

## Enmoku (programm)

There are more than 60 different stories, episodes or repertoire called Enmoku, each lasting 30 to 60 minutes, but it's adjustable. Most stories come from ancient myths called the Kojiki (Record of Ancient Matters, 712AD) and the Nihonshoki (Chronicles of Japan, 720AD) written in the eighth century.

## Yamata-no-Orochi (Story against giant evil serpent) 大蛇 30 - 40min.



Ancient time in Izumo, an old couple was living. They had 8 daughters but lost 7 of them already because of giant serpents.

This old couple was sad because they have to sacrifice their last daughter this year.

The hero "Susa" heard this story from them and decided to save her. Susa found where serpents are, made them drunk with Sake, and while they were sleeping, he got rid of them with a sword. (This sword is one of 3 ancient national treasure), and married to this rescued daughter.

## Jinrin (a story based on the battle in 198) 塵輪

20 - 30min.

The battle between the Chuai Tenno (14th emperor in Japan they say) and the powerful demonic king, Jinrin. Jinrin had the ability to fly anywhere in Japan with wings. He and his troops attacked people to death. Chuai decided to defeat Jinrin.



## Yumi Hachiman (a story based on another battle) 弓八幡 20 - 30min.



The battle between the Oujin Tenno (15th emperor in Japan they say) and the another evil foreign king. (Hachiman is enshrined at Usa-Hachiman shrine in Kyushu, had a power to allow to build Todaiji temple in Nara, worshiped by many Shoguns and Samurai throughout history. Later it was combined with Buddhism and spread 46000 shrine exist all over Japan.)

## Ebisu(Comic story of the trade and fishing god) 恵比寿 10min.

Ebisu is a god of fishing which made him also a god of harvesting, wealth and property.

His model is "Okuninushi" who is enshrined at Izumo Taisha shrine (the officially 2nd but historically most important shrine in Japan). Ebisu is performed at wedding because he fish a red snapper which is considered a happy symbol fish in Japan) and he shares this happiness with audience.

