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# BUNRAKU

THE NATIONAL  
PUPPET THEATRE  
OF JAPAN

*Experience Bunraku in its  
first full-scale U.S. performance in  
Boston in more than two decades!*

October 2 & 3, 2007

Cutler Majestic Theatre  
at Emerson College

219 Tremont Street, Boston

**Program**

*Date Musume Koi no Higanoko*  
(Oshichi's Burning Love)

*Tsubosaka Kannon Reigenki*  
(Miracle at the Tsubosaka Kannon Temple)

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Bunraku, Japan's internationally renowned puppet theater returns to Boston for the first time in more than two decades. The 32-member company will present a full-scale production that promises to be an unforgettable feast for the eyes and imagination.



One of Japan's most celebrated traditional art forms, Bunraku traces its origins to the 16th-century, and developed alongside *Kabuki* in the vigorous urban culture of early-modern Japan. It combines three distinct and highly refined artistic disciplines: *yoruri*, or ballad narration, *shamisen* instrumental music and *ningyo tsukai*, or the art of puppet manipulation. Bunraku's true magic is revealed when its three independent components of movement, words and music come together for a multi-dimensional performance that evokes such deep emotion and wonder.



## ABOUT THE COMPANY

Bunraku: The National Puppet Theatre is designated an Intangible Cultural Asset of Japan and was officially declared a Masterpiece of the Oral and Intangible Heritage of Humanity by UNESCO, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.

## PROGRAM

*Date Musume Koi no Higanoko* (Oshichi's Burning Love) written in 1773 is based on the true story of a young girl who risks her own life in order to save the man she loves.

*Tsubosaka Kannon Reigenki* (Miracle at the Tsubosaka Kannon Temple) written in 1887 by the renowned woman playwright Kako Chika is a simple story of a blind man, his devoted wife, and their salvation through the intercession of the goddess of mercy, *Kannon*.

**Only Two Performances!**  
**October 2 & 3 at 7:30pm**

*Presented in Japanese with English supertitles.*

## Tickets

\$65, \$55, \$35, \$20

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