



Press Release

***NHK “Hoshi Shinichi’s Short Shorts” Wins at  
37<sup>th</sup> International Emmy Award***

**TOKYO, November 24, 2009** – NHK “Hoshi Shinichi’s Short Shorts” won International Emmy Award for best comedy at the 37th International Emmy Awards Gala held in New York City on November 23, 2009.

International Emmy Award for Best Comedy

**Hoshi Shinichi’s Short Shorts**

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Author Hoshi Shinichi owns the title “God of the Short Story.” Of which he bequeathed us over 1000, all vibrant with fresh ideas, offbeat humor, and trenchant wit – tales of lives, and even universes, told in the space of a breath. In the years since his death, new generations keep discovering him. Here, his “Grownup Fairytales” find new life at the hands of younger artists in a surprising array of media: animation, theater, and more. In their new guises, these mythologies for adults mirror our unease about the future –at the same time, finding warmth and solace timely companions.



**Recent NHK wins at International Emmy**

***Tell Us About Your Life - Battlefield Doctor,***

(awarded Best Children & Young People in 1999)

***Kenzo Oe’s Long Road to Fatherhood***

(awarded Best Arts Programming in 1995)

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