

One World Taiko

Taiko means “drum” in Japanese. One World Taiko is a professional Japanese drum ensemble that captivates audiences of all ages with their heart pounding beats, dynamic movement and rhythmic grooves. One World Taiko’s music is drawn from Japan’s tradition of lively festival drumming along with their own creative rhythms, arrangements and choreography, adding their energetic spirit to the ancient art of Taiko.

They perform on drums ranging from the large odaiko, 4 feet by 2.5 feet, to the shimedaiko, the size of a snare drum. Their school performances feature traditional and original compositions interwoven with descriptions of the drums and other instruments and the history of Taiko. During a lively interactive section on how to play, a group of students are invited up to play the Taiko drums.



“The students all gave this performance a huge THUMBS UP! They said it was awesome and the best assembly we have had! Thank you.”

– Kristie Olson, Teacher, Clinton, MN

“I was happy at how interactive the show was. The presenters were friendly and good with all of our students and more importantly they knew their audience (the different grade levels). The students were not only entertained by the drums, but they were taught some Japanese words as well some facets of Japanese culture and traditions.”

– Guillermo Ramos, Principal, San Jose, CA

“Gary and Nancy are outstanding! Not only did they perform incredibly, but they took time to involve the audience and taught as they went along.”

– Tim Havican, Principal, Medford, WI