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Free Performance by Japanese Puppet Master at the Downtown Central Library

Saturday, June 23

Puppet Master Koryu Nishikawa V, recognized by the Japanese Government as a “National Asset of Intangible Folk Culture,” will present a special one-time family performance at the **Downtown Central Library, 1 Lafayette Square, Buffalo**, on **Saturday, June 23 at 2 p.m.** This performance in the Library’s Auditorium (entrance on Clinton Street between Washington and Ellicott Streets) is free and open to the public.

Mr. Nishikawa comes to Western New York to participate in the first New York State Puppet Festival to be held in nearby Perry, NY (Wyoming County) now through June 24.

Koryu Nishikawa V is the fifth generation headmaster of the 160-year-old traditional puppet theatre company, Hachioji Kuruma Ningyo, which performs throughout Japan and internationally at puppet and theatre festivals. He also teaches and directs other puppet theatre companies in Japan as a means of promoting, protecting and preserving this cultural art form.

“We are honored and delighted to have the opportunity to collaborate with the New York State Puppet Festival in presenting Mr. Nishikawa to Buffalo audiences,” stated Buffalo & Erie County Public Library Director Mary Jean Jakubowski. “This is a very exciting opportunity to see an unusual, traditional Japanese art form presented by one of its master teachers and performers. And the performance is free.”

For further information on upcoming Library activities, visit www.BuffaloLib.org or call 716-858-8900. For information on the NYS Puppet Festival visit: www.Newyorkstatepuppetfestival.org.

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