

VANCOUVER MOKUYOKAI SOCIETY PRESENTS

~~STAND UP COMEDY~~

SIT DOWN COMEDY

WITH KATSURA SUNSHINE

THUR
APRIL 27

AT STUDIO 1398 | GRANVILLE ISLAND

Show starts at 7:00pm

Door opens at 5:30 pm

Reception & Music:

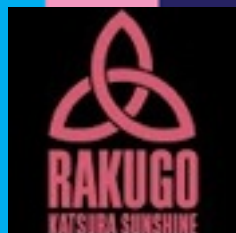
5:45pm -6:45pm & 8:15pm - 9:00pm

Tickets: \$30.00

Early Bird (Purchase by April 15th): \$25.00

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落語会



Traditional Japanese Rakugo storyteller Katsura Sunshine is a pioneer and ambassador of Japanese culture to the world. He is the first person of non-Japanese descent in the 400-year-old history of Rakugo in the Osaka tradition to be given the honour of apprenticing to a Rakugo Master (Katsura Bunshi VI), receive a Rakugo family name, complete the rigorous three-year apprenticeship and become a professional Rakugo storyteller.

Sunshine does his own translations of both classical Rakugo comic stories, as well of the stories of his Master, Katsura Bunshi VI, the most prolific creator of Rakugo stories in the history of the art form, with over 230 stories to his name. Sunshine's goal is to give English-speaking audiences as close to the same experience that a Japanese audience has listening to Rakugo in Japanese.

Born Gregory Robic in Toronto, Katsura Sunshine is well-versed in classical art forms of the east and west, having earned a BA in Classics and English from the University of Toronto, and an MA in Theatre from Osaka University of Arts. As a playwright and composer, he has made several successful adaptations of works by Aristophanes (Clouds, Assemblywomen, Lysistrata) as well as the children's plays Allegra's Magic Flute and Orpheus and the Golden Harp.

He became a Rakugo apprentice to Katsura Bunshi VI (then named Katsura Sanshi) on September 1, 2008, received the name Katsura Sunshine, and completed his three-year Rakugo apprenticeship in November, 2011. Sunshine has a regular spot on four television programs in Japan, has his own radio show, and writes a monthly newspaper column about Rakugo. He has now permanent shows in London, and New York City.