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## 35<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL POWELL STREET FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, JULY 30<sup>th</sup> & SUNDAY, JULY 31<sup>st</sup>, 2011, 11:30 AM-7 PM

OPPENHEIMER PARK (400 POWELL), FIREHALL ARTS CENTRE (280 E. CORDOVA), & VANCOUVER JAPANESE LANGUAGE SCHOOL-JAPANESE HALL (475 ALEXANDER), CHAPEL ARTS (304 DUNLEVY), JAPANESE CANADIAN NATIONAL MUSEUM (6688 SOUTHOAKS), BLIM (115 EAST PENDER)

**ALL DAYTIME EVENTS ARE FREE!**

The Powell Street Festival is the largest Japanese Canadian festival and the longest running community celebration in Vancouver! Enjoy traditional and contemporary Japanese Canadian performances and demonstrations, including taiko drumming, sumo wrestling, martial arts, bonsai and ikebana, folk and modern dance, alternative pop/rock/urban music, visual arts, film/video, as well as historical walking tours, tea ceremonies, and a fantastic array of Japanese food, crafts, & displays. The Festival continues its 4<sup>th</sup> year of the Zero Waste Challenge, incorporating composting and recycling stations, as well as a Free Bike Valet for all festival attendees. More information online at [www.powellstreetfestival.com](http://www.powellstreetfestival.com).

**\*\*\*THE POWELL STREET FESTIVAL IS TURNING 35!** It's been thirty-five years since the inaugural Powell Street Festival, and in that time we've grown from a small community event to a full-blown arts & culture celebration attended by thousands each year. We are grateful to all the participants, volunteers, funders, attendees, and our DTES community for supporting our efforts these past thirty-five years, and we look forward to at least thirty-five more. In the meantime, we look forward to welcoming you to Oppenheimer Park for the 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Powell Street Festival!

### FESTIVAL WEEKEND HIGHLIGHTS

\* Reading by **Nina Matsumoto**, the Eisner Award-winning artist behind the *Yokaiden* manga series currently completing artwork for *The Last Airbender: Zuko's Story* \* World premiere of *Tashme Project* by **Julie Tamiko Manning** (QC) and **Matt Miwa** (ON), a theatrical retelling of stories from the Tashme internment camp set in an intimate kitchen \* Cross-cultural collaboration between **Chibi Taiko** (BC) and the **Aboriginal Youth Drumming Group Spakwus Slulum** (BC) \* **Sei Trio**, an international musical exchange featuring **Yuki Isami** (Japan), **Keiko Devaux** (QC), and **Vivien Nishi** (BC) \* Performances by Canadian emcee **Nish Raawks** (ON), energetic dance troupe the **605 Collective** (BC), experimental jazz band **Robots on Fire** (BC), electro-acoustic group **Densabi** (BC), and many more \*

### OTHER FESTIVAL EVENTS

#### NIKASAYA AND GOH NAKAMURA

Friday, July 29<sup>th</sup>, 8:00pm

Chapel Arts, 304 Dunlevy \$15/\$10

**NikaSaya** (Japan)—the freewheeling vocal duo featuring **Saya Onodera** (from Tenniscoats) and **Nikaido Kazumi**—shares the bill with San Francisco-based songwriter **Goh Nakamura**.

#### MADE IN JAPAN: JEREMY ISAO SPEIER

Presented with **BLIM Arts**

**BLIM**, July 29-August 28 2011

In *Made in Japan*, Jeremy Isao Speier heralds consumer electronics of the 1970's and the pre-digital age. Speier investigates the loss of space and the transformation from analog to digital.

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