

Taiko Event with Kenny Endo

In collaboration with *The Zenjo*, and *Budohuset* in Uppsala, we have the great pleasure of offering two taiko workshops on **November 11th** with world-renowned taiko artist Kenny Endo!

Taiko (太鼓) originates from Japan and is played all over the world. Taiko has not only spread geographically over the years but has expanded artistically as well, from traditional festival drumming, to the creation of new styles of taiko and collaboration with other musical forms.

Kenny Endo

Kenny Endo is at the vanguard of the taiko genre, continuing to explore new possibilities for this ancient Japanese instrument. A performer, composer, teacher, Kenny is a consummate artist, blending taiko with original music through collaborations with artists from around the world. In 2022, Kenny toured across the USA performing concerts, conducting workshops, and lectures. He recently received the Homba Hongwanji Living Treasures of Hawaii Award. In January 2022, Kenny was awarded the United States Artists award. In 2023, Kenny toured in the US west coast, Canada, Scotland, Spain, Switzerland, UK, and Belgium. Kenny's taiko are provided courtesy of Miyamoto Unosuke Shoten.

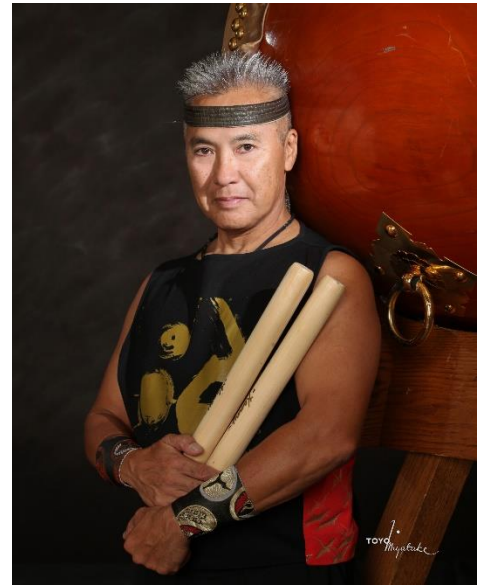


Photo: Courtesy of Toyo Miyatake

Taiko Workshops

This event features two exciting taiko workshops on November 11th, that will be led by Kenny Endo. Both taiko workshops are open for anyone. It is recommended to have some prior knowledge of taiko. There are a limited number of participants for both workshops. If a workshop becomes full, there will be a waiting list in case there are any cancellations.

Workshop fee

750 kronor per person

Date

Saturday November 11th, 2023

Time

10:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

Location

Budohuset, Svartbäcksgatan 86,
Uppsala

Workshop #1: Ji Patterns and Soloing Musically

One of taiko's major roles in traditional Japanese music is as an accompaniment for theater, dance, and other music genres. In *kumi daiko* the art of correctly propelling the music and supporting the soloists through solid *ji* playing (base beat) are often overlooked. Basic *kumi daiko ji* patterns as well as patterns from traditional music will be explained. We will practice the elements that go into making a musical and exciting improvised solo. Internalizing the beat, soloing within a group context, timing, and performing as a soloist will also be covered. Spontaneity, phrasing, and thematic soloing will be introduced. A great improvised solo will not only raise the energy level of performance but transport everyone to another place. Explore the creativity you have within yourself.

Workshop #2: Creativity and Composition

Where does one begin to create contemporary works in this new art form for an ancient instrument? Students will be introduced to some examples of traditional Japanese drumming patterns as well as some Western and patterns from around the world. This workshop will present several challenges to the participants as a way of unlocking their own creativity. In small group sessions, participants will share their varied talents and imagination as a means to cultivate ideas for simple themes. By arranging those creative thoughts or motives, and through feedback, new compositions will be born.

Registration Process

To register for the taiko workshops, please use the following link:

<https://taikoshinkai.com/contact/taiko-workshops-nov-2023.html>

When you register, you will either receive a confirmation and payment information, or you will be placed on a waiting list in case there are any cancellations if a workshop is full.

Reduced price for those who registers for **both** workshops: only **1200 kronor per person** (in total for both workshops).

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact us via our e-mail: info@taikoshinkai.com

Please note: if a workshop becomes full, those who have paid the workshop fee in advance will have a guaranteed spot at the workshop.

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.

Workshop fee

750 kronor per person

Date

Saturday November 11th, 2023

Time

1:15 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Location

Budohuset, Svartbäcksgatan 86,
Uppsala

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**Cancellation information:**

Cancellations no later than 4 weeks before:
Workshop fees are refunded 100% of your payment.

Cancellations no later than 3 weeks before:
Workshop fees are refunded 50% of your payment.

Cancellations no later than 2 weeks before:
Workshop fees are refunded 25% of your payment.

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

