

RAKUGO

by **Katsura Utazo**

**Japanese
Traditional
Comic
Storytelling**



Bern

Wed., 11 Nov. 2026 18:00

Japan Information and Cultural Center, Engestrasse 43, 3012 Bern

Zurich

Thu. 12 Nov. 2026 18:00

RAA-G-01 Kleine Aula, UZH, Rämistrasse 71, 8006 Zürich

Vaduz (FL)

Fri. 13 Nov. 2026 18:00

Liechtenstein National Museum, Städtle 43, 9490 Vaduz

Commemorative event to mark the 30th anniversary
of the establishment of diplomatic relations
between Japan and Liechtenstein

**Admission
Free**



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What is **Rakugo**?

Rakugo (落語) is a traditional Japanese art of comic storytelling with a history of more than 300 years. A single performer, dressed in a kimono, sits on a cushion and portrays multiple characters using only a folding fan and a hand towel as props. Through changes in voice, facial expressions, and gestures, the storyteller brings each character to life. Rakugo performances combine humor, wit, and insights into everyday life, often ending with a clever punchline. Today, Rakugo continues to entertain audiences in Japan and around the world, bridging cultures through laughter and the universal art of storytelling.

About **Katsura Utazo**

Katsura Utazo became a disciple of the legendary Rakugo master Katsura Utamaru in 1992 and was promoted to **Shin-uchi** (master storyteller) in 2005. He performs regularly at Tokyo's major yose theaters and at Rakugo events throughout Japan. Since 2010, he has presented English Rakugo internationally, performing across Asia, Europe, Africa, and the Americas, sharing the tradition of Japanese comic storytelling with audiences around the world.

About the Event

- Admission:** Free
Language: English
Duration: About 90 min. (incl. intermission)
Registration: **[Bern]** Required, please send an email to jicc@br.mofa.go.jp with the names of all participants.
[Zurich] No advance registration required.
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