



IN RETURN

A COMMUNITY TAIKO CONCERT

THE LINDEMANN PERFORMING ARTS CENTER
SAT FEB 17, 2024 AT 7:00PM



PROGRAM

Omiyage | Multiple Groups

By Shoji Kameda

Performers: Brian Cheung from Taiko Tides, Corey Wells from Kazenodaichi Taiko, Ger Tysk from ShinDaiko, Isaac Loomis from Columbia Taiko, Jen Weir, Jodi Scharf from Soh Daiko, Joe Small, Maddie Hopfield from Casual Fifth, Norah Gilbert from Kyo Daiko, Yeeman “ManMan” Mui, Samuel Leung from Gendo Taiko, Tyler Devlin from Jiten Daiko, Yoshiko Connolly from JGB Shibuki, and Yuta Kato

Mozamjam | Odaiko New England

By Martin Doyle

Performers: Amanda Ruiz, Brian Forbis, Connie Chow, Emma Trowbridge, Evan Tam, Jasmine Hall, Jen King, Juni Kobayashi, Marc Verhagen, and Marly Coe

Hitotsu | OMNY Taiko

By Kokubu Taiko

Performers: Chris Luthi, Clare Wilson, Crissy Lau, Greg Valure, Jill Hopfield, JJ DelSerra, Scott Kuraoka

Soka | Miyako Taiko (ft. MHTX)

By Mark H Rooney

Performers: Abena Oteng-Agipong, Calvin Chiang, Carissa Aoki, Crystal Ng, Jim Barnds, John Maniha, Joyce Yang, Kim Morrison, Paris Huang, Sara Harris, Tamra Tomlinson, and Tara Naoko Ohrtman; featuring Erika Ninoyu and Kota Mizutani from MHTX

Hero | Yamatai (Taiko at Cornell)

By Masataka Kobayashi

Performers: Chris Chung, Claire Wu, Dylan Lee, Elisha Wang, Emily Fan, Emma Pereira, Iris Ho, Julianne Huang, Max Ma, Qingyu "Victoria" Shao, Robert HaoJia Wang, and Sydney Lau

20th Anniversary Medley | Gendo Taiko

Miyake is based on the regional traditional performing art of Miyake-jima Kamitsuki Mikoshi Daiko (Miyake Island, Tokyo), arrangement taught to Gendo Taiko by our parent group Wadaiko Gensou's members Takao Handa and Satoko Nambu in 2004; Tetsumai by Larry Hong (Brown '11); Cyclone by Ethan Jiang (Brown '25)

Performers: Ash Lassonde, Caleb Solomon, Emily Tom, Ethan Jiang, Jedidiah Davis, Joseph Maffa, Julia Mei, Kikuyo Shaw, Rei Guo, Samuel Leung, and Takaya Montez de Oca

INTERMISSION

Horizons with Awakening | Joe Small and Swarthmore Taiko Ensemble

By Joe Small; by Ian Cleworth

Performers: Joe Small, Drake Roth, Emily Lathers, Keira Dandy, Kieran Mulligan, Liya Chang, Lucas Liu, Min Fruman, Moss Wacker, Myles Farrall, Quincy Ponvert, and Rain White

Where the Heart and Korekara | RAW Taiko

By Young Park, D Badua, and Kyoko Ogoda; by Michelle Fujii and Walter Clarke

Performers: Young Park, Courtney Ayukawa, D Badua, Rae Bariliea, Stephanie Hui, Veronica Ing, and Wy-J Kou; featuring Michelle Fujii

Yuudachi | Soh Daiko

By Sandy Ikeda

Performers: Anna Croteau, Jane Conrad, Jodi Scharf, Julianna Hessel, Keiko Yamamoto, Miyuki Rivera, Tamiko Ooka

Once Upon a Time There Was a... | Tiffany Tamaribuchi

By Tiffany Tamaribuchi

Zutto Futari de | Michelle Fujii and Toru Watanabe

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Sounds of Kabuki | Kenny Endo and Sumie Kaneko

By Kenny Endo and Sumie Kaneko

Mikagura | Chieko Kojima and Kenny Endo

By Chieko Kojima and Kenny Endo

Hana Hachijo | Chieko Kojima and Yuta Kato

By Chieko Kojima

ECTC All-Stars | Multiple Artists

By Mark H Rooney

Performers: Chieko Kojima, Chizuko Endo, Franco Imperial, Jen Weir, Joe Small, Karen Young, Kenny Endo, Yeeman “ManMan” Mui, Mark H Rooney, Michelle Fujii and Toru Watanabe, Roy Hirabayashi, Soh Daiko (Anna Croteau, Jane Conrad, Jodi Scharf, and Julianna Hessel), Sumie Kaneko, Stuart Patton, Tiffany Tamaribuchi, Young Park, and Yuta Kato

This performance is approximately 2 hours and 30 minutes including a 15-minute intermission.

ABOUT EAST COAST TAIKO CONFERENCE



Since 2011, the East Coast Taiko Conference has fostered intergenerational knowledge of taiko performance and engagement. Hosted annually by a roster of Northeast collegiate taiko groups, the conference offers participants the opportunity to expand their repertoire, train with professional taiko players, and build connections throughout the community. Brown/RISD Gendo Taiko is honored to host ECTC in 2024, the first time the conference will take place since the pandemic.

This year's theme, In Return, emphasizes the future of taiko not only as a performing art but also a form of cultural expression and community-engaged pedagogy. As we emerge from the pandemic, ECTC works to reignite and revitalize critically-needed relationships between taiko groups.

ABOUT GENDO TAIKO



Gendo Taiko is a contemporary Taiko drumming ensemble centered around celebrating diasporic Asian identities, consisting of students from Brown University and the Rhode Island School of Design.

As one of the earliest collegiate Taiko drumming groups established on the East Coast, Gendo Taiko was founded in 2004 by Raiki Machida (Brown '07) and Joshua Goldner (Brown '05). Gendo Taiko's earliest songs came from Wadaiko Gensou (和太鼓 幻創), a semi-professional Taiko duo based in Miyagi, Japan, with whom Machida had trained.

Today, Gendo Taiko continues to expand its repertoire through new compositions and collaborates with the greater Taiko community by hosting and participating in annual conferences and invitationals. Gendo Taiko is proud to be located in the Providence community and seeks to use its platform to celebrate the Asian diaspora.