

# TOKARA NEWS

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## 2008 Summer and Fall Tour/ Upcoming Performances

Apprenticeships  
with Art Lee and  
Tokara from July to  
September in  
Nagano, Japan.

### WHAT'S NEW WITH TOKARA???

#### TOKARA SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

From 2008, we have started a summer internship/apprenticeship program taught by Wadaiko Artist Art Lee. This year, there were three apprentices. Kordian Tetkov has returned for his third year, and there are two new faces from Canada: Dean Havixbeck and Susanna Duft. We will be accepting three apprentices in summer of 2009. Contact the TOKARA Office Japan for details.

#### SVA WORLD TOUR

Sva (Vital Force), the critically acclaimed collaboration piece between Wadaiko Ensemble TOKARA and Ragamala Dance has been touring since May of 2007. The full concert premiered in Minneapolis in May of this year and has just received a five star review in the Edinburgh Fringe Review. Sva will be on tour in Japan in September, and throughout the U.S. and Canada in Fall and throughout 2009.

#### UPCOMING PERFORMANCES

2008 has been a big year for Wadaiko TOKARA. We have been fortunate to tour the critically acclaimed collaboration of Sva (Vital Force) composed by Art Lee and choreographed by Rancee and Aparna Ramaswamy. Thus far, "Sva" has toured all



*Art Lee 15th Anniversary Concert in Iida*



*Sva (Vital Force) at the Southern Theater*



*With Shubhendra and Saskia Rao*

over the United States and Edinburgh, Scotland. The TOKARA Wadaiko Camp, an intermediate/advanced taiko course following the INADANI Taiko Drumming Course, began this year with big success. We have also had our second annual month-long showcase, "Hirugami no Hibiki" which was hugely successful and has already been booked for a third time next year. Upcoming performances include two concerts as part of Art Lee's 15th Anniversary in Matsumoto and Nagoya, the Saiwai Shimoina Wadaiko Festival in Iida, and much more. Check the website often for details on concerts and workshops. The next Newsletter is scheduled for December 2008.