

Victoria Fringe Theatre Festival 2015

# **Kiss Around Pass Around**

Fantastical physical comedy by award-winning Japanese artist SHOSHINZ

# About the Company

Shoshinz is Japanese for "shy timid people," but this surreal Tokyo comedian is subservient to nothing and no one. Yanomi started Shoshinz with her excoworker Kuronatsu, and she has created these unique non-verbal shows since 2005. Her delicate silences and coy demeanor will lure you in, and then they will bend your mind with brilliant physical theater, dance, absurd music and song.

Shoshinz is one of the most renowned comedy acts in Japan, regularly performing in Tokyo, Canada, and the United States. "As clown ratings go," wrote the Montreal Gazette, "the irresistible Yanomi is right up there with the best of the Cirque du Soleil pros."

"It's not often you run across a show that is satisfying for adults, kids, performers and stoners of all ages," wrote Victoria's Monday Magazine, "but that's exactly what you get with this charming and quite often hilarious fast-paced slice of Tokyo clowning." Shoshinz has toured in Japan, Singapore, US, Canada, Czech Republic, and Taiwan, receiving rave reviews and standing ovations. At every stop Shoshinz was greeted with deep enthusiasm for her explosive energy and radical performance innovations.

### About the Show

Kiss Around Pass Around is a fantastical solo physical comedy with a stunning sound design by Yanomi, with Japanese artists Shunji Nakamachi, Hiromichi Sakamoto, Jimanica, Hiroyuki Nishiyama, and the band AWESOME based in Seattle.

A mysterious creature is wandering the world looking for its daddy. North, south, east, and west... leaves, wind, water, thunder – for a peculiar traveler, anything can serve as a compass. This unruly innocent creature will sneak in and steal your heart.

#### Reviews

"This is one wacky clown show. ...that's no small thing." –The Washington Post

"Her animation is intoxicating... Kiss Around Pass Around is truly precious." – Orlando Sentinel

"CRITIC'S PICK ... I need to go see this terrific show again." -City Beat

"The fringe-iest entry of the year. It's definitely a Fringe experience I'll remember for years" -Behind the Curtain Cincinnati

Show Title: Kiss Around Pass Around Company Name: SHOSHINZ From: Tokyo, JAPAN Created & Performed by: Yanomi Where: Downtown Activity Centre (755 Pandora Ave Victoria, BC) Ticket: 11\$ Online: http://victoriafringe.com/tickets/ Phone: 250 590 6291 Ticket Rocket: #2-1609 Blanshard (at Fisgard) Run Time: 50 min. Age: All Ages Company Press Contact: Yanomi E-mail: shoshinz.yanomi@gmail.com Phone: +1 571(403)1855 Website: http://shoshinznet.web.fc2.com/ Twitter: @shoshinz

#### Performed & Created by Yanomi

Costume Designed by Chihiro Tafuku Make-up Designed by Preta Porco Music by AWESOME, Hiromichi Sakamoto, Shunji Nakamachi, Jimanica, Hiroyuki Nishiyama, Choreographed by Mami Kitamura Big Suitcase Made by Saori Suzuki Props & Puppets Made by Yanomi



# Show Schedule

Aug. 28 Fri. 6:15 pm Aug. 30 Sun. 8:00 pm Aug. 31 Mon. 6:15 pm Sept. 3 Thur. 9:30 pm Sept. 5 Sat. 5:30 pm Sept. 6 Sun. 4:30 pm

## <u>Awards</u>

Patron's Pick & Best International Show -Orlando Fringe 2015 Artists' Pick -Cincinnati Fringe 2015

Audience Choice Award -FRIGID New York 2013

Director's Award -Capital Fringe 2012 (A Day in the Life of Miss Hiccup)