

**HOKKAIDO AREA - SHED 6**  
12.00 / 15.00  
Ice Magic Performances

- 1 Tea Ceremony 11.15 / 12.15 / 14.30 / 15.45
- 2 Sumo Wrestling Arena Battle against your friend
- 3 Face Painting
- 4 Japanese Classroom workshops
- 5 Kendo "Try it Out" Class 11.45 / 17.15
- 6 Tokyo Lock-down Photos & Shiki Graduation Exhibitions
- 7 Yotsugi Exhibition by Deb Donnelly
- 8 Student Stories from One Pacific Island Nation to Another
- 9 Ikebana Demonstration 11.00 / 13.15 / 17.00

**KYOTO AREA - FIRST FLOOR**

- 1 Arepa Gamers Club Play games and win prizes!
- 2 Calligraphy Challenge Grab a brush and give it a go
- 3 GIANT kimono exhibition
- 1 Pop-up Taiko Performance 10.40 / 13.30 / 16.15
- 2 Ikebana Exhibition
- 3 Pick a Haiku poem Lucky Dip
- 4 Photo booth Take a photo & tag @JapanFestivalWellington
- 5 Taiko workshop by Narukami! 11.30 / 12.30 / 15.30 / 16.00 / 16.30
- 6 Sogetsu Ikebana Exhibition
- 7 Info Centre Ask us anything

**OSAKA AREA - MAIN ENTRANCE**

11:15	Iaido (The art of drawing the Japanese sword)
11:30	Kaerun☆ Cosplay Performance
11:45	Koten Dance Group
12:00	Japanese & Maori musical magic
12:15	IPU Kodama Japanese Drum Team
12:30	Opening Ceremony
12:45	Na-Na-Mi (Japanese singers-trio)
13:00	Shodo (The way of the Brush)
13:15	Colossal - Juggling
13:30	NZ Kyudo Federation (Archery)
13:45	Traditional Dance by Essence of Japan
14:00	WSA Yuru-Chara prize giving
14:15	Colossal - Kendama
14:30	Yoshinkan Kendo Club
14:45	Japan Festival Wellington Cosplay Competition
14:55	Bon Odori feat. FEM Dance - Let's dance together!
15:00	IPU Soran dance team
15:15	Matsumoto Cosplay Performance
15:30	Wellington Naginata Club
15:45	Na-Na-Mi (Japanese singers-trio)
16:00	The Rising Sun (NZ School of Dance)
16:15	Lost in a memory (NZ School of Dance)
16:30	Yoshinkan Kendo Club
16:45	Merpington Cosplay Performance
17:00	Colossal - Juggling
17:15	Colossal - Kendama
17:30	Shibuya Scramble - Song by Caryl Illana
17:45	Colossal - Kendama
18:00	Bon Odori feat. FEM Dance - Let's dance together!
18:15	Narukami Taiko

**TOKYO AREA - MAIN STAGE**

Kia Ora and welcome to the 7th Japan Festival Wellington!

I am very excited to join this fantastic event as the newly-appointed Ambassador of Japan.

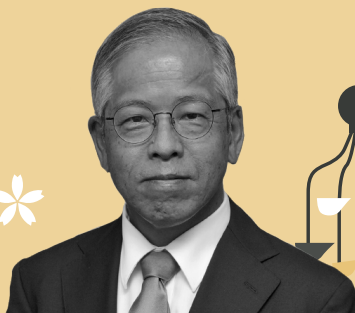
Having been here less than three months, I am already impressed by New Zealand's multiethnic and multicultural aspects. One of these is of course Japanese, and I have been pleasantly surprised to see many people enjoy both the traditional and the modern pop cultures of Japan here.

The Festival is a great opportunity to experience many of Japan's attractions; exquisite Japanese food, traditional music, and amazing cultural performances. I am thrilled to be able to share this enjoyable time with you. Even with the current COVID-19 situation, I am sure these cultural aspects will encourage more people to visit Japan once we overcome the pandemic.

I sincerely thank the Wellington City Council, the Wellington Japan Festival Trust and all the others who have dedicated their hard work to realize this event. Let's have a great time together!

AMBASSADOR OF JAPAN H.E.

ITO KOICHI



Hello, kon'nichiwa!

It is my pleasure to welcome everyone to the 7th Japan Festival Wellington.

The Japan Festival Wellington has been enjoyed by thousands of Wellingtonians since 2009. This event spotlights one of Wellington's treasured cultural communities and celebrates the relationship that the Capital has with Sakai, its sister city in Japan.

Throughout the Festival day, visitors will be treated to a fantastic array of performances and traditional and modern cultural displays as well as popular Japanese cuisine.

Despite worldwide travel restrictions in place, New Zealand masters and communities have been able to create a showcase of Japanese cultural items. I am sure everyone can find their favourite Japan on the Festival day.

I know the 2021 Japan Festival Wellington will be a great success and I look forward to seeing you there!

MAYOR OF WELLINGTON

ANDY FOSTER



At the Asia New Zealand Foundation Te Whaitu Tuhono, we know that the more young people know about Asia, the more they want to know.

We've also found that the arts are a great way to spark curiosity, which is why we have supported 16 schools to collaborate in the creation of two giant kimono to be displayed at the 2021 Japan Festival Wellington.

