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# Women's Leadership Counts

## SPEAKER'S BIO



### **YOKO NARAHASHI**

*President, United Performer Studio; Producer, Director, Casting Director and Lyricist*

Among the plays Ms. Narahashi has directed are *Hair*, *The Magic Monkey*, and the award-winning *The Winds of God*, which was invited to perform in the U.S. (The Actors Studio, The United Nations), Australia and New Zealand. *The Winds* was also the first feature film she directed, for which she received the Japan Film Critics Award for Best New Director. Ms. Narahashi also produced *Emperor* starring Tommy Lee Jones in 2014. Since 1986 she has worked as a casting director for various feature films, including *The Last Samurai* (2003), which she also associate-produced. She continues to be active as a casting director, working with many directors including Rob Marshall, Alejandro Gonzalez Inarritu, James Mangold and Angelina Jolie.