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The Kagai In Kyoto (Japanese Edition)



Synopsis

Kagai, literally translated as “Flower Town,” is the term Kyoto people use for the districts where the geiko and maiko practice the high-class arts that have made their beauty and refinement legendary the world over. There are five Kagai in Kyoto: Gion Kobu, Miyagawacho, Pontocho, Kamishichiken and Gion Higashi. This over 300-page volume is divided into five chapters: ELEGANCE OF GEIKO AND MAIKO: Features the beauty of the protagonists in Kagai, with the details on their hairstyles and flower ornaments. SPLENDOR OF DANCE STAGE: Features geiko and maiko on the stage, showing their seriously pursued entertainment skills. FOUR SEASONS IN KAGAI: Presents a lot of annual events throughout the year. GION BETWEEN 1973 AND 1985: Shows the tradition in Kagai. TRANSITION FROM MAIKO TO GEIKO: Documenting a girl entering this world as an apprentice, and her efforts for 5 years to become a geiko. This definitive photo collection will be a good introduction to Kyoto’s traditional culture.

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Customer Reviews

Hiroshi Mizobuchi is a photographer specializing in Kyoto’s entertainment quarter for a long time. He had exhibitions in Washington DC, Miltenberg in Germany as well as various cities in Japan. He has published more than 20 books.

Fantastic primarily photo book, following the willow and flower world over the seasons. There is some text information about the mysterious Maiko and Geiko of Kyoto, but this is primarily a photo essay and the photos are excellent.

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