## An Introduction To Japanese Folk Performing Arts: Soas Musicology Series

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Embark on a captivating journey into the enigmatic world of Japanese folk performing arts. This definitive guide unveils the rich tapestry of these ancient traditions, offering a comprehensive exploration of their history, cultural significance, and exquisite techniques.

From the mesmerizing spectacle of kabuki to the enchanting puppetry of bunraku, discover the diverse array of art forms that have captivated Japanese audiences for centuries. Each chapter delves into the unique characteristics, performance practices, and cultural contexts of these remarkable traditions:

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