

TAIKOz

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TaikOz students perform Miyake at the Gold Coast Entertainment Centre
L-R: Rieko Tanaka, Wendy Tsui, Yukiko Nihei, Terry Ashman

'05 WRAP

TaikOz extends many thanks to all of you for helping make 2005 such an enjoyable and successful year. We have seen several significant developments over the past 12 months, ranging from the launch of the student performing group, the growing involvement of our students in the running of their own activities, to wider opportunities for study, including the chance to learn shinobue with Riley and Kevin, as well as the basics of the art of Iaido and Jujitsu with Takagi-sensei.

2006 will see us building in all of these areas and we look forward to an exciting year of study, performance and social activity.

2006 TAIKO AND SHINOBU E CLASSES

SEE PAGES 6 & 7 BELOW FOR DETAILS

The dates for Terms 1 and 2 are now established and printed below on pages 6 & 7. If you book before **Wednesday December 21** you will receive our special price offer of \$520 for the two terms. After this date the price for each term will be \$280. Due to the success of the recently introduced shinobue classes, a 4-week term will continue next year on Thursday evenings. The cost of the term will remain at the 2005 price of \$88.

BOOKINGS

If you would like to join us for either taiko or shinobue class - or both! - please send Karen an email at admin@taikoz.com or feel free to give her a ring at our office on **02 9572 8595**. She will fill you in on all of the details about class dates, times and costs.

AN IMPORTANT NOTE ABOUT CLASSES AND THE STUDIO

You will notice there a few gaps in the class schedule listed below. This is due to various reasons: TaikOz being away on tour and numerous holidays early in the year (Easter, Anzac Day etc). However, in an effort to maintain consistency in your training, TaikOz will be offering various taiko related activities throughout each week; i.e. even on the dates that are not listed in the schedule. This means that as much as possible, we intend to keep the studio open for playing and study opportunities. These will range from rehearsal nights with taiko 'teachers-in-training', to classes with Japanese sword master and good friend Takagi-sensei, rehearsals for upcoming student concerts and 'jam session' nights. This is offered as part of the fee you pay for your 8 regular classes. Specialist 'master courses' will also be offered occasionally, but will attract extra costs.

TaikOz trusts that you have enjoyed your study this year; certainly it has been a delight for us to teach you! It has given us particular pleasure to see the taiko playing community grow and develop and the change in approach as detailed above is designed to open up further opportunities for you all.

NATIONAL TOUR WITH EITETSU HAYASHI

TaikOz, shakuhachi Grand Master Riley Lee and didgeridoo virtuoso Matthew Doyle will be touring as guests of Japan's greatest taiko player, Eitetsu Hayashi and his ensemble Fuun no Kai in February and March. The concerts will be celebrating the 30th Anniversary of the Japan - Australia Exchange Agreement and will be presented in **Townsville on February 14 & 15, Sydney on February 20, Canberra on the 27th, Melbourne on March 1 and at the Perth Festival on March 5**. Details of venues, times and bookings are listed below. **Please note the special discount price to TaikOz supporters in Sydney, Melbourne and Canberra.**

The program will feature both ensembles playing their own repertoire as well as collaborations in numerous combinations. Those of you who are familiar with Eitetsu know him as a very powerful performer indeed. He will be joined by two fantastic players from his ensemble, Fuun no Kai. Shu-san and Hase are really vibrant young guys and you will be mesmerised by their performance, I'm sure.



Eitetsu Hayashi

We're really looking forward to joining forces with Eitetsu once again; from what I know of the proposed program, these concerts will undoubtedly prove to be incredibly dynamic and a highlight of the year.

It's a great thing that we now have such an educated and appreciative audience for taiko and shakuhachi in Australia and we look forward to your support for these concerts and others throughout 2006.

NEWS IN BRIEF

- TaikOz will be presenting an introductory taiko workshop on January 15 - '*Taiko For Everyone!*' This will held be at our Ultimo studio and is open to anyone who is keen to find out more about the wonderful art of Wadaiko. No musical experience necessary - just bring your enthusiasm!
- To our supporters in Melbourne, Perth and Brisbane, we will be giving similar workshops later in the year. Each of these will be advertised beforehand, but at the moment details are still being finalised.
- The Perth workshop is currently being organised by the Perth Festival and will feature instruction by Eitetsu Hayashi and members of his ensemble, Fuun no Kai. Check the Perth Festival office for an update on (08) 6488 8637.
- The student group has become very busy recently with performances at the Gold Coast Matsuri, Willoughby Bon Odori, and the Dubbo Japanese Gardens. Congratulations on the terrific performances and positive feedback. The activities of the group will be extended in the New Year and we will be looking at developing a strong organisational structure.



TaikOz students at Dubbo Japanese Gardens performing *Kazan*

L-R: Terry Ashman, Liz McKenzie, Lawrence Hyde, Yukiko Nihei, Wendy Tsui, Hugh Cowan, Samantha Newton, Rajini Jonsson, Rieko Tanaka

- The members of TaikOz would like to express their sincere thanks to Wendy Tsui and Terry Ashman for their committed work towards the organisation of each event. The time and effort they have put into sorting out instruments, liaising with promoters, organising and running rehearsals has been fantastic. We know how much work it takes!

