

*In ancient Japan, Yamataikoku, the strongest country under the Queen Himiko ruled over two hundred little counties except the barbarians of Kuna. Numerous soldiers of Yamataikoku perished in the battle against Kuna.*

*The prophecy of Himiko has lost effect.  
WHY?*

*Seven years ago, Himiko bore a daughter, named Iyo.*

*Since ancient time it is said that even a great virgin prophet losses the power to predict the future when she loses her virginity.*

*Yuminahiko, Himiko's brother opposed to Himiko violently on the secret of Iyo's birth.*

*Who got Himiko with child? Who is the real father of Iyo?  
What will be Yamataikoku's fate!*

# 卑弥呼

-HIMIKO-

An artist Junichi Nakashima will deliver solo-performance on Himiko, a shaman queen of ancient Japan, followed by a talk on Japanese mythology and the notion of 言霊 (*kotodama*), the spirit of language.

Himiko (c. 170–248 AD) was a shaman queen of Yamataikoku in Wa (ancient Japan). Early Chinese dynastic histories chronicle tributary relations between Queen Himiko and the Cao Wei Kingdom (220–265), and record that the Yayoi period people chose her as ruler following decades of warfare among the kings of Wa. Early Japanese histories do not mention Himiko, but historians associate her with legendary figures such as Empress Consort Jingū, who was Regent (c. 200–269) in roughly the same era as Himiko. [from Wikipedia]

## **Performance Information**

Date: Wednesday, June 20, 2018

Time: 11:30pm-12:45pm

Place: Room E-III, LaGuardia Community College

RSVP: <http://bit.ly/lagccEventReg>

一人演劇  
A solo-performance

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