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NIPPON NIGHTS #9 FLASHBACK MEMORIES

Wednesday, May 13



Nippon Nights is a monthly series presenting different genres, styles and generations of Japanese Cinema to Bay Area audiences. Our 9th Film of the series, "**FLASHBACK MEMORIES**" is an awards winning music documentary.



*Join us for the free Didgeridoo
Performance by **Amber Field** before the screening*

FLASHBACK MEMORIES by Tetsuaki Matsue

"God, please do not erase at least this memory."

Synopsis

Didgeridoo performer, GOMA, developed higher brain dysfunction as the result of an expressway accident. While looking back on his rehabilitation and recovery with his family's help, animation recreates his "flashbacks" - incongruous images that suddenly appear in his brain. This completely new style movie blends past footage, flashbacks, and studio performances an emphatic story of familial love.



On November 26th 2009, didgeridoo performer GOMA was involved in a collision on the Tokyo Metropolitan Expressway. The accident left him with partial memory loss and difficulty remembering new things, all of which were later diagnosed as symptoms of Mild Traumatic Brain Injury.

"FLASHBACK MEMORIES" looks back upon his rehabilitation and recovery, which were aided by his family and his wife's diaries, by recreating GOMA's flashbacks and animating the incongruous images that would suddenly appear in his brain. This never-before-seen style blends past footage, flashbacks, and studio performances in an emphatic story of familial love.

Through his flashbacks and a live studio performance the viewer is invited to experience life through Goma's eyes.

Directed by Tetsuaki Matsue, 72min, 2012, Japan, Subtitled in English.

Tokyo International Film Festival; Audience Award
Jeonju International Film Festival, Korea; NETPAC Award

"Tetsuaki Matsue's restlessly inventive film takes us deep inside the fractured memories of Japanese didgeridoo player Goma"

-Megan Lehmann, The Hollywood Reporter

WATCH Trailer

Screener is Available upon Request for the Press

Tickets

General: \$10 / Senior \$7.5

FREE Didgeridoo LIVE by

Amber Field

[Comment from Amber Field]

The didgeridoo is one of the oldest wind instruments in the world (over 5,000 years old). It is an indigenous Australian instrument that is used in their ceremonies to tell their dreamtime. I am very grateful to this sacred Aboriginal instrument because I first heard my own music playing the didgeridoo when I was 24. At the time, I was very angry and in a lot of pain. The didgeridoo allowed me to safely express my emotions and make music/art.

Amber Field was featured in San Francisco Magazine's Best of the Bay for yoga music. She is a performer, teacher, and sound healer and specializes in world fusion music and helping people free their voices, creativity, and spirits.



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