

Sansuzu Tsuruzawa (*gidayu* shamisen)

Became a shamisen apprentice of Komanosuke Takemoto (Living National Treasure) in 1991, making stage debut in 1994.

In addition to performing in the annual *Woman's gidayu Concert* and regular concerts for young *gidayu* musicians.

Sansuzu has also appeared on NHK's broadcast program *Traditional Japanese Music*.

In 2000, she received the Newcomer Encouragement Award from the Gidayu Association. The following year she was selected to join the Japanese government's Agency for Cultural Affairs internship program. She teaches at Tokyo Collage of Music and Tokoha University.

Sansuzu was designated an Important Intangible Cultural Property for *Gidayu*-style shamisen in 2018 by the government of Japan.