

BENIKO TANAKA



// PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Beniko arrived in Portugal in 2005 with a bachelor's degree in craft design from TAMA university of art in Tokyo, a diploma on Glassmaking and a deep love for all things light and reflections.

She very quickly fell in love with the light of Lisbon and decided to stay and complement her formation in the Advanced Course of Fine arts of Ar.Co (art and visual communication centre in Lisbon).

It was a natural step to combine the acquired knowledge and her great passion for oriental cultures - both its artistic and spiritual side - in order to develop different forms of performing arts. Beniko Tanaka has held many collaborations, shows and performances of Japanese shadow puppetry in solo and in collaboration with various institutions.

// PERFORMANCES & THEATERS

2019

- :: “Shadows of japan” workshop for children - at Cinemateca Portuguesa Júnior/ Lisbon
- :: "TENSHO" Shadow puppet – in Next Stop festival, Subway of Lisbon, Largo residencies, City hall of Lisbon/ Lisbon
- :: “Miragem Miragem” – in the school project of Lavrar o Mar / Odemira
- :: “The 4 boys of Japoneira” Shadow puppet, at São Bento rail station, Porto-city of camellia Exhibition-City hall of Porto/ Porto
- :: “The charcoal little boy” Shadow puppet, at Sala de estar no Palácio nacional de Sintra, / Sintra
- :: “ ASOBÍ-UTÁ” Haiku-Rap performance, at Pensão Amor, / Lisbon

2018

- :: “The dream bread”, "The charcoal little boy" Shadow puppet – at São Roque museum, Santa Casa / Lisbon
- :: “Teatro Maria Flaminga” – in Festival Todos / Lisbon
- :: “Yume no paon” Shadow puppet, at Centro cultural Arima / Minami Shimabara, Nagasaki, Japan
- :: “Avozinhosan no Sumi” Shadow puppet, at Plaza communication center / Hiroshima, Japan
- :: “ Bum Blue Bee” Shadow puppet, at studio Minomushi/ Kyoto, Japan
- :: “ Avozinhosan no Sumi” Shadow puppet, at City hall Oshima / Izu-Oshima, Japan
- :: “The dream bread” Shadow puppet, at Escola primaria Seibu- kids medical camp / Karuizawa, Japan
- :: “Avozinhosan no Sumi” Shadow puppet, at Hanamaki help-kids communication center/ Iwate, Japan
- :: “The dream bread” Shadow puppet, at citizens library of Tono/ Iwate, Japan

- :: “Avozinhosan no sumi” Shadow puppet, at new Tokyo center / Tokyo, Japan
- :: Hostess of “Japan Festival in Lisbon” – sponsored by Japan embassy / Lisbon, Portugal
- :: “Morães-san and the cult of the tea” Shadow puppet – at Espaço Zero / Lisbon
- :: “Morães-san and the cult of the tea” Shadow puppet - Exposição de camélias do Porto, – at Bolsa palace/ Porto

2017

- :: "BumBlueBee" Shadow puppet - at Conto do vigario / Lisboa
- :: Producing an evento “Japonic” –with a suport of Japanese embassy - at Flores do cabo / Sintra
- :: Hostess of “Japan Festival in Lisbon” – sponsored by Japan embassy / Lisbon, Portugal
- :: “Morães-san and the cult of tea” Shadow puppet –at Espaço Zero / Lisboa
- :: “Morães-san and the cult of tea” Shadow puppet - Porto city of Camellia, – at Bolsa palace / Porto

