

# Asian Studies Program

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## Rakugo Performance by Yanagiya Tozaburo III

Monday, January 14, 2019 | 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM | FIU Modesto A. Maidique Campus | GC 243

Join us for a Rakugo (Japanese sit-down comic storytelling) performance by Yanagiya Tozaburo III, the Shin'uchi (highest) rank rakugo performer, at FIU's MMC Campus.

Rakugo has entertained generations of Japanese since the 17th century. From ghosts to geisha, samurai to salaryman, a solo performer brings scores of characters vividly to life in tales punctuated by various tones of voice, gestures, and facial expressions with a folding fan and hand towel as his only props. During this performance, Yanagiya Tozaburo III will present the Rakugo stories in English as well as with English subtitles in order to introduce this unique storytelling art of Japan to a broad audience in the U.S.



Native of Tokyo, **Yanagiya Tozaburo III** (柳家東三樓) became a disciple of master Rakugo performer Yanagiya Gontaro III in 1999 after dropping out of a prestigious private university. After years of training, he was promoted to the master Shin'uchi rank, the highest rank in the rakugo discipline, in 2014. He has performed all over Japan and appeared in many television programs.

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