Performing Arts Japan 2014-2015
List of Awardees

The Japan Foundation is pleased to announce grant awards totaling US$246,000 to 10 organizations in Canada and the United States through the PAJ Program for the 2014-2015 fiscal year. The grant recipients are listed below. (Please contact the Japan Foundation, New York for further information and finalized performance dates).

Touring Grant awards

| Total projects: 5 | Total funds allocated: $151,000 | Grant amounts: $17,000 – $40,000 |

**Coastal Jazz and Blues Society** (Vancouver, BC) for a six-city, high profile Canadian jazz festival tour of *Shibusa Shirazu Orchestra*.

**Tour Date:** June 20, 2015 – June 30, 2015  
**Tour Locations:** Vancouver Art Gallery (Vancouver, BC); Royal Theatre (Victoria, BC); The Odeon (Saskatoon, SK); Harbourfront Centre (Toronto, ON); Confederation Park (Ottawa, ON); Place des Arts Plaza (Montreal, QC)

**Issue Project Room, Inc.** (Brooklyn, NY) for a four-city U.S. tour of *Naïve Music* that presents rare and first-time U.S. appearances by *Maher Shalal Hash Baz, Che-Shizu*, and *à qui avec Gabriel* – three innovative but under-recognized Japanese artists and ensembles experimenting with folk and pop music traditions.

**Tour Dates:** September 17 – 25, 2014  
**Tour Locations:** The Roy and Edna Disney Center/CalArts Theater - REDCAT (Los Angeles, CA); Nameless Sound (Houston, TX); Bowerbird (Philadelphia, PA); ISSUE Project Room (Brooklyn, NY)

**Japan Society, Inc.** (New York, NY) for a six-city North American tour of contemporary visual artist *Miwa Yanagi’s* theater production *Zero Hour – Tokyo Rose, the Last Tape*.

**Tour Dates:** January 24 – February 28, 2015  
**Tour Locations:** Japanese Canadian Cultural Center (Toronto, ON); Japan Society (New York, NY); The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts (Washington, DC); Asian Arts & Cultural Center at Towson University (Maryland, MD); Portland State University (Portland, OR); The Roy and Edna Disney/CalArts Theater – REDCAT (Los Angeles, CA)
The California Institute of the Arts (Valencia, CA) for a six-city North American tour of *Strings and Serpents*, a multi-cultural, multi-layered composition and performance collaboration between two kotoists Ai Kajigano & Tsugumi Yamamoto, two pianists Andy Milne & Benoit Delbecq, and an animator Saki Murotani.

**Tour Dates:** October 16 – 29, 2014

**Tour Locations:** David Rubenstein Atrium at Lincoln Center (New York, NY); Juniata College (Huntingdon, PA); Indiana University of Pennsylvania (Indiana, PA); PianoForte Foundation (Chicago, IL); The Roy and Edna Disney/CalArts Theater – REDCAT (Los Angeles, CA); Flynn Center for the Performing Arts (Burlington, VT)

University Musical Society (Ann Arbor, MI) for a four-city U.S. tour of *superposition* by electronic music and digital media artist Ryoji Ikeda.

**Tour Dates:** October 17 – November 8, 2014

**Tour Locations:** Metropolitan Museum of Art (New York, NY); Walker Art Center (Minneapolis, MN); Power Center for the Performing Arts (Ann Arbor, MI); Royce Hall, UCLA (Los Angeles, CA)

**Collaboration Grant awards**

- **Total projects:** 5
- **Total funds allocated:** $95,000
- **Grant amounts:** $11,000 – $21,000

**Hamilton College** (Clinton, NY) for *Reconstructing and Creating a new Japanese Silent Film Experience: Benshi, Music, and Film*, a collaboration with benshi-performer Ichiro Kataoka, Japanese traditional instrument ensemble Otowa-za, and Canadian pianist Gabriel Thibaudeau.

**Project Period:** July 2014 – June 2015

**Inta, Inc.** (New York, NY) for *The Station Project: Seeing and Being Seen*, a series of durational performances by dancer-choreographer Eiko Otake in collaboration with visual arts curator Harry Philbrick, photographer William Johnston, media artist Hana Iverson, and theater artists Ben Grinsberg and Mark McCloughan.

**Project Period:** July 2014 – June 2015

**Music From Japan, Inc.** (New York, NY) for *East Asian Vibrancy*, a collaborative work between sho-performer Mayumi Miyata and composer Ned Rothenberg in celebration of
Music From Japan’s 40th Anniversary.

**Project Period:** July 2014 – March 2015

7 Loaves, Inc. AKA GOH Productions (New York, NY) for *Daguerreotype, Mirror with a Memory*, a collaboration with choreographer Yoshiko Chuma, daguerreotypist Takashi Arai and video artist Kit Fitzgerald.

**Project Period:** July 2014 – June 2015

Performance Zone Inc. DBA The Field (New York, NY) for *OQ*, a new dance performance by choreographer Kota Yamazaki in collaboration with architect collective SO-IL, composer Masahiro Sugaya and lighting designer Kathy Kaufmann.

**Project Period:** August 2014 – April 2015

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