

January, 4-5, 2019

## Contemporary Dance Festival: Japan + East Asia

Company: Japan Society  
Venue: Japan Society  
Location: New York, NY

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Chikashi Kasai

This year's festival (formerly known as the Contemporary Dance Showcase) continues with three revelatory and robust works from three countries. From Japan, Mitsutake Kasai performs butoh master Akira Kasai's legendary piece *Pollen Revolution*. Hailed as "energetic and altogether wonderfully human" two decades ago, Sr. Kasai choreographs a revival of this eclectic dance for his son. From Taiwan, choreographed by emerging star Kuan-Hsiang Liu, *Kids* is a tribute to death and the choreographer's mother. Performed to voice recordings of Liu with his mother during her fight against cancer, this modern-day grief ritual is full of idiosyncratic motion and moments of serenity. From Korea, *Silver Knife* by Goblin Party delves into conflicting portrayals of female identity through the eloquently crafted movements of four women.

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