

## Taiko Workshops and Joint Taiko Performance



Photos: Courtesy of *Tsuchigumo Daiko*

In collaboration with Budohuset in Uppsala, we have the great pleasure of welcoming Shonagh Walker and Martin Doyle back to Sweden on **10th-11th September, 2022**. It is a great opportunity to be able to learn taiko from our invited instructors, professional taiko artists from *Tsuchigumo Daiko*!

Taiko (太鼓) originates from Japan. It is played all over the world at any age and no previous drumming nor taiko knowledge is necessary in order to start playing taiko. Taiko has not only spread geographically over the years, but has expanded artistically as well, from traditional festival drumming, to creating new styles of taiko and collaboration with other musical forms.

As an art form, taiko began with Daihachi Oguchi [1924-2008], founder of *Osuwa Daiko* in 1953. *Yushima Tenjin Sukeroku Daiko*, founded in the 1960s, laid the foundation for what we today call *kumi-daiko*. *Kumi-daiko* has its traditional roots in *Gagaku* (imperial court music from the 7th century), *Kabuki* dance drama, *Noh* drama and Japanese festival drumming.



This exciting event features a joint taiko performance and taiko workshops with Shonagh Walker and Martin Doyle from *Tsuchigumo Daiko*!

*Tsuchigumo Daiko* is an organisation based in central Scotland committed to the study and promotion of Taiko Drumming, through regular classes, workshops, and performances. The group was founded in January 2016 by Martin Doyle and Shonagh Walker, who quickly established a group ethos focused on sharing the joy and benefits of Taiko, fostering community, inclusivity, and personal development.

By drawing upon experience gained through many years of teaching, playing, and performing, as well as countless hours of instruction from some of the world's foremost Taiko teachers, the group's founders decided on a complete overhaul of their principle approach to playing, basing it on a more ergonomic, body conscious method. Inspired by a broad spectrum of musical and artistic influences, and with due respect to the history and traditions of Taiko, the group seeks to push the boundaries of Taiko, striving to create its own signature look and sound, punctuated by an exciting, creative, and highly energetic physical performance style.



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*With reservation for changes.*

**Register for the taiko workshops via the following link:**

<https://taikoshinkai.com/contact/taiko-event-sept-2022.html>

***Cancellation information:***

Cancellations no later than 2 weeks before:  
Workshop fees are refunded 100% of your payment.

Cancellations no later than 1 week before:  
Workshop fees are refunded 50% of your payment.

Cancellations no later than 4 days before:  
Workshop fees are refunded 25% of your payment.

Cancellations made 1 day before or later:  
Workshop fees can no longer be refunded.

In collaboration with:



**Taiko Shin Kai**

*Taiko Shin Kai is a non-profit organization, that wish to encourage and spread taiko, Japanese drumming, in Sweden. Taiko Shin Kai offers regular taiko training in Uppsala, and workshops.*

***Taiko Workshops***

This event features 2 exciting taiko workshops on September 11th, that will be lead by Shonagh Walker and Martin Doyle from *Tsuchigumo Daiko* and a joint taiko performance. Both workshops are suitable for all levels.

***Explore the Space***

This workshop features *Tsuchigumo's* 'Taiko Toolbox' of basic movement patterns and rhythmic expressions to help participants 'color' the space around them, and develop balanced, symmetrical form behind the drum. Drills will focus on increasing awareness of optimal striking positions, dynamic grips and stances, and strengthening your internal clock.

***Katsugi Basics***

Participants will be taken through an introduction to Katsugi Okedo playing, beginning with a primer on optimal drum setup, basic grips, arm movements, and exercises for maintaining control of the drum whilst in motion.

***Joint Taiko Performance***

On Saturday, September 10th, there will be a joint taiko performance in Uppsala. Anyone, who already knows or wish to come and learn the community taiko pieces we will play, can come and perform together with us.

*Do join us, it's a lot of fun!*

***Event Details:***

**September 10th-11th, Saturday – Sunday**

***Joint Taiko Performance***

Saturday - afternoon/evening

*Free of charge*

Please contact us if you wish to take part in the performance: [info@taikoshinkai.com](mailto:info@taikoshinkai.com).

***Taiko workshops***

Exploring the Space: Sunday 10:00 - 12:30.

Katsugi Basics: Sunday 13:30 - 18:00

***Workshop fees:***

*Exporing the Space: 475 kronor per participant*

*Katsugi Basics: 975 kronor per participant*

***Performance location:***

Botaniska trädgården, Uppsala

***Workshop location:***

Budohuset, Svartbäcksgatan 86,  
Uppsala, Sweden.

