Company Bio

Mochinosha, the Japanese sister company to the Wishes Mystical Puppet Company was founded in 2012 by Canadian artist Daniel Wishes and Japanese artist Seri Yanai. The two met while studying puppetry together at the London School of Puppetry in the UK. Composer and musician Elliott Loran joined the company in 2016.

The name Mochinosha roughly translates into English as company for hope. Mochinosha creates and performs with shadow puppetry, marionettes, rod puppets and glove puppets. They have created over a dozen shows for both adults and children and performed across Canada, Japan and the UK.

Past Works and Awards

Selected plays by Mochinosha include: Oni (2014), Debris, (2015). Hitodama (2015), and Mimi the Gourmet Cat (2017)

Their 2015 show "Debris" won the award for best new puppetry in Japan from the Aichi Puppetry Centre. It also won a trophy in the Suginami Theatre Festival.