



## **DRUM TAO 2020**

Wednesday, March 11, 2020, at 7:30pm

Tryon Festival Theatre

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# PROGRAM

## DRUM TAO 2020

Dan Hodapp, company manager

Jeremiah Brophy, technical manager

## PERFORMERS

Saki Nakai

Yuya Hayashi

Taro Harasaki

Hiroyasu Yanaka

Kodai Hiwano

Shinya Kiyota

Takuto Ogawa

Hidefumi Konaka

Junnosuke Kodani

Taketora Mitsuo

Shima Sasaki

Ayumu Hisanaga

Tasuku Ikeda

Haruki Kawazu

## PERFORMANCE

City Light

Beat Beat

Time and Space Travel

Kabuto

Aranami

Ginza

Kitzunebi

Kabuki~Jo

Drum Heart

*20-minute intermission*

Drummers Opening

Dreamland Symphony X

Rain

Isamu

Dreamland Symphony IX

Tairyō

Utage

MC

Wasshoy

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# DRUM TAO

More than 800 million spectators across the world have been touched by DRUM TAO.

DRUM TAO's stage is created through phenomenal performances and expressions consisting of incomparable "Wadaiko-drums" and the beautiful mesmerizing melody of Japanese flutes and harps. It is the "Japanese Entertainment" for a new generation that completely surpasses expectations.

In February 2016, their off-Broadway show in New York ended up with great success! It was featured in *Newsweek* magazine stating, "The highly acclaimed debut of DRUM TAO in Broadway will represent not only Japanese entertainment but Japan itself."

Their long-run production *MANGEKYO* started in Tokyo in 2017. This nighttime entertainment aimed at international tourists became widely popular and was later expanded to shows over six months in 2018. It is now being performed in their exclusive theater through the Tokyo Olympics.

In 2017, they made their major recording debut from Universal Music as a compilation of their work for 25 years, which ranked as one of the top three in the iTunes World Album Ranking in five different countries.

In 2018, they performed in the opening ceremony of Japonism 2018 in Paris, France. They also costarred with the Bolshoi Ballet as the opening act of Japan Year in Russia held at The Bolshoi Theatre in Moscow, Russia, in front of the head of each country.

They appeared on the most renowned Japanese music program, *The 69th NHK Kohaku Utagassen* in 2018.

DRUM TAO was awarded Outstanding Cultural Contribution from Oita prefecture, Culture Creators Award from Taketa city in Oita prefecture, and The 6th Japan Tourism Agency Commissioner Award and Minister for Internal Affairs and Communications Award from the Japanese government.

Currently, they perform 700 shows yearly as three teams; Team A, Team K, and Team S.