

# GEORGE KAMIKAWA & NORIKO TADANO

## East Meets West

George is an extraordinary blues singer and guitarist with amazing talent and Nashville style... but wait a second, he's Japanese!

And hold on, is that a banjo? No, it's a Japanese *Shamisen* played with incredible skill by Noriko, one of Japan's award winning *Shamisen* players.

This truly is East Meets West, and they really rock!



George and Noriko's funky, energetic, exciting performances won them the **2008 Australian Busking Championships** and an invitation to play at the **2009 Port Fairy Folk Festival**. They even got through to the finals in **Australia's Got Talent 2012!**

Check out George and Noriko on Australia's Got Talent on the Nexus Arts Youtube channel:  
Semi-finals: <http://youtu.be/5-TkT3zYTss> Finals: <http://youtu.be/ReAUS6-NCPE>

Experienced country blues artist George Kamikawa's playing is typified by its raw energy and broad tonal range - from delicate harmonics to searing rips and slides on guitar, soulful singing and driving rhythms on harmonica.

Noriko Tadano on her *Tsugaru Shamisen* accompanies George's wild blues playing as well as performing both traditional Japanese folk songs and stunning original pieces which explore feelings and experiences through melodic notes and often heart pounding beats. She has been playing *Shamisen* since she was six years old, both in Japan and all over Australia.

George and Noriko promote and retain Japanese customs while embracing and welcoming the music of other cultures. Mixing well known blues songs with ancient Japanese music, West vs East celebrates the bringing together of Asian and Western cultures as well as traditional and contemporary music – and the audience have the time of their lives!

**East Meets West is weird, wonderful, quirky and totally unexpected!**

*"George and Noriko were brilliant! Everyone got into it... Best musical show so far!  
Strongly recommended for all ages".* - John Papadopoulos, Prep – 6, Warrnambool PS



Price: \$6.00 plus GST per student    **Minimum:** 150 students  
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