

Media Alert
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World Premiere of “In a Memory Palace”
~ Aging, Immigration & Displacement ~
through Theater, Dance, Story Circles & Community Art

WHAT: Theatre Nohgaku presents: “In a Memory Palace”
Co-producers: Theatre of Yugen and Kunoichi Productions

WHEN: July 30, 2026 – August 1, 2026

WHERE: Z Space, 450 Florida St. in San Francisco, CA

TICKETS: <https://www.zspace.org/memory-palace>

San Francisco – “*In a Memory Palace*” will premiere on July 30, 2026 with a distinguished international cast of actors, musicians, an award-winning set designer, and a renowned Noh mask maker. This timely production explores the fragile nature of memory. Is it 1930’s Vienna or San Francisco today? The multidimensional performance weaves together elements of live music, dance, masks and video.

“*In a Memory Palace*” was inspired by a true story of an Austrian Catholic woman who fled Hitler’s Europe with her Jewish husband. Now portrayed as a resident of a nursing home in San Francisco, she faces the social isolation of aging in America, her past trauma as a refugee, and her blurred memories. Written in the form of Japanese Noh theater, the performance features beautifully crafted masks and original music that draws on both Japanese instruments and Viennese concert traditions.

Community members are invited to participate in facilitated Story Circles which will be held prior to the premiere and theater workshops entitled, “To Noh & Beyond”. The community is also invited to contribute photographs and images to an ongoing art installation in the lobby of Z Space that explores the themes of migration, displacement, and assimilation from July 28 - August 2 during the hours of 11am-6pm.

For more information: <https://inamemorypalace.org/>

Interviews and hi-resolution photos available upon request.

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