The Asian Arts & Culture Program at UMass Amherst Fine Arts Center

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**WHAT:** The Arts of the Geisha

**WHEN:** Tuesday, September 30

**TIME:** 7:30 p.m.

**WHERE:** Bowker Auditorium

**Yuko Eguchi,** a scholar and performer will perform Japanese traditional music and dance, called *kouta* (small songs) and *koutaburi* (dance of small songs), a genre uniquely created by women and primarily preserved in *geisha* artistic culture. The *kouta* songs describe beautiful scenes of nature, but the true message—a geisha's affectionate love and despair—are often hidden behind its cleverly composed words. Yuko studied *kouta* singing and *shamisen* (three-stringed lute) and *koutaburi* dance under two former geishas, Toyoseiyoshi Kasuga and Yoshie Asaji. The performance will include *Mizu no Debana* (As the Water Flows), *Harusame* (Spring Rain), and *Uchimizu* (Sprinkling the Garden).

[http://yukoeguchi.com](http://yukoeguchi.com)

**General Admission:** $15; $10  Multiple Outreach activities in the Five College

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