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## SoLA Pick: Ibuki Kuramochi

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Ibuki Kuramochi doesn't just make paintings. The Japanese artist *becomes* the painting itself, using her body as a canvas and a paintbrush as she surrounds and adorns herself with bold, swirling patterns and dramatic slashes of black paint. At this solo performance, titled *Spirit*, Kuramochi transmutes the formal discipline of *butoh* to create a darkly beautiful and strangely hypnotic new ritual in which she employs the motion and momentum of dance to propel her movements as a live painter. As she unwinds and unfolds her limbs with saturnine grace, Kuramochi invokes and reconnects with the spirits of the natural world in a hybrid of dance, art and music that is moving and lulling.

*The Terasaki Nibei Foundation, 11570 W. Olympic Blvd., West L.A.; Sat., May 11, 6 p.m.; free. (310) 479-6101.*

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