



YAMATO the Drummers of Japan

YAMATO is a Japanese Taiko drumming group based in Asuka-mura Nara Prefecture which is well known by Japanese people as the hometown of Japan. They call themselves “YAMATO, the Taiko drumming group that travels all over the world”. They have given more than 4,500 shows across 55 countries around the world since their formation in 1993.

YAMATO’s Taiko work cannot be fully described by the word “performance”.

They have performed in theaters, schools, all types of events, and even held workshops and Taiko lessons. They are spending a half year on a Japan tour and a half year for the world tour. Their motto is “We go everywhere when somebody needs YAMATO! And bringing energy to the people living in the world!”. They bring joy to the world.

On stage, they are standing with more than 40 Taiko drums and all of them are having different characters. For example, their largest drum called “Odaiko”, produced from a huge tree over 400 years old, is approximately two meters in diameter and weighs 500 kg. All other Taiko drums are different sizes and have different sounds.

The members of the group have trained their bodies to the limit to beat these massive Taiko drums.

The acoustic pressure far surpasses what one could imagine.

They do not simply make their Taiko drums explode with sound; they produce delicate music that provides the listener with a palette of meticulously crafted sound. This is why YAMATO’s original performances are known as “Physical music”, and continue to receive high acclaim all over the world. YAMATO is sometimes intense, sometimes sad, sometimes comforting, and in the next moment comical on stage.

The audience is more than a group of bystanders at their performances.

The audience is engulfed in the sound of the Taiko, and sweat, cry, and laugh; they become one with the performers. All types of people gather around the sound of the Taiko, interweaving their lives, and feeling the power of each other’s inner passion and heart.

They come together to create an instant in which they truly feel alive.

“Taiko drumming, to the unexplored field.”

YAMATO is still traveling around the world.



YAMATO BIOGRAPHY

1993: YAMATO was founded

SPIRIT TOUR 944 shows

1993: Shows in Japan
1994: China Tour (4 shows), Shows in Japan
1995: Shows in Japan
1996: Shows in South Korea, Indonesia and Japan
1997: Brazil Tour (13 shows), Shows in Japan
1998: Brazil Tour (12 shows), UK Tour (23 shows), Shows in Sweden, Israel and Japan
1999: Europe and Israel Tour (6 countries, 80 shows), Brazil Tour (15 shows), Shows in Japan
2000: UK Tour (27 shows), Indonesia Tour (2 shows), Shows in Japan
2001: Singapore Tour (4 shows), Europe Tour (4 countries, 75 shows), USA Tour (19 shows), Shows in Japan
2002: South Asia Tour (3 countries, 10 shows), Europe Tour (3 countries, 18 shows), Shows in Japan

WORLD TOUR 「魂」 "Tamashy" 364 shows

2003: Europe Tour (10 countries, 172 shows), USA & Canada Tour (37 shows), Shows in Japan
2004: Europe Tour (13 countries, 102 shows), Mexico Tour (11 shows), Hong Kong & Macau Tour (5 shows), Shows in Japan

WORLD TOUR 「神鳴」 "Kami-Nari" –Thunder 369 shows

2005: Europe Tour (10 countries, 139 shows), Show in South Korea, USA & Canada Tour (35 shows), Shows in Japan
2006: Philippine Tour (4 shows), Europe Tour (12 countries, 152 shows), Mexico Tour (14 shows), Shows in Japan

WORLD TOUR 「心音」 "SHIN-ON" –The Heartbeat 384 shows

2007: Europe Tour (19 countries, 151 shows), Show in South Korea, Mexico-USA & Canada Tour (58 shows), Japan Tour and shows
2008: Europe Tour (12 countries, 121 shows), Dubai event, Japan Tour and shows

WORLD TOUR 「祭」 "Matsuri" –Fiesta! 288 shows

2009: Europe Tour (8 countries, 94 shows), USA & Canada Tour (41 shows), Shows in Japan
2010: Mexico Tour (33 shows), Australia Tour (3 shows), Europe Tour (14 countries, 62 shows), Southeast Asia Tour (2 countries, 5 shows), Japan tour and shows

WORLD TOUR 「我武者羅」 "Gamushara" –The Beat of Courage 303 shows

2011: Europe Tour (7 countries, 103 shows), USA & Canada Tour (37 shows), Shows in Japan
2012: Europe Tour (11 countries, 61 shows), Israel Tour (3 shows), Japan Tour (10 shows) and shows

WORLD TOUR 「路上」 "Rojyoh" –The beat on the Road 429 shows

2013: Taiwan Tour (8 shows), Malaysia Tour (4 shows), Europe Tour (10 countries, 94 shows), 20th Anniversary Japan Tour (21 Prefectures, 31 shows) and shows, Mexico and USA Tour (31 shows)



