

Katari Taiko

2015 FALL CLASSES

An eight-week course featuring hands on taiko workshops and the history of taiko in the Japanese Canadian community

Monday evenings

September 21 & 28, October 5, 19 & 26 and

November 2, 9 & 16

6:30 pm - 9:30 pm (3 hours)

Fee: \$275; maximum 10 participants

Location: Taiko Space (near Clark Drive & Frances Street)

Contact: diane@dkam.ca / 604-683-8240 / www.kataritaiko.bc.ca

Goals: To learn fundamental taiko drumming techniques and rhythms and to explore the context of taiko as a performing art within the Japanese Canadian community. No previous experience is necessary. Must be 16 years of age or older.

Objectives: During and upon completion of this course students will:

- Understand the cultural and historical significance of taiko within the Japanese Canadian community;
- Learn positioning and how to play taiko drums that use a side stance through a balanced approach;
- Play basic rhythms used in most taiko pieces;
- Learn two songs;
- Use kiai (shouts) to support their drumming;
- Practice basic care and maintenance of drums and other equipment.

Format: Each class will begin with 30 minutes of stretching, strengthening, and vocal exercises. This will be followed by 90-120 minutes of drumming, including a cool down at the end. At first, the students will focus on basic technique and drills. Towards the second half of the course, the students will learn to perform two songs in simple arrangements. The students will spend the final 20-30 minutes of each class discussing a topic related to the history and culture of taiko in the Japanese Canadian community.

Instruction: The course will be taught by members of Katari Taiko.

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TAIKO COURSE AND MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Province: _____ Postal Code: _____

E-mail: _____ Tel (day): _____ Tel (eve): _____

Please check all that apply:

- Please register me for the 8-week Taiko Course (September 21 & 28, October 5, 19 & 26 and November 2, 9 & 16, 2015)
- I would like to become a member of the Katari Taiko Drum Group Association.

Course fees, CDs, memberships and donations (please check all that apply):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 8-week Taiko Course | \$ 275 | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Commotion</i> : CD | \$ 10 (incl. GST/PST) | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Itadakimasu</i> : CD | \$ 10 (incl. GST/PST) | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Membership (one-time fee) | \$ 2 | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tax Deductible Donation (enter amount) | | _____ |

Enclosed is a cheque payable to Katari Taiko for:

Total _____

Please return completed form and payment to Katari Taiko, #410 – 111 West Hastings Street, Vancouver, BC V6B 1H4. Registration and the location address will be confirmed after the fee is paid. Refunds will be considered if participants withdraw at least seven days prior to the first day of the course. A request for a refund must be received in writing by this deadline.

