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it's hot!



If you like cultural incursions with a bang, then this is for you!

When the thundering power of the Taiko meets the shimmering beauty of the Shamisen no one is left unmoved.

Wasabi consists of two master musicians of the Japanese tradition. Join them as they take your students on an unforgettable and exhilarating journey through the music and culture of Japan. With plenty of participation and loads of laughs blended seamlessly with virtuoso performance, your students will have so much fun they'll never guess how much they've learnt!



Toshinori Sakamoto is an experienced and acclaimed Taiko Master. He founded RINDO DAIKO in Kyushu as well as several Taiko teams in Melbourne since settling here in 1995. **Wasabi** is his newest venture and sees him teamed with Noriko Tadano, an exceptional Shamisen player and singer currently gaining national and international recognition for her craft.

**"It was great! Cool and LOUD!!
An excellent, powerful and spectacular entertainment."
Brighton Grammar School**



**"Wasabi was a HUGE hit with the students and truly fuelled their enthusiasm for the Japanese language and culture. They were completely engaged for the duration of the show. I would be very inclined to welcome them back to the school in the future."
Gillian Eeley, Craigsley State School**



Suitability: Prep – Year 12 **Duration:** 55 minutes
Cost: \$6.00 per student +GST Workshops \$120 +GST
Minimum Audience: 120 students.
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Feedback for WASABI

“Students were jumping with excitement to participate.”

Amanda Dallimore, Mount Waverley PS

"I loved it to the moon and back" said **Luke, Prep student, St Mary's Colac**

“All the children were completely engaged by the experience. They loved the energy, techniques and songs. It was great that so many students got to have a go and was so valuable for the kids to enjoy 'real-life" Japanese not just from video and books! What a fantastic show-Thank You"

Penny Knight. St Mary's Colac

“The children talked about the experience for days. Wasabi brought the Japanese festive spirit to our school. The lively music and drums made us all want to dance. Fantastic!”

Farrer PS ACT

“Students loved it!! All the students were talking about it and how they wanted to see it again. They were very engaged. Teachers thought it was fantastic. Good presenters that were lively, informative and entertaining!” Greenwith PS

“Students thoroughly enjoyed the performance and were completely engaged! I already have students/teachers asking if we can get them back next year!”

Flaxmill Schools

“Students were so excited to see the instruments played and keen to use some language. The performers involved the students and did a fantastic job. Lots of information given. Very professional, great quality performance.” Keithcot Farm PS SA

“The students enjoyed it very much, enjoyed being involved. Teachers thought it was very good, well explained and great that you got the students involved.”

Sheidow Park School

“Student response – cool, great, awesome, loud, fantastic, spectacular! They liked the instruments and enjoyed the chance to play. Teachers found them awesome and charismatic and loved the fact that the students got to participate. They liked that the performers catered for a wide age range.”

Charnwood Dunlop School ACT

“The students found the drums cool. Something really different. Teachers thought it was aimed at the right level in terms of talking to the students.”

Monash Primary

"Great audience participation. Terrific learning opportunity! Really enjoyed such a different performance."

St Vincent

"They were thrilled! They loved it, and enjoyed performing with you all."

Geebung State School