of Japan related organizations and Japan related travel. During Japan Day children are able to get their name written with Japanese alphabets and wear a Japanese yukata.

Japanese food, drink and pastry are sold during Japan Day. Please carry cash with you for purchases.

Additional Information

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Free entrance! Welcome!

Organizers of Japan Day 2019

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