RAKUGO Workshop

Japanese Traditional Comedy



11/25 Wed.



What is Rakugo?

Enjoy a live Rakugo performance by Mr. Shores and give it a try yourself!

Matt Shores

is a scholar of Japanese literary arts and entertainment, specializing in rakugo and the premodern forms it grew out of. He is the author of The Comic Storytelling of Western Japan: Satire and Social Mobility in Kamigata Rakugo (Cambridge University Press, 2021). He apprenticed with the rakugo masters Katsura Bunshi V (2002–04) and Hayashiya Somemaru IV (2010–12), and has trained in nō, kyōgen, kabuki, kouta, shamisen and hayashi. He taught at the University of Cambridge, where he was a Fellow of Peterhouse, and is now Senior Lecturer in Japanese at the University of Sydney.
In 2026–27 he is in Tokyo as a Japan Foundation Fellow, writing a book on engei, the variety-hall arts.

This event is a special public lecture offered as part of the "Diversity and Inclusion through Japanese Culture."

Date Wed., Nov. 25, 2026 **4:30–6:00 PM** *Doors open at 4:20 PM

Venue Multi-purpose RM, 1st floor, Bldg. 2, Fuchu Campus

For All students, Faculty and Staff

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