

# Katari Taiko

## 2023 FALL CLASSES

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

Thursday evenings:

September 21 & 28, October 5, 12, 19 & 26 and November 2 & 9  
6:30 pm - 9:30 pm (3 hours)

Fee: \$400

Maximum 6 participants

Location: Vancouver Japanese Hall, 487 Alexander Street

Contact: diane@dkam.ca / 604-728-8240 / 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 and North America. No previous experience is necessary. Must be 16 years of age or older.

### What you will do:

- Learn body positioning and how to strike taiko drums using a balanced side stance;
- Learn fundamental techniques, form, and how to vocalize and play rhythms that are the basis of many taiko pieces;
- Learn two songs applying these techniques;
- Use kiai (shouts) to support the drumming;
- Practice basic care and maintenance of drums and other equipment;
- Gain understanding of the cultural / historical significance of taiko within the Japanese Canadian community and North America;
- Establish a strong foundation for you to apply to apprentice with Katari Taiko

**Format:** Each class includes: stretching, strengthening, and vocal exercises; 90-120 minutes of drumming; and a guided cool down. Towards the later half of the course, students learn to perform two pieces. Each class also introduces and has opportunity for discussion on a topic related to the history and culture of taiko in the Japanese Canadian community and North America.

**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, 12, 19 & 26 and November 2 & 9, 2023)
- ☐ I would like to become a member of the Katari Taiko Drum Group Association.

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

- ☐ 8-week Taiko Course \$ 400 \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Membership (one-time fee) \$ 2 \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ 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 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.

