

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

The Off-Broadway show *MADE IN AMERICA* is coming back to LA!

9:30pm on Tuesday March 19th 2024!



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MADE IN AMERICA will be performed at **The Lyric Hyperion Theatre** (2106 Hyperion Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90027). **It will start at 9:30pm.**
\$20.00 General Admission.

MADE IN AMERICA Ticket Link

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/made-in-america-tickets-853323472477?aff=oddtcreator>

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MADE IN AMERICA received tremendous accolades at the Hollywood Fringe Festival 2022. Winner: Best Solo Show, Solo Splash Award, Best One Person Show (LA Theatre Bite Award), Pick of the Fringe, The Hollywood Encore Producers' Award, Hollywood Fringe Festival Scholarship and Critics' Choice ENCORE at Cincinnati Fringe Festival 2023.

MADE IN AMERICA WEBSITE:

<https://www.hollywoodfringe.org/projects/7419>

RUNNING TIME:

60 minutes

APPROPRIATE AUDIENCE:

18+

*Contains very mature contents.

AWARDS

WINNER – CRITICS' CHOICE ENCORE at CINCINNATI FRINGE FESTIVAL 2023

WINNER – THE BEST SOLO SHOW at HOLLYWOOD FRINGE FESTIVAL 2022

WINNER – THE SOLO SPLASH AWARD 2022
WINNER – THE BEST ONE PERSON SHOW at LA THEATRE BITE AWARD 2022
WINNER – THE HOLLYWOOD ENCORE PRODUCERS’ AWARD 2022
WINNER – PICK OF THE FRINGE at HOLLYWOOD FRINGE FESTIVAL 2022
WINNER – HOLLYWOOD FRINGE FESTIVAL SCHOLARSHIP 2022
OUR TOP TEN – STAGE RAW 2022
GREAT SHOW – LA THEATRE BITES (BEST SHOW AT THE FRINGE) 2022

PERFORMANCE HISTORY

June 2022

Hollywood Fringe Festival
@The Complex Theatre, Los Angeles, CA

July 2022

Women’s Voices Festival - Official Selection
@Namba Performing Arts, Ventura, CA

July 2022 (3 Week Extension)

Hollywood Fringe Festival Encore - Official Selection
@The Complex Theatre, Los Angeles, CA

October 2022

@Upright Citizens Brigade, Los Angeles, CA

November-December 2022 (2 Week Run)

International Fringe Encore Series - Official Selection
@SoHo Playhouse, New York City. NY

June 2023 (3 week Run)

Cincinnati Fringe Festival, Ohio
@1316 Know Theatre
***Official Selection**

TEAM BIOGRAPHY



Teruko Nakajima is an actor, dancer, singer, writer, woman, Asian, first-generation immigrant and American who was born in a family of artists in Tokyo, Japan. Teruko means a shining girl in Japanese. She is your biggest cheerleader on earth, and will cheer you up until you say ENOUGH:) She's adopted a baby doggie and now she is a proud single mother. She named her Titi, which means "Tiny Teruko". You can find Teruko a lot on *Funny Or Die*, Netflix *Lady Dynamite* and *Handsome*, CBS *The Millers*, MTV *Awkward*, NBC *Jimmy Kimmel Live!*, Michael Giacchino's *Monster Challenge*. She is a proud *Harold* Improvisor at Upright Citizens Brigade!
Teruko's Website:

<https://www.terukonakajima.com>



Titi (dog) is a Chihuahua/Maltese/Yorkie mix, blonde babe, well-mannered psychiatric service dog, who was born and raised in Los Angeles, the real California Girl! She was adopted from a nice rescue organization called "Dogs Without Borders". She is a proud daughter and loves to perform with her mother! Recently Titi won the official "Homecoming Royalty" at Upright Citizens Brigade. She is a promising superstar!

