

FRESNO STATE

Theatre for Young Audiences

Spring 2018 Tour

AUDITIONS

Wondrous Tales of Old Japan

By David Furumoto

Directed by J. Daniel Herring



October 24 and 25, 2017 3:00pm – 5:00pm
John Wright Theatre

ABOUT THE PLAY

Wondrous Tales of Old Japan is a collection of amazing Japanese folk tales including worlds where ogres clash with heroes who are born from giant peaches, fishermen fall in love with dragon princesses, and magical dogs that reincarnate. The tales include Momotaro: The Peach Boy, Urashimataro: The Enchanted Fisherman, Yuki Onna: The Snow Woman, and Hanasaka Jiji: The Old Man That Made the Trees Bloom. **The play will be presented in the style of Kabuki Theatre**, a traditional Japanese popular drama with singing and dancing performed in a highly stylized manner – a rich blend of music, dance, mime along with spectacular staging and costuming.

“...Wondrous Tales of Old Japan takes audiences to a place of shared imagination both exotic and familiar. The stories are funny, tender and amazing.” –Aberdeen American News

AUDITION PROCESS

- You will be asked to do cold-readings from the script
- You will be led through a physical/movement exercise by the Director
- You may also so be asked to participate in an improvisation

REHEARSALS AND PERFORMANCES

- Rehearsals will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:30am – 12:15pm from January 16 – February 22, 2018 (except for ACTF week February 13 & 15, 2018)
- Performances are held in local schools on Tuesday and Thursday mornings February 27 – May 8, 2018 (except for Spring Break March 26 – 30, 2018)
- Morning Call Times vary depending on travel distance to schools (*sometimes as early as 6:30am*)
- Performances will also be held on the Fresno State campus April 19, 20 and 21, 2018
- Typically tour to 15-20 Elementary Schools; 20-30 performances
- Travel within a 50 mile radius of the Fresno area
- All performers load-in and load-out set, props, and costumes
- Company travels to performance sites in a van provided by Fresno State
- A Stage Manager serves as Company Manager and drives the van
- Students can earn 4 units of credit: Drama 138B (3 units) and Drama 115 (1 unit)

If you are not able to attend either of the above audition dates/times due to your class schedule or other conflict, please contact J. Daniel Herring at 559/278-2578 or jdherring@csufresno.edu. Those involved with ETC can attend either day at 3:00pm and will be released in time for your 4:00pm rehearsal.