

Powell Street Festival Society presents

# SHUGO TOKUMARU & MIA DOI TODD

**Saturday, August 2, 2008 @ 8 pm (doors open at 7:30 pm)**

**Firehall Arts Centre (280 East Cordova Street)**

**TICKETS @ THE DOOR: \$15/\$10** (students, seniors and PSF members)

More information: 604 683 8240 or [www.powellstreetfestival.com](http://www.powellstreetfestival.com)

SPECIAL GUESTS **SHUGO TOKUMARU** FROM JAPAN AND **MIA DOI TODD** FROM LOS ANGELES PERFORM AN INTIMATE EVENING CONCERT AT THE FIREHALL ARTS CENTRE AS PART OF THE 32<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL POWELL STREET FESTIVAL.

Performing solo on guitar, saw, stringed instruments, percussion, toys and more, **Shugo Tokumaru** is a quiet and talented force to be reckoned with. Known for his atmospheric, poppy, psychedelic-folk songs fronted by lovely vocals, he has released two albums internationally and has been acclaimed in such prestigious publications as *The Wire* and *Rolling Stone*. The Powell Street Festival welcomes this emerging artist to the main stage in his debut performance in Canada.

Shugo Tokumaru has "affinity for bright, beautiful melodies: Shugo's hushed tenor and sparse acoustic guitar arrangements will also remind American indie-pop audiences of Sufjan Stevens, and the songs' unintrusive electronic embellishments recall Nobukazu Takemura." (Pitchfork Media)

Los Angeles-based **Mia Doi Todd** has released several albums of her genre-defying music. Part avant-folk, some jazz, some experimental pop, all unique, Mia has also collaborated with many musicians, contributing her stellar voice to the tunes of Dntel, Beachwood Sparks, DJ Nobody, Adventure Time, Frausdots, Folk Implosion, The Mission, Saul Williams, Ammoncontact and more.

"Like a 21st century Yeats she transforms our species' dilemmas, follies, and misery into cathartic beauty. In this time of relentless ugliness, we need Mia Doi Todd." (LA Weekly)

This event is part of the **32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Powell Street Festival**, held in Oppenheimer Park and the Firehall Arts Centre on August 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2008. More information at [www.powellstreetfestival.com](http://www.powellstreetfestival.com).

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