



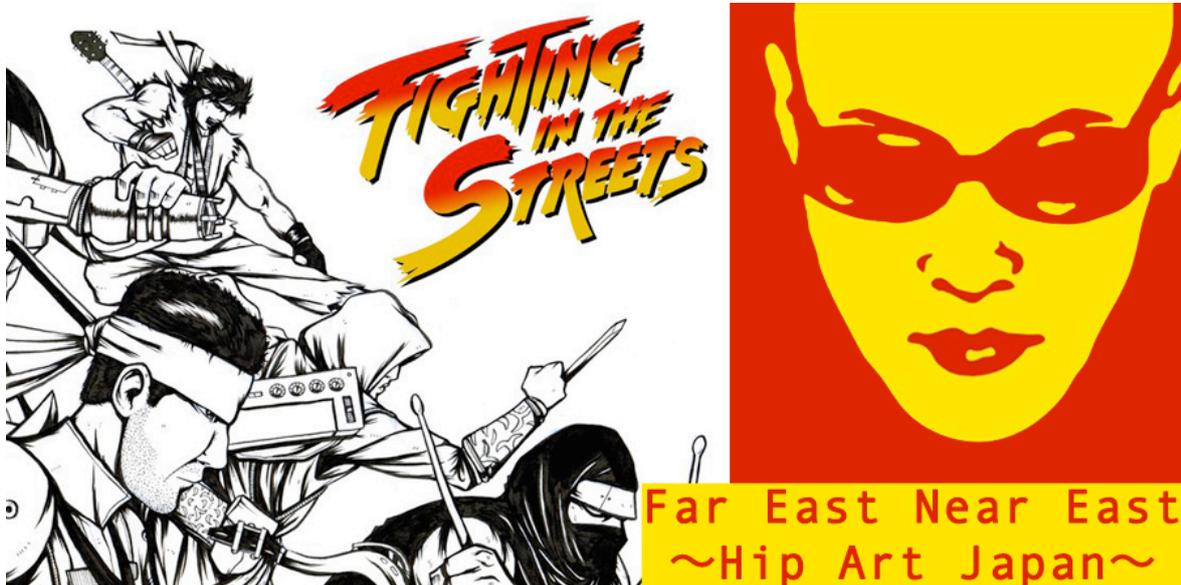
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RESOBOX Gallery
41-26 27th Street,
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Far East Near East ~Hip Art Japan~

A night with avant-garde tea ceremony artist, "The Red Man" and video game-based musical accompaniment by live band, Fighting in the Streets



Artist: Hechi-Ken Hamazaki/Red Tea Ceremony & Fighting in the Streets

Date: Saturday, September 6 7:30 P.M. (doors open at 7:00 P.M.)

Admission: \$10

Where: RESOBOX Gallery

41-26 27th St. Long Island City, NY 11101

(Between Queens Plaza North and 41 St. Ave.)

