

## **The Dance of the Sun**

a film by Ami Skånberg Dahlstedt and Folke Johansson, with music by Palle Dahlstedt, about the origins of dance and mythology in Japan connecting with contemporary dance today.

### **Description**

Choreographer Ami Skånberg Dahlstedt takes us on a voyage to Japan where dance has a long and significant history. The dance has its roots in a mythological story, in which the Sun Goddess gets angry and hides in a rock cave. The world plunges into darkness and cold. However, the Goddess of laughter lures her out with some energetic and crazy dancing and finally the light and warmth returns. The story is the basis for both classical and contemporary dance and theater; Noh, Kabuki, Nihon Buyo and Butoh. The film also invites us to meet Nishikawa Senrei, a very special profile in Kyoto. We will see parts of Ami's lesson in traditional Japanese dance and also meet contemporary performers in Kyoto, the former capital of Japan.

For the film, composer/researcher Palle Dahlstedt composed a series of pieces for specific segments of the film. He used composition techniques developed within his research project Creative Performance, for both sound design and the generation of structures. A number of older pieces by Dahlstedt were also used in the film.

***Directed, written, narrated by*** Ami Skånberg Dahlstedt

***Directed, photographed by*** Folke Johansson

#### ***Edited by***

Folke Johansson Ami Skånberg Dahlstedt Rasmus Ohlander, sfk

#### ***Original music by***

Palle Dahlstedt

#### ***Music by***

Palle Dahlstedt

Ensemble Nipponia

Kumiko Nonaka

#### ***Cast:***

Ami Skånberg Dahlstedt

Nishikawa Senrei sensei

the Goddess Ame no Uzume: performed by Frauke

Rosa Yuki

Bruno the Bad Boy

Kumiko Nonaka

Peter Golightly

Jonah Salz

Heidi S Durning

Mio Durning

***Also featuring:***

Students at Senreinokai

Ryoko Oishi, Kaori Iwasaki, Motoi Mahiro, Aoi Nakai, Atsushi Heki  
and Chizuko Takizawa

***Performers at Urban Guild:***

Butoh dancers: Fukurozaka Yasuo and Yamaguchi Keiko

Musicians: Jerry Gordon, Saikou Miyajima

***Students at Kanze Noh School***

Two maiko san of Pontocho geisha district

Performers at Mibudera Temple in Kyoto

Performers in Yosakoi Odori, Kochi

Two miko at Yoshida Shrine, Kyoto

Kagura performance at Fushimi Inari Shrine

Shouka, bellydancer at Kamigamo Shrine

***Additional photo:***

Anders Bryngel, Ami Skånberg Dahlstedt, Daisuke Suzuki

***Costume/Kostym:***

Gerd Karlsson, Fumiko Nagai

***Translation:***

Joanna Etherton, Peter Golightly, Ami Skånberg Dahlstedt, Taeko Svensson, Mori Takewaka

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