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## what is KUMANO?



With the heat coming down on earth, the season is coming to an end. Summer is making room for new ideas and fresh energy. I am happy to announce that we will start the 2022/2023 season with my latest production, KUMANO.

KUMANO is a cross-disciplinary project I have made in collaboration with Reinier van Brummelen, with whom I have previously made a number of performances exploring the borders of cinema, live performance and installation.

The region of Kumano in Japan is where I was born and raised. It is believed to be a sacred place, as it has been an important pilgrimage route since the middle ages, with mention in Japan's founding mythology. It is believed that in these mountains, the spirits and ancestors dwell after they die. Kumano is a so-called in-between: a place between the past and the present, a place to stand still, and a place to find oneself again.



The installation-performance KUMANO could also be experienced as an in-between. It is an enclosed space defined by its environment and its past. It is in this empty, yet crowded space where color, light, film and music create Tomoko's experience of Kumano.

The performance will contain a broad repertoire of music combining different worlds, with pieces from Maxim Shalygin, Claude Vivier, Maurice Ravel, and myself. It is the music that accompanies the wandering camera, projected on large big textiles, in search of meaning and something to



## KUMANO

1 September - **De Duif** Amsterdam

ticket: <https://www.eventbrite.nl/e/kumano-tickets-378546040397>

\*[Early bird tickets](#) for KUMANO Amsterdam can be purchased **until the 31st of July.**

9 September – **KORZO** Den Haag

ticket: Ticket sales will start soon

11 October - **SPOT/De Oosterpoort** Groningen

ticket: <https://www.spotgroningen.nl/programma/tomoko-mukaiyama/>



We wish you a refreshing summer, and hope to see you in the new season.

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