



# SHIGEYUKI KIHARA TALANOA: WALK THE TALK #V PERFORMANCE 14 JANUARY 10AM DIXON STREET MALL, CHINATOWN

Shigeyuki Kihara is a Japanese/Samoan artist based in New Zealand. Over the last year she has embarked on an ambitious set of performances based on a Samoan concept of Talanoa which roughly translates as “to chat or converse” and is also a practice of talking through matters of cultural and social importance. Kihara’s project seeks to develop platforms for inter-cultural discussion, by bringing together two musical or dance groups from different cultural backgrounds to develop performances in public spaces. For Edge of Elsewhere, Kihara has been commissioned by Gallery 4A to develop her fifth Talanoa: Walk the Talk performance on Dixon St, Chinatown working with local Chinese and Pacific Island communities.

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Image: Shigeyuki Kihara, Talanoa: Walk the Talk III, performance. Miki Miki Gupteshar Mandir Society and the Samoa Congregational Church Minto, Minto Mall 8 August 2009. Courtesy the artist. Commissioned by Campbelltown Arts Centre. Image: Susannah Wimberley Photography