

## Details of the Performance

The Ogano Kabuki performance will feature two separate acts. Summaries are included below:

### Dondoro Taishi no Monzen (The Temple Town near Dondoro Taishi)

Performed by Ogano Town Children's Kabuki Group

The Dondoro Taishi temple district in the Uehon neighborhood of Osaka serves as the setting for the performance. Oyumi, a woman visiting the temple, is shocked to discover that a young girl passing through on a pilgrimage to find her parents is her own daughter, Otsuru, whom she left behind years ago. To avoid entangling her daughter in criminal activities she has undertaken to help her home province's noble family, Oyumi attempts to send Otsuru away without revealing the truth, only to follow after her in an attempt to see her one last time before they part.

Come watch the emerging talents of Ogano Town's elementary school and junior high school kabuki actors!

### Kanadehon Chūshingura - Kanpei Harakiri (Kanpei's Suicide)

Performed by the Ogano Kabuki Preservation Society

Artistically portraying the sorrows of the unlucky young samurai Kanpei is a difficult task. The role requires the actor to skillfully express Kanpei's deep affection for his lover Okaru, who sells herself in an attempt to save Kanpei, as well as Kanpei's heartfelt emotions as he is compelled to commit seppuku (suicide) due to his successive blunders. However, the complexity of this role serves only to further inspire the actors, who are driven by the captivated gaze of the audience. Keep your eyes focused on the performers' expressive articulation, skillful use of emotion, and captivating gestures - you won't want to miss a second!

*\*There will be a display both in the foyer showcasing Ogano Kabuki and selling special products.*