

Buddhist Church of Sacramento, Sacramento Japanese United Methodist Church  
and ACC Senior Services

PRESENTS

Grateful Crane Ensemble productions

Returning to  
Sacramento in  
April, 2017

From the Creators of "CAMP DANCE"

# NIHONMACHI



## THE PLACE TO BE



*A Musical Journey*

*"Nihonmachi is where it all began"*



WRITTEN BY Soji Kashiwagi • DIRECTED BY Darrell Kunitomi • MUSICAL DIRECTION BY Scott Nagatani  
FEATURING: Kerry K. Carnahan, Loryce Hashimoto, Yoko Ibuki, Keiko Kawashima, Darrell Kunitomi, Kurt Kuniyoshi,  
Merv Maruyama, Helen H. Ota, Shaun Shimoda • MUSICIANS: Scott Nagatani, Danny Yamamoto, Gordon Bash

**AN ISSEI GRANDFATHER RETURNS FROM THE DEAD TO BRING J-TOWN BACK TO LIFE!**

After 99 years in business, Sansei Alan Iwata has decided it's time to shut down his family's manju-ya. But just as the doors are about to close, the spirit of his Issei grandfather returns to take Alan back to J-Town, the way it used to be. A story about family, history and finding one's roots, "Nihonmachi: The Place to Be" features nostalgic Japanese and Americans songs which will take you back through time to the special place where it all began: Nihonmachi.

**Saturday, April 29, 2017 at 2 p.m.**

## Growing Up SANSEI

**A Community Event about Our Uniquely JA Upbringing**



FEATURING: A live play reading of Soji Kashiwagi's "Garage Door Opener", and a post-reading discussion facilitated by Dr. Satsuki Ina.  
READERS: Haruye Ioka, Dian Kobayashi, Kurt Kuniyoshi, Shaun Shimoda, Ping Wu

IN SOJI KASHIWAGI'S JA DYSFUNCTIONAL FAMILY PLAY, "GARAGE DOOR OPENER," a Sansei brother and sister are faced with the daunting task of cleaning out their parent's garage after they passed away. As they sift through tofu containers and kamaboko boards, they begin to uncover items from their past and gain a better understanding of their parents—and themselves—by the items their parents left behind. Dr. Satsuki Ina will address these issues and more in what promises to be an enlightening post-reading discussion.

**Sunday, April 30, 2017 at 2 p.m.**

**BUDDHIST CHURCH OF SACRAMENTO KAIKAN**

2401 Riverside Drive, Sacramento, CA 95818

\$20.00: "Nihonmachi" General Admission • \$15.00: "Growing up Sansei" General Admission

\$30.00: For both "Nihonmachi" & "Growing up Sansei"

For more info, sponsorship opportunities or to purchase tickets, call Monica Thompson with ACC Senior Services at  
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