

OKINAWAN PERFORMING ARTS

PRESENTED BY THE OKINAWA PREFECTURAL GOVERNMENT



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Millennium Stage
the Kennedy Center Terrace Theater

Saturday, September 6, 2014
6:00 PM

(2700 F Street N.W., Washington, D.C.)

Admission Free

Okinawa Prefecture located at the southern end of Japan is a paradise of eternal summer. Visitors, attracted by the diversified allure of Okinawa, can participate in marine sports in a beautiful ocean filled with world class coral reefs or escape on a tour and come face to face with the magnificence of nature in the forest homes of many rare animals and plants. Years ago, a kingdom called "Ryukyu" prospered in this land. Today, the remnants of that ancient time still echo in the traditional exotic culture and unique customs of Okinawa that have been passed down through the generations.

Experience and Enjoy Okinawan Culture and Spirit

LIVE DANCE PERFORMANCE, Okinawan Performers

Okinawan Performers is a professional dance group from Okinawa continuing the tradition of Okinawan-Ryukyuan dances and performances that are native to the islands. The performers follow a daily practice routine and search for ways to express the present while applying the traditions of the past. At the stage, they will put their heart and soul into their original performance pieces, and you will see the diverse beauty of Okinawan culture and arts.



Tadatoshi Teruya

General Producer
of REQUIOS,
a creative Eisa
performance group

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Creative Eisa,
featuring new variants of the traditional Eisa



Ryukyu Buyo, imperial court dance



Traditional Karate, Okinawa's
unique martial art emphasizing spirituality

Performances:

Creative Eisa –Shishi-mai (Dance of Japanese lion)
Traditional Karate –Breathing methodologies, Kata, Sanchin-kata
Ryukyu Buyo (Classical Dance) –Yotsutake, Kasekake, Hatomabushi

Casts:

Creative Eisa –*Masato Teruya*, Producer of REQUIOS
Traditional Karate –*Shinryo Kiyohide*, An instructor of Uechi-ryu karate kenyu-kai
Ryukyu Buyo –*Izumi Higa*, and *Shingo Nakamine*, Associate professors of
Okinawa Prefectural University of Arts

Please visit http://youtu.be/_m3xGL7-9wc
for more information about Okinawan Performers.