



Markus Guhe

The Shakuhachi Experience

Experience the quintessential sound of Japan and hear about mysterious Zen monks acting as government spies

Immerse yourself in the quintessential sound of Japan in *The Shakuhachi Experience* where licensed shakuhachi *shihan* (master) Markus Guhe takes Japan's oldest bamboo flute on a journey from its mythical beginnings through its long and fascinating history into the 21st century. Come to find out how the *komuso* (mysterious masterless samurai turned mendicant Zen monks) used the shakuhachi not only as a tool for meditation, but also as a weapon. Hear the story how in the Edo era they managed to obtain a government decree giving them the monopoly to play the shakuhachi – turning them into government spies in return.

In this solo show, Markus Guhe does what he does best: taking different musical styles and turning them into a riveting, multi-faceted show. The programme features the traditional shakuhachi solo repertoire created by the *komuso*, happy folk tunes, taiko (Japanese big drums) and live electronics.

Markus Guhe has been performing with the Mugenkyo Taiko Drummers since 2011, doing multiple tours per year and countless performances abroad. He received his shakuhachi *shihan* (master's license) in 2016, and the prestigious, competitive KSK scholarship in 2017 to study with his teacher Kakizakai-sensei in Japan. In 2018 he released his first CD *Samazama* featuring a mix of traditional shakuhachi solo pieces and modern, self-composed music.

Suitable for all ages.

Listings Information

Venue	Arthur Conan Doyle Centre
Dates/Times	8, 9 August 2019, 18:00 (1h) 22, 23, 24 August 2019, 17:00 (1h)
Tickets	https://markus-guhe.fws.store (Markus Guhe's web shop) markusguhe@icloud.com 0131 226 0000 / tickets.edFringe.com
Spotlight Interview	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NtuPErPwajk

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