

# BUNRAKU

THE NATIONAL PUPPET THEATRE OF JAPAN

## 2007 U.S. TOUR

### **Tour Chairman**

Shimomura Susumu

### **Chanters**

Takemoto Tsukomadayu  
Toyotake Rosetayu  
Takemoto Aikodayu

### **Shamisen Musicians**

Takezawa Danshichi  
Toyozawa Tomisuke  
Takezawa Dango  
Toyozawa Ryouji

### **Puppeteers**

Yoshida Kazuo  
Yoshida Tamame  
Yoshida Seizaburo  
Yoshida Kazusuke  
Yoshida Tamaka  
Kiritake Monhide  
Yoshida Tamasho  
Yoshida Tamayo

### **Percussion**

Mochizuki Tamenari Ensemble

### **Staff for**

**Bunraku: The National Puppet  
Theatre of Japan**

**Technical Director**  
Nakatani Yoshihiro

**Stage Design**  
Okamoto Yoshihide

**Technical Staff**  
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Ido Yasumasa

**Lighting Design**  
Ishino Akira

**Wigs**  
Ishii Kyoichi

**Properties**  
Morinaga Shin

**Personal Assistant**  
Kubo Hiroshi

**Administrator**  
Tsukamoto Katsuhiko

**Program Commentary**  
Peter Grilli

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*Japanese names are listed in traditional  
order with last names appearing first.*

## U.S. Tour Production

### Japanese American Cultural & Community Center, Los Angeles

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