



JOU

choreographer / dancer
director of "Odorujou" -a performance project unit-

JOU, a Japanese contemporary choreographer based in Kagoshima Japan.

As an individual artist and director of Odorujou, her activities vary from performing on stage, collaborating project with other fields such as "film, music, architecture, installation, and media arts", to teach contemporary dance and improvisation technique in many countries

For her dance works, Takao Norikoshi (dance critical writer) describes below;
"She manipulates her long limbs and highly flexible body sensitively and dynamically. She has sufficient physical vocabularies to keep dancing within one-meter radius without making audience get bored."
(Contemporary dance HYPER guide 2004)

"She is blessed physically and has the ability to create rich, infinite movements in restricted conditions. Her use of video is effective in her works that absorb various ideas elaboratively. The sense of humor and affectivity in her works show that she has an air of inclusion as a Creator.
(Contemporary poem notes "contemporary dance now" 2004)

Prize

2003 & 2004 Yokohama Dance Collection Solo Duo finalist.

The Special Prize for Foreign Choreographer—The 2008 Seoul International Choreography Festival.(She often works conceptual project, corroborative work, and her solo piece with Mitsuaki matsumoto- visual and audio artist- is awarded)

2011 IDILL2011 nominated "JOU DANCE 2 in Asakusa" -a video dance movie

History of dance education:

1988	Graduated from Health and Japan dance school 1year course
1990-1993	Studying at Orange Coast College (Orange County, CA)
1993-1995	Studying at Temple of Fine Arts, Federal Academy of Ballet (Malaysia)
1995-1997	Studying at Japan Women's Physical Education College (Tokyo)
1999	Ohio University School of Dance - BFA (Athens, OH)

Some of own works festival attendance:

1998 & 1999	Ohio Dance Festival USA
2005	About Town DTW / NY, U.S.A.
2008	2008 Seoul International choreography Festival
2009	Croisements Festival 2009 Tours France
2010	Die Pratz Dance Festival 2010
2011	Die Pratz Dance Festival 2011/ IDILL2011 "JOU DANCE 2 in ASAKUSA"
2012	organize Osumi Art Festival 2012

Education as a teacher:

Tokyo performance kids 2010-2011 a guest teaching artist
Yokohama city primary school guest teaching artist/ teacher of Musashino Arts
University in Tokyo/ teacher of Feris womens University in Yokohama in Japan

Social work:

Official Cooperation member to promote Kimotsuki town in Kagoshima, Japan