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HITO DAMA

A SPOOKY JAPANESE SHADOW PUPPET SHOW

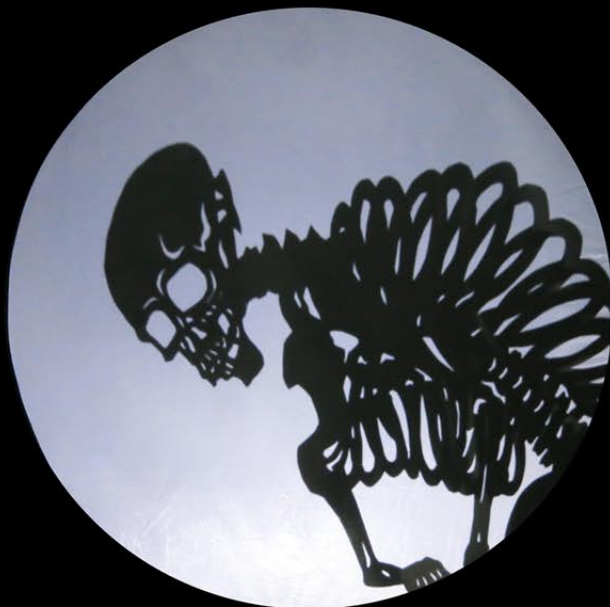


Seri Yanai and Daniel Wishes are risking their immortal souls to bring you several cursed ghost stories straight from Japan. Armed with only a couple of flashlights and some beautiful and intricately made shadow puppets, they will reveal the horrors lurking in the darkness.

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While walking past a graveyard at night in Japan, one might notice strange flickers of blue light floating above the graves. These are called Hitodama and are believed to be the souls of the dead. Near the graveyard, there is a old temple tended by a priest. If you are brave enough to listen, he will translate the ghastly tales told by the Hitodama. The tale of an assassin who was attacked by the ghosts of his victims. The legend of a Samurai whose decapitated head came back to life. The story of a monster that feasts on human flesh. And finally the tragedy of a woman who died of a broken heart, only to rise again to seek revenge on the lover who wronged her.





BIOGRAPHY



Seri Yanai is Japanese. Daniel is Canadian. They met each other while studying puppetry in the UK. Now they perform puppet shows together throughout Canada and Japan. Last year they performed in Edmonton with “Oni”, a sexy shadow puppet show based on Japanese folktales which recieved a five star review from the Edmonton Sun. Their show “Debris” won the 2015 award for the best new puppetry show in Japan from the Aichi Puppetry Centre.

Seri lives in Tochigi Japan. She has directed stage plays in Ibaraki and Tokyo Japan. She studied theatre and puppetry at several schools in the UK, including the London School of Puppetry where she began her career as a puppeteer. After studying in the UK, she worked for a professional puppet company in Japan for a year and then started her own company Mochinoshia. She performs regularly in theatres, kidergardens and libraries in Tochigi, Tokyo and Canada.

Daniel lives in Winnipeg Canada, but is moving to Japan after this tour. He was the director of the Winnipeg Puppet Slam for five years.



PHOTO CREDITS

All photos were taken by Daniel Wishes.



Photo 1:
Daniel and Seri



Photo 2:
Glant Skeleton



Photo 3:
Yokai Army



Photo 4:
Scary girl

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