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Launching **February 1st** through **May 15th, 2022**

Matt Miwa and **Julie Tamiko Manning** of ***Tashme Productions*** proudly present

Yume. Digital Dreams

Tashme Productions launches *Yume. Digital Dreams*

14 Japanese Canadian artists collaborate to create new digital work!

As cultural connectors and activists, Tashme Productions is proud to contribute to the national community as Japanese Canadians, showcasing the vibrant contemporary Japanese Canadian art practice to both our community, and a wider Canadian audience!

14 Professional Artists selected from the ***Japanese Canadian Artist Directory*** will collaborate online, in pairs over 4 months to create exciting **New digital Work.**

The Directory, www.japanesecanadianartists.com features rich profiles of Japanese Canadian artists past and present and is a huge achievement on the part of the Japanese Canadian national community. Like all community resources, the Directory benefits from continued investment, and project leaders Matt Miwa and Julie Tamiko Manning are proposing a dynamic opportunity to pair-up 14 of its featured artists to encounter each other, and to create new, online work collaboratively. Both the bi-monthly process updates and the outcomes of these experiments will be featured via social media platforms and on our project's new website yumedigitaldreams.art (launching **February 15th!**) which will link *directly* to the Directory.

The project welcomes a roster of talented and diverse artists who span generations, artistic disciplines and who come from all corners of Canada. They are: **Baco Ohama** (Calgary, AB), [Poet/Visual art](#); **Dawn Obokata** (Toronto, ON), [Theatre Artist](#); **Hitoshi Sugiyama** (Edmonton, AB), [Electronic Music/Flute](#); **Jon Sasaki** (Toronto, ON), [Multi-Disciplinary Artist](#); **Kayla Isomura** (Vancouver, BC),

[Photographer](#); **Kunji Ikeda** (Calgary, AB), [Dance/theatre](#); **Lillian Michiko Blakey**, (Newmarket, ON) [Visual Art](#); **Linda Hoffman** (Vancouver, BC), [Taiko/Interdisciplinary Artist](#); **Michael Fukushima** (Eastern Townships, QC), [Filmmaker](#); **Miya Turnbull** (Halifax, NS), [Visual Art](#); **Noriko Kim Kobayashi** (Surrey, BC), [Taiko / Musician](#); **Shion Skye Carter** (Vancouver, BC), [Experimental Dancer](#); **Teiya Kasahara** (Toronto, ON), [Opera](#); and **Will Shintani** (Toronto, ON), [Visual Artist](#).

The goal of *Yume. Digital Dreams* is to grow the national profile of the Directory, transforming it from an archival hub of cultural knowledge to an active resource of community outreach, exchange and real-time artistic evolution. The project is unique in that it will share intergenerational, interdisciplinary and cross-regional connections and exchanges as the artists negotiate their respective processes towards a final piece in real time.

The project runs from February to May. Keep an eye out for an invitation to the final vernissage in mid-May 2022.

Over the past decade, *Tashme Productions* has both developed and toured [The Tashme Project: The Living Archives](#), their signature theatre piece, across the country, broadening and deepening our network of Japanese Canadian community activists and artists. *Yume. Digital Dreams* represents the next evolution of their role in the national Japanese Canadian community and presents yet another opportunity to contribute a healthy and vitalized dialogue around Japanese Canadian identity and legacy.

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