



WADAIKO AND SHAMISEN FOR SCHOOLS

Book the **WADAIKO RINDO DRUMMERS** to inform your students about a vibrant and attractive aspect of Japanese culture. Toshi Sakamoto's presentations include Japanese language, exuberant student participation, and information about historical and cultural significance.



Add to this the **TSUGARU SHAMISEN** of Noriko Tadano. This 3-stringed instrument's distinctive feature is its unique percussive qualities producing a powerful, 'bluesy' sound.

The following resources are available to further enrich the cultural experience of you students: Vocabulary list, worksheet and answers, and information about taiko in history and tsugaru shamisen

WADAIKO WORKSHOPS: The workshops include a short demonstration, an explanation and history of the instrument and the opportunity for the students to play the drums themselves. The smaller the group, the greater the opportunity for the students to play: Every student in a group of up to 30 will be able to play.

COST: 30-35mins (\$121), 40-45mins (\$143), 50-55mins (\$165) *Suitable for up to 30 students*; 60mins (\$198) *Suitable for up to 50 students* (min 2 sessions, max 6 sessions)

SHAMISEN WORKSHOPS: Noriko gives students an experience of the breadth and vitality of the shamisen repertoire and will also have them up dancing a bit of bonodori dancing.

COST: 30-35mins (\$121), 40-45mins (\$143), 50-55mins (\$165) *Suitable for up to 30 students*; 60mins (\$198) *Suitable for up to 50 students* (min 2 sessions, max 6 sessions)

WADAIKO AND SHAMISEN WORKSHOPS: Noriko and Toshi perform wadaiko and shamisen ensemble tunes, explain the history and current usage of their instruments and involve the students in a hands-on experience of creating an ensemble piece. Suitable for groups of up to 30 students

COST: 50 -60 mins \$264 *Suitable for up to 30 students* (minimum 2 sessions, max 6 sessions)

WADAIKO CONCERT: High-powered, entertaining, drumming performance suitable for any size group

COST: 2 performers 10-15 mins \$385 (\$330 if booked in conjunction with workshops)

WADAIKO AND SHAMISEN CONCERT: High-powered, entertaining, drumming and shamisen performance suitable for any size group

COST: 2 performers 15-20 mins \$440 (\$385 if booked in conjunction with workshops)

WADAIKO SHOW: The show combines a spectacular concert with similar content to a workshop. Several students will be invited to have hands-on participation. Schools may book a maximum of 3 school shows on one day. Two wadaiko performers ▪ 45 minutes duration.

COST: \$660 for up to 120 students. If there are more than 120 students the cost is \$5.50 per student.

WASABI SHOW: The **WA** (wadaiko) **SA** (shamisen) **BI** (beauty) show is similar to the normal school show but has the added dimension of the amazing skills of Noriko Tadano. Your students will be entranced by the speed, dexterity and beauty of Noriko's shamisen playing and singing combined with the force and vigour of the taiko. ▪ 50 minutes duration

COST: \$660 for up to 120 students. If there are more than 120 students the cost is \$5.50 per student.

