

## Saitama Wabi Sabi Festival 2018: Join Us for a Weekend of Cultural Fun!

Join us at the Saitama Wabi Sabi Festival 2018, a celebration of Japanese culture in Saitama! The festival will feature a variety of cultural traditions, including performing arts, bonsai, flower arrangement, the tea ceremony, Takiginoh (Noh play performed at night by a fire) and local cuisine. The festival will be held on October 13 and 14 with most events at Omiya Park near Hikawa Shrine. Feel free to invite your friends and enjoy a weekend of cultural fun!

We hope this festival will provide a great opportunity for everyone to experience many different aspects Saitama's culture conveniently gathered in one place. We also aim to provide more momentum for the building cultural legacy of the 2019 Rugby World Cup and the 2020 Tokyo Olympics and Paralympics, both of which will hold competitions in Saitama Prefecture.

Entry to the festival is completely free! Enjoy all kinds of spectacular performances by globally known artists on a special festival stage at Omiya Park. You can also experience an outdoor tea ceremony and cultural workshops for bonsai, kimono, calligraphy, flower arrangement, taiko drumming, Japanese papermaking, and more! (Please note that some workshops require advance registration or participation fees. If there is a workshop you are interested in attending, we recommend making a reservation as soon as possible. tel 048-644-5313 Monday-Friday 9:30-17:30 )

Don't miss this fantastic opportunity to experience authentic local and national culture! We look forward to seeing you there.



## Festival Details

1. What? Saitama Wabi Sabi Festival 2018  
Wa! Japanese Culture: Past + Progress
2. When? October 13 (Sat), 10:00-19:30  
October 14 (Sun), 10:00-16:00
3. Where? Omiya Park  
Satellite Venues and Events:  
Omiya Bonsai Museum (Lobby Concert)  
Saitama Prefectural Museum of History and Folklore (Lobby Concert, Kimono Talk)  
Hikawa no Mori Bunkakan (Flower arrangement contest, Work shop for Noh play)  
Free Guided Tours (Hikawa Shrine, Bonsai Village)
4. Cost: Free! (Some workshops require a participation fee.)
5. Theme: Past + Progress
6. Website: <https://saitama-wabi-sabi-2018.jp/>

### 7. Special Festival Stage main Performances:

October 13 (Sat)

Sax & Shakuhachi(Bamboo flute) Unit	Mr. Shinji Takeda + Mr. Dozan Fujiwara
a Japanese Diva in the shima-uta style	Ms. Chitose Hajime
Takigi-noh (Noh play performed at night by a fire)	WAKAMONO--NOH
Kimono Show	Ms. Sheila Cliffe, NPO Kawagoe Kimono Sampo
Bonsai Performance	Mr. Masashi Hirao
Calligraphy Performance	Ms. Chosho Yabe
Japanese Instruments Band Performance	Saitamatic
Jaw Harp Performance	Tokyo Manga
Taiko Drumming Performance	Japan Taiko Association
Shakuhachi (Bamboo flute)	Ms. Yoshimi Tujimoto from Bamboo flute orchestra
Chichibu Festival Music Performance	Chichibu Festival Music Preservation Association
Awa Odori dance	Minami-Koshigaya Society for Promotion of Awa Odori

Cosplay show in Japanese clothing

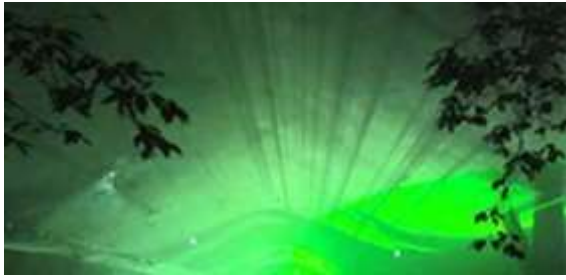
Laser lighting display & D.J. show



Chitose Hajime , Shinji Takeda , Dozan Fujiwara



Noh play performed at night by a fire



Laser lighting display & D.J. show

October 14 (Sun)

Shamisen Performance with human beat box	Mr. Koji Yamaguchi
Taiko Drumming Performance	Wadaiko Sai
Rakugo (Japanese verbal entertainment)	Mr. Onimaru Sanyutei
Flower Arrangement (Ikebana) Performance	Mr. Koh Sugita
Bonsai Experience and Talk Show	Ms. Kaori Yamada
Shakuhachi (Bamboo flute) & key Unit	AJIGUL
Shinobue (Japanese transverse bamboo flute)	Ms. Rika Ono
Kawagoe Festival Music Performance	Nakadai Hayashi Troupe
Taiko Drumming Performance	Japan Taiko Association
Yosakoi-Odori(Dance performance)	Yosakoi
Chorus for Nursery rhyme	The Wakoukko chorus
Senior High School Student Performances	Honjo Daiichi SHS Calligraphy Club, Urawa Akenohoshi Girls' SHS Hyakunin Isshu (Classic Japanese Poetry Anthology) Club Josai Kawagoe SHS Taiko Drumming Club



Koji Yamaguchi



Wadaiko Sai

## 8. Events, Workshops, and Booths

(1) "NODATE" Outdoor Tea Ceremony

(2) Workshops (Make reservations and check more details on the festival website!)

Bonsai

Kimono

Calligraphy

Flower Arrangement (Ikebana)

Taiko Drumming

Japanese Papermaking etc....



Masashi Hirao

Kaori Yamada

Chosho Yabe

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(3) Food Booths (featuring Japanese cuisine and drinks, including Saitama sake)



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(4) PR Booths: Olympics and Paralympics, Rugby World Cup, Local Cities and Towns

(5) Street Performance Festival (performances throughout the venue)

**We hope to see you there!**