The schools have provided panels linking New Zealand and Japan — a fantastic way for students to use their imaginations and think creatively about how our two countries are connected.

While COVID-19 has constrained travel between Aotearoa and Japan, we're still connected through our people and through the warmth of the relationship. And we know New Zealanders will be eager to explore Japan again as soon as travel is possible.

In the meantime, make sure you savour the opportunity to experience the diversity of Japan right here in Wellington — from taiko drumming, martial arts and calligraphy, to contemporary pop culture, such as cosplay and J-Pop.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
ASIA NEW ZEALAND  
FOUNDATION TE WHAITU  
TUHONO

SIMON DRAPER



Konnichiwa! Welcome to the seventh Japan Festival Wellington, the second to be organised by our Trust with the support of Wellington City Council and the Embassy of Japan. It's been a challenging year for all of us, but thanks to the hard work of my fellow Trustees and all of our amazing volunteers we have been able to bring this exciting family event back to our capital city — and this year it's bigger than ever before! We have a great line up of local talent for you, ranging from the ever popular taiko drumming to interactive bon odori, cosplay, contemporary dance, the gracious tea ceremony and breathtaking martial arts displays. Admire the beautiful textile work in our shibori exhibition and the haunting photos of nighttime Tokyo by young Japanese photographer Kana Hashimoto. Sate those hunger pangs with the delicious treats on offer in our new Japanese Food Hall in Shed Six, where you can watch our amazing ice carver create a masterpiece before your very eyes. There's something for all the family at the 2021 Japan Festival Wellington. We thank all our generous sponsors, and we hope you enjoy the festival as much as we have enjoyed putting it together.

CHAIR, WELLINGTON  
JAPAN FESTIVAL TRUST

JENNIFER KING



TSB  
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& SHED 6

SATURDAY  
6 MARCH 2021  
11AM - 6:30PM

WELLINGTON





# TOKYO BY NIGHT IN TIMES OF COVID



## AN EXHIBITION NOT TO BE MISSED!

Young Japanese photographer Kana Hashimoto's haunting photos of nighttime Tokyo capture the stillness of a city suspended in time, waiting for an end to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Hashimoto took all her photos over the past year, when the pandemic kept people behind closed doors. Born in the countryside, she says she likes the silence of the city at night and "the light that floats up from the depths of darkness."



## GIANT KIMONO

You'll be blown away by the sight of two fabulous giant kimono at the Festival created from panels painted by students at 16 local schools.

The Asia New Zealand Foundation sponsored the Giant Kimono Project as part of its programme of activities to bring Asia into the classroom.

Students were asked to come up with a design on the theme of friendship between New Zealand and Japan. It was no small task they faced: each calico panel measured some 10 square metres.

Pictured is the Clyde Quay School's taniwha and Japanese dragon design, painted by about 20 children ranging in age from five to 13.



MAIN STAGE  
TOKYO AREA  
12.00  
Japanese & Maori  
Musical magic

## KOTO MEETS TAONGA PUORO

A special treat for all music lovers! Hear Grammy award winning featured soloist Jerome Kavanagh play traditional Māori musical instruments accompanied by renowned composer and musician Salina Fisher on koto and violin in a musical celebration of the similarities in Japanese and Maori culture.

## ENDLESSLY CREATIVE SHIBORI

Shibori is an ancient "shape resist" textile technique used in Japan for some 400 years to create beautiful patterns. Fabric is folded, tied, sewn, or pleated to create a pattern using indigo dye. See some stunning contemporary shibori work by artists Deb Donnelly, Colleen Plank and Clare Smith.

HOKKAIDO AREA  
12.00 & 15.00  
The Art of Ice Carving

World champion ice carver and chef Masaru Morita will create one of his amazing ice sculptures in the Japan Festival's Food Hall in Shed Six. Sample delicious Japanese snacks while you watch Morita wield his chain saw! Auckland-based Morita specialises in French-Japanese fusion cuisine and has twice won the world ice carving championship in Hokkaido. Sponsored by the Embassy of Japan.

## ICE MAGIC



Take the survey & win \$50 voucher from Tatsushi!



WE WOULD LOVE TO  
HEAR ABOUT YOUR  
EXPERIENCE!



PHOTOS BY STEPHEN A'COURT

MAIN STAGE  
TOKYO AREA

16.00  
The Rising Sun  
Lost in Memory

## DANCE STARS IN THE MAKING

Two talented young Japanese students at the New Zealand School of Dance have choreographed special works for the Wellington Japan Festival.

Third Yr student Kiki Miwa and 3rd Yr student Airu Matsuda are looking forward to sharing their love of contemporary dance with you.

Kiki's dream after graduation is to dance and live in Japan where she can learn about her heritage. For Airu, the dream would be dancing for a contemporary dance company or creating his own work.



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Wellington CELEBRATES its ties with Japan

## BON ODORI

The highlight of summer in Japan is the Obon holiday season when Bon Odori dancing festivals are attended by thousands of people throughout the country. This year, FEM dance studio will take you on a journey to Japanese Bon Odori. No need for performance anxiety - the movements are very simple and repetitive so throw caution to the winds! Join us at 14:45 and 18:00 at the Main Stage.

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