

Second Floor

The second floor offers a commanding view of the *hanamichi* and the stage. It contains boxes on both sides and a section of seating at the back. The latter is called *muko sajiki* (lit. “the boxes beyond”). This area is divided into three tiers, or sections: front, middle, and rear. These sections are known by the names, “front boat” (*maebune*), “middle boat” (*nakabune*), and “rear boat” (*atobune*).

Historically, there were general admission seats on the first floor, in the section called *binode* next to the *hanamichi* on the side away from the stage. This seating area is not divided into sections. The name *binode* (“sunrise”) relates to its location, on the east side. *Hinode* means “rising sun.”

* For performances of Shikoku Konpira Kabuki Oshibai, the names of the seating sections may be slightly different.