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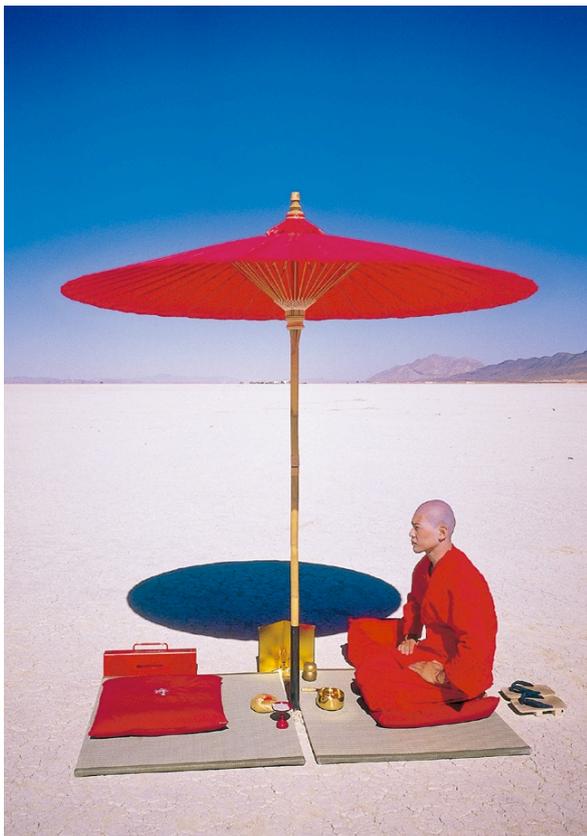
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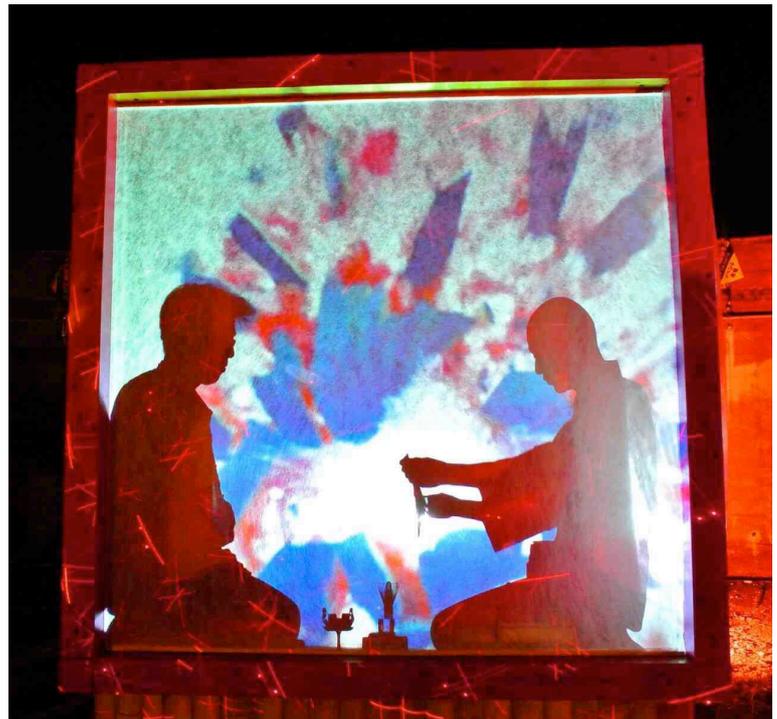
About Red Tea Ceremony (English)

The art performance is by Japanese contemporary artist, Ken Hamazaki. This performance was inspired by and arranged from the Japanese traditional tea ceremony. The original ceremony consists of a variety of manners to drink tea properly, but to experience this ceremony fully, it's best to simply drink with a style you favor most. The most interesting practice would be focusing your thoughts on the tea master for a few minutes without speaking and enjoying the tea in this small silent space. I always serve this tea for whoever sits down in front of me. Red Tea Ceremony -YOU ARE GOD- is always a great tool to communicate universally without any thought of hierarchy. I'll be happy if we could find any great idea to make better and more enjoyable future throughout this tea ceremony.

Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ezVVWRHWZIE>

Photo Gallery







**Alex Lopez and Norman Edwards
Fighting in the Streets**



About the Performers

KEN HAMAZAKI

With his shaved head, red body paint, and red costumes, Ken Hamazaki is known in Osaka's Minami Senba district as "The Red Man." Hamazaki is involved in a wide range of activities both in Japan and abroad, including performing his Red Tea Ceremony and helping young artists produce their work. In his "Maze Paintings," Hamazaki uses the idea of a labyrinth to depict the outline or shadow of celebrities. In his "Puzzle Paintings," which often use the image of the Mona Lisa, he paints on each individual puzzle piece and assembles the puzzle into a single artwork. Hamazaki's work is rich in playfulness and grants us a fresh perspective on images that we might otherwise never have seen.

Ken Hamazaki in the Press:

[Red Tea Ceremony Raises Awareness for Fukushima](#) (Visualnews.com)

[Burning Man 2011](#) (Los Angeles Times)

Visit Ken Hamazaki's website at <http://www.kenhamazaki.jp/e/index.htm>

FIGHTING IN THE STREETS (LIVE BAND)

"Fighting in the Streets" was created by Alex Lopez and Norman Edwards in the fall of 2009. The two met while studying at Manhattan School of Music and quickly gravitated towards each others musical personalities. The pair soon realized that they also shared a passion for the music of video games and envisioned performing the music live. Fighting In The Streets is a fiery band of musicians who utilize jazz improvisation, funky grooves, and smooth showmanship through video game music. We play songs from Super Mario Bros, Sonic the Hedgehog, Street Fighter 2, Mega Man, Castlevania, and more. The band consists of five members including, reeds, guitar,keys,bass and drums. The goal of the band is to play music we have listened to subconsciously as kids and bring to life with new arrangements and pure RAW energy. They have played at The Groove, Spike Hill, The MAG FEST, The Shrine and Silvana.

Visit their fan page at:

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Fighting-in-the-Streets/163556183683235>

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