

NIHON MATSURI

JAPAN FESTIVAL

April 30, 2016

This is the 11th year for the annual Nihon Matsuri. The committee has been working tirelessly to put together another year of Japanese culture for Salt Lake City and surrounding area.

This year we have a world renown taiko group, Taikoza, from New York. They play the taiko drums of assorted sizes and incorporate the shakuhachi, the fue (bamboo flutes). Their CD has been nominated as best Asian Ethnic Album for the Just Plain Folks Music Award. They have appeared on different TV programs, Macy's Thanksgiving parade, the History Channel and ESPN. Taikoza has recorded the music for the Nintendo wii game, Red Steel.

So come and enjoy their performances as well as all the food, crafts, exhibits, kimino fashion show, entertainment, etc. We will again have the mochitsuki (mochi making the old fashion way with large mallets and heavy bowl.) The crowd will be invited to participate.

Marion Hori, Committee Chair

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