



Wataru Kitao (Baobab)



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Born in 1987. From young age, he act as child actor on stage and had practiced several dance genre. In Oberlin University, he learned contemporary dance from Kuniko KISANUKI, Ryohei KONDO and Akira KASAI. After graduated, he established Dance company Baobab and creates his own style dancing work. Every year, Baobab participate in many festivals such as KYOTO EXPERIMENT(2010-2013) and San Francisco International Arts festival 2018. He sometimes performs as an actor in play (ex. Kinoshita Kabuki, Suguru Yamamoto creation) and also choreographs for play (ex. Directed by Kunio Sugihara, Naoyuki Miura) and TV commercial. He is support artist of Steep slope studio and teaches dancing at Shobi university.

Prize:

Yokohama Dance Collection Competition 1 "Best Dancer Award" (2018)

The 3rd Elsur foundation New face award (Contemporary dance) (2014)


TOYOTA CHOREOGRAPHY AWARD2012 "Audience prize"(2012)

Dance Company Baobab

Established in 2009. Director Wataru Kitao creates and choreographs all works. For each works, Kitao casts suitable dancers and actors regardless of career or features and make them danceable. KITAO creates own style mixed with many genres like Hip Hop, Jazz, musical and Contemporary dance and play. Baobab holds a performance event and workshop several times in a year. In workshop, He introduces original creation style and choreographs for any kind of people including dancer, actors without dancing career and student. Human energy not only from skill or career is important for Kitao's work, so every people can dance with his method and work.

Festival of young choreographers "DANCE×Scrum!!!" <http://baobabk08.wix.com/baobab-dance-scrum>

Baobab organizes contemporary dance festival for young choreographer biannually from 2016. We curate and do Open call young dance company and choreographer and makes community for them. 14 young and powerful creators perform their own new piece and get in touch with other creators, dancers and audience.

 **TheBaobabTV** <https://www.youtube.com/user/TheBaobabTV/> →




"FIELD" (2018) <https://youtu.be/097ygO7c-mI>
"The Tower of Shoe dust"(2016) <https://youtu.be/wW2-v3-PSE4>
"Laughing Frame"(2017) <https://youtu.be/rs3CE4E98Tw>



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