

# 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 yokobue (flutes), taiko (drums of various sizes) and a variety of other percussion instruments. Students join in the drumming and songs and have a go at festival dancing. 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.***  
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***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:** \$4.50 per head + GST  
**Min. Audience:** 120 students

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