



46th Annual Seattle Cherry Blossom and Japanese Cultural Festival VIRTUAL

Theme: Regional Japan Expo - Soul of Artisans

April 9-11, 2021, 11am-2pm

Friday, April 9th: Ceremonial/Legacy

Welcome/Awa Odori of Tokushima Prefecture - Soul of Festival

Tazue Sasaki, Chair

Robert Nellams, Director, Seattle Center with the Sasakis

Mayor Jenny Durkan, Honorary Festival Co-Chair

Consul General Hisao Inagaki, Honorary Festival Co-Chair

Program of Day 1

Suspended Spring, augmented reality work by visual artist Tamiko Thiel

Seward Park Cherry Blossom/Torii - Paul Talbert

1976-1989 Fest

Haru no Umi with Marcia Takamura, Koto and Esther Sugai, Flute

Tea Ceremony with Tankokai Seattle Association

1990-2000

Ikebana International, Chapter 19 - Cherry Blossom Co-Chairs Mariko Faught and Linda Vane

Demonstrations - Beginners tutorial by Akemi Segawa, Sogetsu School Instructor/Creator

Advanced Ikebana by Diane Elliott, Sogetsu Seattle Branch

Exhibit by Member Schools

2001-2010

Seattle Kokon Taiko - Kotobuki Jishi

2011-2020

Calligraphy 101 with Instructor Ricky Kashiba, Beikoku Shodo Kenkyukai, Seattle Chapter

Festival Advisory

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Japan Business Association of Seattle: Japan in The Schools

Japanese American Citizens League, Seattle Chapter
Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Washington: Seattle Japanese Language School
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Acknowledgments

Video link to NHK VOD: A Vanished Dream Wartime Story of my Japanese Grandfather 49 min.

Video link to NHK VOD 10 Years with Hayao Miyazaki Ep. 1, 2, 3, 4 (each ep. is 49 min.)

Saturday, April 10th: Regional Japan Expo - Soul of Artisans, 11am-2pm

Program of Day 2

Michinoku Hike (Tohoku)/Shinetsu Trail (Nagano-Niigata)/Kumano Kodo (Wakayama)
with Hiro Shinozaki, Yamnuska Hiking Tours

Fukushima - Seattle Fukushima Club
Tohoku Earthquake/Tsunami 10th
Persimmons

Wakayama - Seattle Kishu Club (Wakayama)
Ochiba Art by Muneo Yoshikawa
Kamishibai Dojoji by Dillon Brown

Aikido with Ki Aikido USA

Hyogo - Hyogo Business & Cultural Center
Myouchin Hibashi Wind Chimes
Japanese Swordsmith

Hiroshima - Seattle Hiroshima Club
Hiroshima Sites
Hiroshima-style Okonomiyaki with mee

Fukuoka - Seattle-Tacoma Fukuoka Kenjinkai
Fukuoka culturally induced products

Okinawa - Okinawa Kenjinkai of Washington State Chijinshuu
Dancers/Musicians/Taiko

Tokyo - Fukagawa, part of Koto ward with its famous Fukagawa Matsuri

Acknowledgments

Link to NHK VOD Trails to Oishii Kyoto: A Culinary Tale 49 mins.

NHK VOD Tokyo Miracle City: Gourmet Capital - Keeping Alive the Spirit of Tsukiji 49 mins.

NHK VOD SAKE R-Evolution: A Fever Brewing across the Globe 44 mins.

NHK VOD SAKE R-Evolution: Heady Milestones in a New Era 41 mins.

Sunday, April 11th: Festivities - Soul of Artisans

Program of Day 3

Taiko by Northwest Taiko

Jeff Chiba Stearns Reading of MIXED CRITTERS and NORI AND HIS DELICIOUS DREAMS for Children

Chiyogami Ningyo Dolls by Kuniko Mancini

Taro Goes to Elementary School - Japan in the Schools
by Japan-America Society of the State of Washington

Sakura Roll with Jean Nakayama of Maneki Restaurant

Tea Ceremony with Chanoyu Omotesenke-ryu

Shintokan Doj

George Satake
Members sing Enka

Karate by Seattle Seido

UV Dance Squad

Taiko by The School of Taiko

Jeff Chiba-Stearns, author/artist and Lillian Michiko Blakey, co-author/illustrator
present ON BEING YUKIKO, collaborative work for youth

Fujima Dance/Music Ensemble

Acknowledgments and 47th annual SCBJC Festival promo

Link to NHK VOD The Tale of Granny Mochi: Kuwata Misao 44:45 mins.

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NHK World Japan
Tamiko Thiel, Visual Artist

McCaw Hall, Seattle Center

Kobo at Higo
Maneki Restaurant
Tokara Confectionery
Friends of Seward Park
Wing Luke Museum

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Dillon Brown, Kamishibai
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