

# Collaborations and Special Performances Broaden Kodo's Expressive Horizons



*Amaterasu* with Kabuki luminary Tamasaburo Bando. Premiere season in 2006, with encore performances in 2007

In tandem with the *One Earth Tour*, Kodo also works intensively on collaborations with leading artists from a wide range of genres including world music, classical, jazz, rock, and dance. The group is also invited to perform in countless international events, ceremonies and festivals.



Kodo *Ubusuna* (left) and Kodo *Dadan* (right) (2009 -2010)



*Monoprism* with the New Japan Philharmonic in Tokyo (2008) and with Italy's highly acclaimed Orchestra of the Accademia Nazionale di Santa Cecilia in Rome (2009). Ballet *Kaguyahime* at Opéra national de Paris Bastille (2010) Photo: Christophe Pelé / Opéra national de Paris



Yoshie Sunahata in Akram Khan's *Gnosis* (2009-2010) Photo: Alain Scherer  
Shogo Yoshii in Cherkouki/Jalet's *Babel* (2010) Photo: Milan Szipura

## Special Projects in the New Millennium

**2000**

First performance in Korea; a collaboration with Taejeon Municipal Dance Troupe.

**2001**

First Japanese artists invited to perform in Nobel Peace Prize Concert (100th Anniversary Concert), featuring international artists including Paul McCartney, hosted by Liam Neeson and Meryl Streep.

**2002**

Participation in the Recording of the Official Anthem for the FIFA World Cup™ KOREA/JAPAN and performance at the Official Concerts. Participation in the recording of the soundtrack for the Chinese film "HERO" under the direction of composer and musical director Tan Dun.

**2003**

25-show run of the Kodo *One Earth Tour Special* concert, directed by Kabuki luminary Tamasaburo Bando and held in Japan.

**2006**

*Amaterasu* collaborative performance series with Tamasaburo Bando held in honor of Kodo's 25th Anniversary in Tokyo and Kyoto. Appearance at *Fuji Rock Festival '06*, the largest outdoor music event in Japan. *One Earth Caravan* begins with a visit to Russia.

**2007**

*Amaterasu* project with Tamasaburo Bando performed at the historical Kabuki-za theatre in Ginza, Tokyo. *Horaikitan* collaboration with Kyogen performers, directed by Tadashi Ogasawara.

**2008**

Collaborations with samba-reggae percussion ensemble Olodum in Japan and Brazil. Three sell-out concerts with Dutch super group BLØF at Heineken Music Hall, Amsterdam.

**2009**

Kodo *Dadan* Performances directed by Tamasaburo Bando. Kodo *Ubusuna* Performances feature the founding members of Kodo.

**2010**

Performances of *Kaguyahime* in collaboration with the Paris Opera Ballet at Opera Bastille. Yoshie Sunahata performs in *Gnosis* with renowned dancer Akram Khan. Shogo Yoshii performs in Sidi Larbi Cherkaoui and Damien Jalet's contemporary dance project *Babel*.