

STORYTELLERS' ASSOCIATION OF JAPAN



Kataritetachi-no-kai, Storytellers' Association of Japan, founded in 1977 includes around 300 storytellers throughout Japan. As a non-profit organization we run many storytelling activities, such as Story time for children, Seasonal Storytelling events for adults and Tellabration, Storyteller education courses, Stage art performances, Researches for oral tradition, International exchange through storytelling, the publication of a Journal "The World of Storytelling", and seasonal Newsletters. We emphasize the keeping alive of the oral tradition and its re-creation as modern storytelling.

The founder, the late Miki Sakurai (1933-2009), contributed outstanding research into the intimate relations between Japanese old tales and European folktales, and introduced Japanese legends and folktales at storytelling festivals in Europe and Canada.

We have organized many events of International exchange with storytellers from overseas: Nick Hennessy, Nicola Grove and Taffy Thomas from UK, Gail Fricker, Cathy Miyata and Anne Glover from Canada, J.G. Pinkerton and Margaret MacDonald from USA.

You are warmly welcome to contact us if you are interested in the activities of the Association.

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