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"DONTSUKU"

(Festival Music) Kabuki Dance

To be presented by Sawamura Sojuro Troupe

At Mitsukoshi Hall

January, 1947

(NO DIALOGUE)



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Comment:

In Tokugawa period there was, in the town of Edo, a famous festival in which sacred pantomimes, with grotesque masks and costumes, were played in a pageant.

This dance Dontsuku was adopted into Kabuki by a man named Sakurada-Jisuke from one of those pantomimes and was first presented on stage at the theatre Ichimuraza in January, 1846.