

# Bye-Bye: The New Primitive

#### Director's Message

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Gekidan KAITAISHA is a maverick company of the independent theatre scene in Tokyo.

Recently, KAITAISHA has been focusing on contemporary movement, absurd text and raw, emotional performance. Elements of Japanese Noh theatre and of contemporary dance are incorporated — for instance by Tatsumi Hukata, the founder of Japanese Butch dance, and by choreographers Pina Bausch and Mertha Graham.

The ensemble's work is based on an acute criticism of society, raising social issues, such as racism, gender prejudices, sexual hypocrisy and political prefension. By questioning the status quo giving full credit to the imagined — and trusting it as much as the experienced — the ensemble produces the energy that characterizes its work. It can be the energy of a burning fuse or that of a persistent, far-away fiame.

GEKIDAN KAITAISHA

# Germany

1st-3rd Sept. 9pm **LAOKOON Festival** Kampnagel, Hamburg

www.kampnagel.de tel.040 270949 49 DM43,-/30,-

14th-15th Sept. 8pm tanzhaus nrw. Dusseldorf

www.tanzhaus-nrw.de tel.0211 17270 0 DM39,-/29,-

19th-23th Sept. 8pm Mousonturm, Frankfurt

www.mousonturm.de tel.069 405895 20 DM25,-/12,50

## U.S.A

4th-6th Oct. 8pm Japan Society, **New York** 

www.japansociety.org tel:212 715 3015 US\$22/20



### UK

10th-11th Oct. 8pm The Memorial Hall. Barry, nr.Cardiff

www.chapter.org tel.029 2030 4400 £9 / £6 \*Coach service from ChapterArts Centre 7pm

18th-19th Oct. 8pm The Green Room. Manchester tel.0161 6150500 £8 / £5

23th-24th Oct. 8pm **Gardner Arts Centre, Brighton** 

www.gardnerarts.co.uk tel.01273 685861 £8 / £6

27th Oct. 7:30pm **Aberystwyth Arts Centre, Aberystwyth** 

www.aber.ac.uk/artscentre tel.01970 623232 £8 / £7

31st Oct.-3rd Nov 7:30pm **ICA**, London

www.ica.org.uk tel.020 7930 3647 £10 / £7 / £6 (ICA members)

10th-11th Nov 8pm St.Donats Arts Centre, **Llantwit Major** 

www.stdonats.com tel.01446 799100 £7 / £5 / £3.50 (u18s)

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