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| Artist Biography |

Born in 1973 in Yokohama, Toshiki Okada is a dramatist and director. In 1997, he established the theatre company chelfitsch; he writes and directs all of its productions. His work is concerned with profound cultural changes and their effects on the surrounding society, especially in contemporary Japan. His unique methodology which blends quirky texts in colloquial Japanese with extraordinary physicality has profoundly influenced an entire new generation of Japanese artists and met with international acclaim. Moreover, Toshiki Okada has also published prose texts including short stories and scientific works on the theory of theatre. His productions were shown at festivals and art centres as well as by theatres in 70 cities on three continents and have won

several awards, including the prestigious Kishida Kunio Drama Award for *Five Days in March* (2005). Since the 2016/2017 season, Toshiki Okada also directs regularly for Münchner Kammerspiele, most recently the play *The Vacuum Cleaner* (2019), which was honoured with an invitation to the Berliner Theatertreffen 2020. Also in 2020, Toshiki Okada received the Yomiuri Theater Awards Selection Committee Special Prize with his Thai artists-collaboration piece *Pratthana - A Portrait of Possession*. In the past, Wiener Festwochen has shown his productions *Freetime* (2008), *Hot Pepper*, *Air Conditioner*, and *the Farewell Speech* (2010), *The Sonic Life of a Giant Tortoise* (2019) and *Five Days in March - Re-creation* (2019).

| Okada Toshiki @ WIENER FEST WOCHEN |

消しゴム山 ERASER MOUNTAIN (Toshiki Okada / chelfitsch, Teppei Kaneuji)
Dates: Friday 19th, Saturday 20th & Sunday 21st November,
Time: 8pm / Duration: 2 hr 20 min / Prices: EUR 20 / 30
Location: Halle G im MuseumsQuartier
Language: Japanese with English and German surtitles
<https://www.festwochen.at/en/eraser-mountain>

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