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**Idaho Premiere of *A Song Film by Kishi Bashi: "Omoiyari"*
and live musical performances with Kishi Bashi for February 2024 Day of Remembrance**
Proceeds Benefit Friends of Minidoka and Minidoka National Historic Site

Boise, ID – [Friends of Minidoka](#) and [Minidoka National Historic Site](#) are pleased to welcome acclaimed Japanese American musician [Kishi Bashi](#) to Idaho. Kishi Bashi will present his award winning [A Song Film by Kishi Bashi: "Omoiyari"](#) followed by a discussion and live musical performances for the Day of Remembrance in February 2024. The Day of Remembrance commemorates the signing of Executive Order 9066, which led to the exclusion, forced removal, and unjust incarceration of over 125,000 Japanese Americans during WWII. Proceeds from the Idaho events will benefit Friends of Minidoka and Minidoka National Historic Site.

Events will take place at The Community Library in Ketchum on February 13, 2024; the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center in Twin Falls on February 15, 2024; and The Egyptian Theatre in Boise on February 19, 2024. Tickets go on sale on Friday, November 17, 2023. See below for more information.

“Kishi Bashi brings a critical message through his film and album ‘Omoiyari’ – a Japanese word that means to have sympathy and compassion towards another person,” stated Robyn Achilles, Executive Director for Friends of Minidoka. “As we commemorate the 2024 Day of Remembrance and reflect on the unconstitutional incarceration of Japanese Americans, it is important that we examine how the lack of empathy and compassion can spiral into the violation of civil liberties for an entire group of people.”

In *A Song Film by Kishi Bashi: "Omoiyari"*, Kishi Bashi embarks on a transformative journey to confront his heritage and reconcile the painful history of Japanese American incarceration during World War II. Inspired by the rising tide of discrimination against marginalized communities, Kishi Bashi delves into the untold stories of incarceration survivors and composed an album titled *Omoiyari* that captures their experiences. Watch the trailer [here](#).

Omoiyari is Kishi Bashi’s fourth album following the acclaimed *151a* (2012), *Light* (2014), and *Sonderlust* (2016), which have garnered serious acclaim from outlets including NPR Music, The Wall Street Journal and The Guardian. “Through breathtaking performances and intimate interviews, Kishi Bashi's music becomes a catalyst for healing and social change, urging audiences to embrace empathy, understanding, and love in the face of prejudice and discrimination.”

Ticket sales open on November 17, 2023

The Egyptian Theatre ticket sales: egyptiantheatre.net

College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center ticket sales: tickets.csi.edu

The Community Library event registration: thecommunitylibrary.libcal.com/event/11130997

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About Friends of Minidoka

Friends of Minidoka is the philanthropic nonprofit partner for Minidoka National Historic Site, a unit of the National Park Service, located in Jerome, Idaho. We engage in and support education, research, and historic preservation of the unconstitutional incarceration of the Japanese American WWII experience. We strive to pass on the history, legacy, and lessons of civil liberties through transforming and inspiring experiences for the general public and for those with personal and familial ties to the Minidoka concentration camp. We are committed to working with partners, including the National Park Service, to accomplish these goals.

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About Minidoka National Historic Site

Minidoka National Historic Site provides opportunities for public education and interpretation of the exclusion and unjust incarceration of Nikkei—people of Japanese ancestry residing outside of Japan -- in the United States during World War II. Minidoka National Historic Site protects and collaboratively manages resources related to the historic Minidoka War Relocation Center in Idaho and the Bainbridge Island Japanese American Exclusion Memorial in Washington State.

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About Kishi Bashi

Kishi Bashi is the pseudonym of singer, multi-instrumentalist, and songwriter Kaoru Ishibashi. Born in Seattle, Washington, Ishibashi grew up in Norfolk, Virginia where both of his parents were professors at Old Dominion University. As a 1994 graduate of Matthew Fontaine Maury High School, he went on to study film scoring at Berklee College of Music before becoming a renowned violinist. Ishibashi has recorded and toured internationally as a violinist with diverse artists such as Regina Spektor, Sondre Lerche, and most recently, the Athens, Georgia-based indie rock band, of Montreal. He is based in Northern California.

kishibashi.com

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