

# To Siberia! Siberia! Siberia!

## Performed in Japanese

“To Siberia! Siberia! Siberia!” — a new work based on short novels, travel pieces and letters by Anton Chekhov (1860–1904) — is the latest collaboration between Kanagawa Arts Theatre and the Kyoto-based Chiten theatre company.

With this play, Chiten’s founder and director, Motoi Miura, turns his attention from the writer Osamu Dazai (1909–48), the subject of his previous work, “Good Bye,” to another of his icons, the great Russian writer who traveled from Moscow to the prison island of Sakhalin in 1890.

Back then, crossing the vast, empty wilderness of Siberia was so dangerous that those around him thought he was joking when Chekhov told them his plan. His mind was made up, though, and between April and December that year he made the more than 6,500-km. journey.

While some people consider his literary work didn’t benefit from that experience, others regard it as an important turning point. And certainly, Chekhov wrote his four major plays — “The Seagull” (1896), “Uncle Vanya” (1899), “Three Sisters” (1901) and “The Cherry Orchard” (1904) — after he returned from Sakhalin.

In “Three Sisters,” Miura points out there is a famous line reading “To Moscow, Moscow, Moscow,” which expresses the sister’s longing to move there from their rural home. This time, he says, his aim is to convey Chekhov’s longing to cross those frontier lands, and to do so he uses the artist’s own words to take audiences on an imaginative trip there with him.

On this occasion, Chiten will also rerun their acclaimed 2015 production of “Three Sisters” over the same period. So, please enjoy both of these modern takes on the Russian master at Kanagawa Arts Theatre.

## STAFF

Text Anton Pavlovich Chekhov  
Direction Motoi Miura

## SCHEDULE

27 May-2 June, 2019

13-16 July, 2019

## VENUE

**KANAGAWA ARTS THEATRE**

## CAST

Satoko Abe  
Dai Ishida  
Koji Ogawara  
Shie Kubota  
Yohei Kobayashi  
Yuki Tanaka

## TICKETS

¥3,800

Concession tickets are available.

## INQUIRY

Tickets Kanagawa

Tel: 0570-015-415 (10:00-18:00)

Box Office

Kanagawa Arts Theatre 2F (10:00-18:00)

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