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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

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(Oshichi’s Burning Love)
Tsubosaka Kannon Reigenki
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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: joruri, 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.

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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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617/824.8000

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