

en Taiko



Mission Statement:

Taiko is about community. One's own sense of individuality is strengthened and tempered by the interaction with the group and the group is strengthened by the unqualified commitment of the individual to play with all heart. This relationship is the source of the beauty, spiritual power and emotional satisfaction that results when a Taiko group hits its stride. en Taiko transcends all cultures because Taiko is universal and anyone can do it.

Grades Served:

K-12, Adult

Lives In:

Portland, OR

Homestay:

Not required

Introduction of Taiko

Students will strengthen their rhythmic and cooperative skills through Taiko drumming. They will learn the basics of Taiko playing, including stance, simple rhythms, and playing with partners. Through playing and participating in Taiko music, they will learn to create their own rhythms, express their feelings through drumming, and will also learn aspects of Japanese culture. Students will complete one song during the course of the residency.

Teacher Workshop

The workshop is designed to introduce basics of Taiko playing, including stance, simple rhythms, and playing with partners. It will also introduce aspects of Japanese culture.

Family Workshop

This workshop is designed to promote inter-generational communication. Students, along with their families and/or neighbors, will participate and communicate artistically, verbally and physically while creating music together. This workshop reaches out to parents and school neighborhood groups, in turn creating a community Taiko ensemble.

Facility

Indoor flat floor like a gym, cafeteria or music room.
Drum rental fee will be charged dependent upon length of residency.

About the Artist...

en Taiko, an energetic and international performing Taiko drum group, teaches students the rhythms and stances of Taiko and its ethos of communal strength. Students learn respect for the tools of Taiko and for their peers, drumming in a circle so they can see and support each other. Students also learn to create their own rhythms and express their feelings through their drums. en Taiko teaches aspects of Japanese culture and language related to Taiko instruments and performance and can integrate basic music education into their instruction.

