

# TAIKO

## Drums and Flutes of Japan



***What is the sound of one hand clapping?  
NOTHING LIKE THIS!!***

This highly energetic, visually exciting and entertaining Japanese music performance incorporates performance and audience participation to give students a greater understanding of Japan, both culturally and historically. Instruments include shakuhachi and fue (flutes), taiko (drums of various sizes) and a variety of other percussion instruments. Students get to join in with both the drumming and songs. Japanese language can be included for schools who teach Japanese.

### **THE PERFORMERS**

**Toshinori Sakamoto** is a master TAIKO drummer. He has founded RINDO DAIKO in Kyushu as well as several Taiko teams in Melbourne since settling here in '95. He performs regularly in Festivals and schools throughout Australia and Japan.

**Anne Norman** is a highly acclaimed musician and composer who took up the shakuhachi in 1986 while living and teaching in Japan. She also plays yokobue and taiko. Anne performs in music/dance theatre productions, solo recitals, world fusion combinations as well as teaching and working as an artist in schools. She has released many CDs, and her shakuhachi music is regularly featured on ABC radio.

### **QUOTES**

***Wonderful, the students were enthralled.***  
CCEGGS

***Very impressed - a great opportunity for an activity crossing curriculum boundaries.***

MacKillop Catholic College, ACT

***An excellent performance.***

Donald High School

***Excellent, informative and interactive ... the students were fascinated.***

St Clare's College, ACT

***Congratulations, an extremely professional and captivating performance,*** St Thomas the Apostle PS

***Unbelievable, a fantastic show that gave me 'goosebumps' ... a show not to be missed.*** St Joan of Arc PS

***Full of energy, students were amazed.***  
Niddrie PS

**Suitability:** Prep- Yr 12  
**Duration:** 50 minutes  
**Cost:** \$6.50 per head + GST  
**Min. Audience:** 140 students

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## Feedback from Primary Schools

EXCELLENT – Great involvement of the students at everything. A winning formula!  
**St Joseph's College Echuca, VIC**

Students were enraptured, excited and fascinated! We want to start our own Taiko Drum group now. **St John's Lutheran PS, Bundaberg, QLD**

An absolutely fantastic performance. Full on, high energy and kept the students thoroughly engrossed. They learnt so much. Thank you, thank you!! We are getting Taikos for our school – YAY!! **Bindoon PS, WA**

It was great! The best performance I have seen so far. Students were riveted!  
**Petrie State School, QLD**

Brilliant! So interactive! The students and teachers thoroughly enjoyed the performance.  
**Greenmount PS, WA**

The children absolutely loved the performance and were enthralled the whole time. Exciting, fun, interesting, informative and energising. A must see.  
**Dominican School Semaphore, SA**

The students went wild! They loved it! **Leanyer PS, WA**

The students loved every minute - they are still talking about it. Anne and Toshi have *perfected* their school performance. **Albany hills State School, QLD**

Awesome. Loud. It was great! Superb – wonderful audience participation.  
**Newmerella PS, VIC**

Absolutely fantastic! One of the best performances I have ever seen!! Very adaptable and skilled performers who catered for a wide age group. **Bibra Lake PS, WA**

Brilliant! Great. Anne and Toshi made the kids' day. **Grange School, SA**

Absolutely wonderful! Culturally enriching, fantastic range of instruments, student interactive and **very** entertaining. **Halls Head PS, WA**

The students were captivated and fully involved. They thought it was 'great', 'fantastic' and 'loud'. Anne and Toshi are both great entertainers *and* teachers. This is a fabulous performance balancing fun with education. **Somerville House, QLD**

Awesome. Excellent. Outstanding. The best show to come to Leeman. Toshi and Anne rule #1! Even better than our Japanese teacher said it would be. Wicked!!  
**Students at Leeman PS, WA**

The children loved the performance and have all gone home raving to their parents about how fantastic it was – have had SO many parents tell me how much their children enjoyed it. Anne & Toshi were brilliant! Thankyou.  
**Balgowlah Hts PS, NSW**

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## Feedback from Secondary Schools

Excellent. The teachers said it was the best performance they had ever seen and could we have them back every year please! **Upper Coomera State College**

Students thought the performance was “awesome”. They talked about it in glowing terms. The participation and the interaction with the performers was unbelievable...The students learned by *watching, doing* and *enjoying*. It was excellent. **Ormiston College**

Excellent performance. Very upbeat... Range of instruments and information about them complemented the fabulous drumming exhibition. **Scotch College**

Our students have never seen a show like this before. They were stunned at first as multi-cultural events are very rare here. They really enjoyed it.  
**Callaghan College, Waratah Campus**

Great to see the interaction of students and performers. The involvement was very well handled, organised and very “*slick*” **Westminster School**

A class act. Energetic, educational, motivational and involved students successfully at all times. Students were very enthusiastic; glad to learn, to participate, to be asked to interpret and to “make a joyful noise”!  
**St Ursula’s College, Toowoomba**

The performance was unique both in terms of the traditional Japanese instruments demonstrated and the interactive nature of the show. **Ormiston College**

Excellent. Good use of Japanese language and great to have student involvement.  
**Immanuel College**

Absolutely *NO* criticisms. Performers had an amazing rapport with teenagers. Fantastic!  
**Clayfield College, Brisbane**

Fantastic. All year levels (from Prep – Year 12!) were fascinated by the drumming. Students thought it was great. We’d love to see it again. **St Lukes Anglican School**

Great for Japanese language students and music students alike. **Morayfield HS**

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