**"Teruko, don't let all the awards get to Titi's head!"
– Our Director Mr. John**



John Flynn (Director) is an actor/writer/director who currently lives in Los Angeles. His memoir *Baked! Sex, Drugs, and Alternative Comedy* was recently released by Pretty Great Publishing. In 2021 he won the LA Ovation Award for Best Book of a Musical for *It! A Musical Parody*. He's directed one person shows by Jenny Slate (*Dead Millionaire*), Jon Gabrus (*Black Out Drunk*), Donna Thomas (*From Southern Belle to Mrs. Cartel*), and Marla Black (*Raised By Wolves*). He's the co-host of the podcast *Two Old Queens*. He has won five Moth StorySLAMs and one GrandSLAM.

John's Website:

<https://www.johnflynncomedian.com>

REVIEWS

LEAGUE OF CINCY THEATRES BY ARIEL MARY ANN

"This show spoke to me on a deep personal level"

<https://leagueofcincytheatres.info/cincy-fringe-2023-ariels-reviews-2/>

LEAGUE OF CINCY THEATRES BY ALAN JOZWIAK

"A must-see performer"

<https://leagueofcincytheatres.info/alan/>

LEAGUE OF CINCY THEATRES BY LIZ EICHLER

"A powerful tale of perseverance"

<https://leagueofcincytheatres.info/cincy-fringe-reviews-liz-3/>

THE SAPPY CRITIC

"Both Heartwrenching and Heartwarming"

<https://thesappycritic.substack.com/p/fringe-made-in-america-is-both-heartwrenching>

RICK PENDER'S THEATER STAGES & SCENES

"Well worth seeing"

https://www.facebook.com/groups/rickpenderstagesandscenes/posts/1236957376955970/?comment_id=1239345663383808

DC THEATER ARTS

"Teruko and her mini-me Titi will undoubtedly win your heart"

<https://dctheaterarts.org/2022/11/26/irresistible-kick-off-to-nycs-annual-fringe-encore-series-with-made-in-america-at-soho-playhouse/>

STAGE RAW - OUR TOP TEN

“Engaging, Truthful, Captivating”

<http://stageraw.com/2022/06/14/made-in-america/>

LOS ANGELES FEMALE PLAYWRIGHTS INITIATIVE

“Teruko! Teruko The Original!”

<https://lafpi.com/2022/06/fringefemmes-check-ins-made-in-america/>

NOHO ARTS DISTRICT

“Mesmerizing”

<https://nohoartsdistrict.com/made-in-america-review/>

LA THEATRE BITES - GREAT SHOW

“This Is How You Do A Great One Person Show”

<http://latheatrebites.com/hollywood-fringe-festival-2022-made-in-america-the-complex-theatre-review/>

DISCOVER HOLLYWOOD

“Truly A Great Show”

<https://www.discoverhollywood.com/Discover-Hollywood-Blog/2022/July/Made-in-America.aspx>

SPLASH MAGAZINE

“Surviving and Thriving in Life”

<https://splashmags.com/index.php/2022/07/12/made-in-america-review-surviving-and-thriving-in-life/>

EIJIRO OZAKI REVIEW

“This IS the work that gives you courage!”

<https://www.hollywoodfringe.org/learn/content/6125>

NEW YORK BIZ

“Full of Originality!”

https://nybiz.nyc/release/teruko_nakajima/

K-DRAMA SCHOOL

“A Love Letter to America”

<https://kdramaschool.com/episodes/ep-80-worlds-within-and-buddhist-lawyer-with-teruko-nakajima/>

BROADWAY WORLD

“Tremendous Accolades”

<https://broadwayworld.com/los-angeles/article/MADE-IN-AMERICA-by-Teruko-Nakajima-Extends-at-The-Complex-Through-July-20220708/>

LOS ANGELES JOURNAL

“MADE IN AMERICA is a showstopper!”

<https://lajournal.co/made-in-america-is-a-show-stopper/>

VC REPORTER

“America Never Let Me Die”

<https://vcreporter.com/2022/07/fringe-benefits-three-hollywood-fringe-gems-come-to-namba-for-the-womens-voices-festival/>

LOS ANGELES FEMALE PLAYWRIGHTS INITIATIVE

“A Bright Light in Dark Times”

<https://lafpi.com/2022/06/fringefemmes-2022-meet-teruko-nakajima/>

CALENDAR LISTING

What:

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