2014: Europe Tour (9 countries, 74 shows), Corporate show in Kazakhstan, Brazil Tour (4 shows),
20th Anniversary Japan tour (47 Prefectures, 53 shows) and shows

WORLD TOUR 「爆音綺譚」 ”Bakuon” –The Legend of the Heartbeat 332 shows

2015: Show in Kazakhstan, Europe Tour (6 countries, 87 shows), Special performance in Russia, China Tour (5 shows),
Shows in Japan
2016: USA & Canada Tour (40 shows), Japan Tour (11 shows) and shows, China Tour (2 shows)
Eastern Europe Tour (6 countries, 20shows), Israel tour (3 shows)

WORLD TOUR 「回帰点」 ”Kaiki-ten” –Turning point 11 shows

2016: Germany Tour (11 shows)

WORLD TOUR 「挑戦者」 ”Chousensha” –The Challengers 394 shows

2017: Europe Tour (6 countries, 94 shows), Pafos; European Capital of Culture in 2017, Australia Tour (16 shows), Shows in Japan
2018: USA Tour (47 shows), Europe Tour (5 countries, 61 shows), Japan - Sweden 150th Year! (2 Shows),
Japan tour (6 shows) and shows
2019: Swiss Tour (19 shows)

WORLD TOUR 「情熱」 ”Jhonetsu” –Passion 290 shows

2019: Europe Tour (4 countries, 76 shows), Japan tour (17 shows) and shows, Australia tour (31 shows)
2020: USA and Canada tour (37 shows), online live performances and shows in Japan
*Due to concerns over the outbreak of COVID-19 and in consideration, cancelled/postponed the below shows.
(USA tour 20 shows, Japan tour 24 shows and Europe tour 30 shows)

WORLD TOUR 「天命」 ”Tenmei” –Destiny 345 shows

2021: Japan Tour (9 shows), online live performances and shows in Japan
*Due to concerns over the outbreak of COVID-19 and in consideration, cancelled/postponed the below shows.
(Japan Tour 4 shows, Europe Tour 72 shows)
2022: EXPO 2020 DUBAI, Europe Tour (4 countries, 53 shows), Japan Tour (10 shows) and shows
2023: Europe Tour (3 countries, 61 shows)

WORLD TOUR 「火の鳥」 ”Hinotori” –The Wings of Phoenix

2023: USA and Canada Tour (39 shows), Philippine Tour (4 shows), South Korea Tour (3 shows), Japan tour (5 shows) and shows
2024: Scheduled: Europe Tour (10 countries, about 100 shows), Japan Tour (7 shows) and shows in Japan



Countries and Regions that YAMATO performed from 1993 to 2021

01. Austria	オーストリア	31. Mexico	メキシコ
02. Australia	オーストラリア	32. Netherlands	オランダ
03. Bangladesh	バングラデシュ	33. Norway	ノルウェー
04. Belarus	ベラルーシ	34. Philippines	フィリピン
05. Belgium	ベルギー	35. Poland	ポーランド
06. Brazil	ブラジル	36. Portugal	ポルトガル
07. Bulgaria	ブルガリア	37. Qatar	カタール
08. Canada	カナダ	38. Romania	ルーマニア
09. Canary Islands	カナリア諸島	39. Russia	ロシア
10. China	中国	40. Serbia	セルビア
11. Croatia	クロアチア	41. Singapore	シンガポール
12. Cyprus	キプロス	42. Slovakia	スロバキア
13. Czech Republic	チェコ	43. Slovenia	スロベニア
14. Denmark	デンマーク	44. South Korea	韓国
15. Estonia	エストニア	45. Spain	スペイン
16. France	フランス	46. Sri Lanka	スリランカ
17. Germany	ドイツ	47. Sweden	スウェーデン
18. Greece	ギリシャ	48. Switzerland	スイス
19. Hong Kong	香港	49. Taiwan	台湾
20. Hungary	ハンガリー	50. Turkey	トルコ
21. India	インド	51. Ukraine	ウクライナ
22. Indonesia	インドネシア	52. UAE	アラブ首長国連邦
23. Israel	イスラエル	53. United Kingdom	イギリス
24. Italy	イタリア	54. USA	アメリカ合衆国
25. Kazakhstan	カザフスタン		
26. Latvia	ラトビア		
27. Lithuania	リトアニア		
28. Luxemburg	ルクセンブルグ		
29. Macau	マカオ		
30. Malaysia	マレーシア		