

**Art Lee and Tokara World Tour - Tenchi Shinmei**  
**Taiko Intensive Workshop In Dublin, Ireland**  
**26 - 29 July, 2010**

**The Course:**

This course is suitable for Taiko players with good fitness and ability levels, although keen beginners can also be accommodated. Roughly 4 hours per day of intense drumming. Exact content will be chosen by [Art Lee](#) to fit the needs of the group, but previous intensive courses have included both Taiko pieces and drills, such as Art's signature "Taiko Stairmaster," which are part of Art's list of [workshops](#).

The course will run from 10AM to 2PM at the Axis Theatre Ballymun. At the conclusion of each day's session, the local organiser will be happy to help participants explore the city of Dublin, with possible group or individual visits to the stunning National Botanic Gardens, the Guinness Hopstore, and the Trinity College Long Room Library to see the Book of Kells.

**Cost of the workshop is €440. To secure a place on the workshop, a deposit of half the full workshop cost will be due by direct deposit (bank details will be supplied upon request) not later than 15 June. Full payment will be due not later than 9 July.**

To register for the workshop, please contact Jennifer at Taiseiyo Taiko, [jennifer\\_edmond@yahoo.com](mailto:jennifer_edmond@yahoo.com); +353 (0)1 830 0010 / +353 (0)851 473433

**Location:**

The city of Dublin is easily reached by air, or by sea from the UK ports of Holyhead and Fishguard. It is recommend that you find accommodation in one of the Dublin northside options listed on the next page, for ease of access to both the drumming venue and the city centre. A taxi from the airport to North Dublin will cost about 20 Euro, or there are numerous city and coach busses running from the airport to the city.

Drumming sessions will be held in the Axis Theatre, Ballymun, Dublin 9, Ireland.

(see: <http://www.axisballymun.ie>)

Ballymun is a regenerated urban neighborhood on the northern edge of the city centre, easily accessible by bus or car. Axis is served by buses 4, 13, 13A, 17A, 46X, 58X, 103, 104 & 220, many of which run directly past the accommodation options listed below.

Axis is a glass and blue tile-fronted building, set back from the main road by a grassy open space. The bus stop for northbound routes from the city centre is located outside the Ballymun Shopping Centre, just after Supervalu on the left side of Ballymun's main street. On exiting the bus cross the road at the lights, axis is located between the new Civic Offices (containing the Motor Tax Office and the new Health Centre) and the Travelodge Hotel.



For more bus route and timetable information please call Dublin bus on (01) 873 4222 or log on to [www.dublinbus.ie](http://www.dublinbus.ie).

For ease of access to both the drumming venue and the city centre, we recommend that you find accommodation in North Dublin, in or around the convenient neighborhood of Glasnevin. Glasnevin is home to many B&Bs as well as the beautiful National Botanic Gardens and Kavanaugh's (aka the Gravedigger's) Pub, as made famous in James Joyce's *Ulysses*.

Questions, Problems?

If so, feel free to contact Jennifer at Taiseiyo Taiko, [jennifer\\_edmond@yahoo.com](mailto:jennifer_edmond@yahoo.com); +353 (0)1 830 0010 / +353 (0)851 473433

### **Accommodation Options in North Dublin:**

#### **Budget Accommodation:**

Dublin International Hostel Hotel: <http://www.anoige.ie/hostels/dublin-international>

Shared rooms from 23 Euro, Single rooms from 40 Euro

Dublin City University Summer Accommodation

<http://www.summeraccommodation.dcu.ie/index.html>

Single Rooms from 36 Euro

Small Hotels in leafy Glasnevin

-Egan's House Hotel: <http://www.eganshouse.com/>

Single Rooms from 49 Euro

-Maples Hotel: <http://www.mapleshotel.com/index.php>

Single Rooms from 60 Euro

B&Bs in leafy Glasnevin

-Botanic Villa B&B: <http://www.botanicvilla.com/>

Single Rooms from 45 Euro

-Botanic View B&B: <http://www.botanicview.bnb-network.com/>

Single Rooms from 55 Euro

-Agadoe House: <http://www.aghadoehouse.bnb-network.com/>

Single Rooms from 60 Euro

#### **Larger Hotels:**

-Travelodge Ballymun (Right next to the Axis):

<http://www.travelodgeballymun.com/>

Rooms from 38 Euro

**About the Teacher:**

Art Lee first began the study of taiko in 1993 from the Sacramento Taiko Dan with whom he became a featured performer and instructor. He later joined one of the world's most famed taiko groups, Za Ondekoza, for their U.S. and Japan Tour, which culminated in a landmark concert at Carnegie Hall.

Art Lee became a solo performer after moving to Japan in 1998. And on November 14th, 2001, Art exploded onto the world scene when he became the first person in the world ever to be granted an unsponsored artist visa from the Japanese government to teach, perform, and lead the life of a Professional Taiko Artist in Japan.

On October 15th, 2005, Art took another massive step in the world of Taiko when he became the first non-Japanese to win First Place in the Solo Odaiko section of the most prestigious and renowned taiko contest in the world - The Tokyo International Wadaiko Contest.

In addition to his teaching and solo performing schedule, he is the resident instructor of various local taiko groups in Japan including Koihime Daiko, Suiko and Nadeshiko. He is also the Founder and Artistic Director of Wadaiko Ensemble TOKARA, whom he has lead to become one of Japan's most unique taiko groups, touring nationally and internationally two to four times a year. For six years, Art Lee was also a performing member of Osuwa Daiko - Ashura-Gumi, which was lead by Grandmaster Daihachi Oguchi, who was famed for creating taiko as a performance art nearly 60 years ago.

Utilizing his extensive training in both traditional and modern taiko techniques, Art Lee continues to perform all over the world, as well as teach in both English and Japanese to taiko enthusiasts and newcomers alike through a variety of programs including the INADANI Taiko Drumming Course, the TOKARA Wadaiko Camp, and an annual apprenticeship program.

**For full details on Wadaiko Artist Art Lee, visit his official website at:**

**<http://www.tokara.net/ArtLee/Artprofile.html>**

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