

# Institute for Japanese Studies Lecture Series

## Rakugo with Yanagiya Tōzaburō

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Friday, January 29

5:30-7:00 pm

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## Yanagiya Tōzaburō

Yanagiya Tōzaburō returns to Columbus for a virtual performance! Rakugo (落語) is a traditional Japanese form of solo storytelling in a style similar to “stand-up” comedy but performed entirely in a kneeling position seated on a zabuton cushion. With only a folding paper fan and a folded handkerchief as props, rakugo storytellers rely on eye movements, facial expressions, and body language to help convey their stories. Tōzaburo is a master rakugo performer with the shin’uchi title. His performance will include Japanese storytelling with English subtitles and English storytelling, followed by Q&A. Come and join us for an evening of exposure to one of Japan’s classical forms of entertainment.

Born and raised in Tokyo, Yanagiya Tōzaburō became a disciple of master rakugo performer Yanagiya Gontarō III (三代目柳家権太楼) in 1999 after dropping out from Nihon University in Tokyo. In 2014 he attained the rakugo master’s rank of Shin’uchi, which enabled him to have his own disciples. At that time he officially became Yanagiya Tōzaburō III (三代目柳家東三楼) as the third successor to this classic rakugo master’s stage name.

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