2016

- “Mr. Japoneira” , “Dream bread” Shadow puppet at Marionette Museum / Lisbon, Portugal
- “Mr. Japoneira” Shadow puppet at Tsubaki primary school / Tokyo, Japan
- “Namban-Jin” Shadow puppet at Premier KUBO Universal film animation, Cinema centro comercial Colombo / Lisbon
- Adaptation & Interpretation for japanese artists at Festival SOA, Doc Lisboa and Banda Dongara / Lisbon and O Porto
- “HAIKU night” organization & presentation / Lisbon, Portugal
- “Mother fortress” Shadow puppet & Performance at A Salto festival / Elvas, Portugal
- Hostess of “Japan Festival in Lisbon” – sponsored by Japan embassy / Lisbon, Portugal
- “Moonlight Princess” Shadow puppet at EI Marionetas Festival / Gondomar, Portugal
- “KASSAKO JIZÔ” Shadow puppet at Espaço Zero / Lisbon, Portugal
- “Namban-Jin” Shadow puppet - Camellia exhibition at Casa de Serralves / Porto, Portugal

2015

- KassakoJizo – Shadow puppet at Marionette Museum / Lisbon, Portugal
- Dreamy bread· shadow puppet at Aterier Minomushi / Kyoto, Japan
- Queen Isabel shadow puppet for Luso-Japan / Osaka, Japan

Dreamy bread shadow puppet at Yakumodai primary school / Tokyo, Japan

Queen Isabel shadow puppet at Puk pura theater / Tokyo, Japan

CLARALUA shadow puppet at Lisbon Marionette museum / Lisbon, Portugal

Mr. Japoneira shadow puppet at Porto city of Camellia / Porto, Portugal

2014

Festival de Japão em Lisboa presented by Embassy of Japan / Belém, Portugal

Shadow theater Rainha Santa Isabel at Atelier Minomushi / Kyoto, Japan

Festival da Marionetta IIDA / Nagano, Japan

Memoria d'acqua ricordando lo Tsunami at Forte Marghera / Venice, Italy

Chiaraluna shadow puppet theater at Teatro Frari / Venice, Italy

Opera Brundibar shadow puppet theater at Palazzo Grimani / Venice, Italy

2013

Opera Don Giovanni shadow puppet at Telecom Future Center / Venice, Italy

Shitakiri suzume with Japanese Marionette Theater Minomushi / Lisbon, Porto, Évora, Portugal

Magic laundry line with Amazing marionette / Stockholm, Sweden

Deep Blue Bird at Roundabout / Lisbon, Portugal

Encontro International Marionetas / Montemor o novo, Portugal

Chasing at Teatro Gioco Vita workshop / Piacenza, Italy

Festival de Japão em Lisboa presented by Embassy of Japan / Belém, Portugal

Shadow theater BumBlueBee at Lycée Français Charles Le Pierre/ Lisbon, Portugal

Monkeysoup Shaka shadows and performance at Guilherme Cossoul/ Lisbon, Portugal

2012

Gueixa na Igreja at KYUBIC collective / Lisbon, Portugal

Shadow Theater Nichiyoubi at Festival Lisboa Mistura / Lisbon, Portugal

Shadow Theater A Garça at Lycée Français Charles Le Pierre/ Lisbon, Portugal

Performance Linking birds at Bacalhoeiro / Lisbon, Portugal

Festival de Japão em Lisboa presented by Embassy of Japan / Belém, Portugal

Performance BLUE MEDIA at Atelier Concorde/ Lisbon, Portugal

Performance&Shadow theater BumBlueBee at Quebra Costas/ Lisbon Portugal

// BOOKS & WORK IN TRANSLATION

Translation in Japanese for “Do Japão para Alentejo” by Tiago Salgueiro

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// EDUCATION / ACADEMIC BACKGROUND

2013

Shadows and new media - Teatro Gioco Vita / Piacenza, Italy

2008 – 2010

Advanced Courses in Visual Arts of Ar.Co – Centro de Arte e Comunicação Visual / Lisbon, Portugal

2006 – 2008

Drawing Course of Ar.Co – Centro de Arte e Comunicação Visual / Lisbon, Portugal

2005 – 2006

Portuguese language course of University of Lisbon / Portugal

1996 – 2000

3D Design, Art and Craft design of TAMA Art university / Tokyo, Japan