

Musical Play "Asakusa Kid"

Introduction

What are the roots of comedian Beat Takeshi? (Takeshi Kitano)

"Asakusa Kid" - Beat Takeshi's autobiography is adapted for the stage for the first time as a musical play!

The original memoir "Asakusa Kid" tells the story of young Beat Takeshi and his encounter with his mentor, Senzaburo Fukami, who plays a definitive role in his future. Set in the days long before Kitano became a household name in Japan as a comedian and achieved worldwide fame as a film director, it is an autobiographical novel depicting his days spent with fellow comedians, with whom he shared the good and the bad, and with the resilient strippers of Asakusa.

The novel has been dramatized 1988 and 2002, and adapted as a Netflix film in 2021. Now it has been adapted for the stage for the first time as a musical play with the famous song 'Asakusa Kid', written and composed by Beat Takeshi.

Times have changed dramatically, but Beat Takeshi is still revered as a unique and inimitable figure. This story takes us to his early days working as an elevator boy and stand-up comedian at the Asakusa France-za strip club, a place he calls his roots. The birth of comedian Beat Takeshi, and the life stories of entertainers who dedicated themselves to comedy are presented in musical drama form.

Beat Takeshi, a young nobody, and his strict but affectionate mentor Senzaburo Fukami, are drawn together as if by fate. Starring two of Japan's most talented actors playing together for the first time, this dramatic story of master and apprentice is a show not to be missed!

Tokyo : October 8 (Sun) - 22 (Sun) 2023

Venue: Meijiza Theater

Osaka: October 30 (Mon) – November 5 (Sun)

Venue: Shinkabukiza Theater

Aichi: November 25 (Sat) - 26 (Sun)

Venue: Aichi Prefectural Art Theater, Main Theater

Details and tickets →