- TaikOz Kid's group recently recorded their *third* segment for television - this time for "Totally Wild!!!" They're becoming real pros! The funniest moment was when Dan, the presente, had a go at playing the taiko and managed to fluff his cue during filming. Young Edwin Henrich offered the helpful advice "you messed up!"....hope that one makes the final cut!
- TaikOz has spent the past week at the Trackdown Sound Stage at Fox Studios recording material for a new CD. The finished product should appear late April. Lots of new tunes and rhythms on this one!



TaikOz @ Trackdown

WHAT'S ON

TAIKO AND SHINOBU E CLASSES

TAIKO CLASSES: TERM 1 2006

Monday 7:30-9PM:

16/1	23/1	30/1	6/2	6/3	13/3	20/3	27/3
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TWO CLASSES Tuesday 5:45-7:15PM and 7:30-9PM:

17/1	24/1	31/1	7/2	7/3	14/3	21/3	28/3
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Wednesday 7:30-9PM:

18/1	25/1	1/2	22/2	8/3	15/3	22/3	29/3
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Friday 7:30-9PM:

20/1	27/1	3/2	17/2	3/3	10/3	17/3	24/3
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**Saturday 12:40-1:30PM:

**This class is for 10-13 year old children

21/1	28/1	4/2	4/3	11/3	18/3	25/3	1/4
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***NEW CLASS Saturday 12:40-1:20PM: ***This class is for 7-10 year old children

21/1	28/1	4/2	4/3	11/3	18/3	25/3	1/4
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****TWO CLASSES Sunday 9:30-11AM and 11:15AM-12:45PM: ****Note earlier starting times

22/1	29/1	5/2	5/3	12/3	19/3	26/3	2/4
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TAIKO CLASSES: TERM II 2006

Monday 7:30-9PM:

10/4	24/4	1/5	8/5	22/5	29/5	5/6	12/6
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TWO CLASSES Tuesday 5:45-7:15PM and 7:30-9PM:

11/4	18/4	2/5	9/5	23/5	30/5	6/6	13/6
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Book by Wednesday December 21 and pay the 2005 price of \$520 (bachi-sticks: \$30)

SHINOBU E CLASSES: TERM 1 2006 (4 weeks only)

Thursday 6-7PM:

9/3	16/3	23/3	30/3
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Cost is \$88 plus shinobue @ \$35 (unless already purchased).

The dates listed above are for Terms 1 & 2 in 2006 at the TaikOz dojo in Sydney. Please contact Karen at the office for booking details on (02) 9572 8595 or email admin@taikoz.com

UPCOMING CONCERTS

TAIKOZ STUDENTS "IN CONCERT" in SYDNEY
TAIKOZ STUDENTS
December 18 (Sun)
CENTENARY HALL, NEWINGTON COLLEGE / 5PM
\$10/\$5/\$20 (Family: 2+2) admission at door

"NATURE'S RHYTHM" in TOWNSVILLE
EITETSU HAYASHI - FUUN NO KAI - TAIKOZ - RILEY LEE - MATTHEW DOYLE
February 14 & 15 (Tues & Wed)
TOWNSVILLE CIVIC THEATRE / 8PM & 11:30AM (schools concert) Ticketshop (07) 4727 9797
Please note: the Townsville City Council is presenting these two concerts and TaikOz ticket discounts do not apply.

"NATURE'S RHYTHM" in SYDNEY
EITETSU HAYASHI - FUUN NO KAI - TAIKOZ - RILEY LEE - MATTHEW DOYLE
February 20 (Mon)
SYDNEY TOWN HALL / 7PM
Ticketek: 132 849/ www.ticketek.com.au
Quote "TaikOz Member" and receive discount price of \$40

"NATURE'S RHYTHM" in CANBERRA
EITETSU HAYASHI - FUUN NO KAI - TAIKOZ - RILEY LEE - MATTHEW DOYLE
February 27 (Mon)
LLEWELLYN HALL / 7PM
Canberra Ticketing: 02 6275 2700/ www.canberraticketing.com.au
Quote "TaikOz Member" and receive discount price of \$40

“NATURE’S RHYTHM” in MELBOURNE

EITETSU HAYASHI - FUUN NO KAI - TAIKOZ - RILEY LEE - MATTHEW DOYLE

March 1 (Wed)

HAMER HALL, VICTORIAN ARTS CENTRE / 8PM

The Arts Centre: 1300 136 166 / www.ticketmaster.com.au

Quote “TaikoZ Member” and receive discount price of \$40

“NATURE’S RHYTHM” in PERTH

EITETSU HAYASHI - FUUN NO KAI - TAIKOZ - RILEY LEE - MATTHEW DOYLE

March 5 (Sun)

PERTH FESTIVAL / 5PM

www.perthfestival.com.au

This is a free outdoor event

WORKSHOPS

“TAIKO FOR EVERYONE!”

with members of TaikoZ

Jan 15 (Sun)

TAIKOZ DOJO / 10AM

Synergy Percussion Office (02) 9572 8595/admin@taikoz.com

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