

WADAIKO 達 TOKARA

TIME	TOKARA ACTION	REQUESTS
Up to 60 - 40 minutes before Start:	Tokara will arrive to school and begin instruments set-up.	Please arrange for parking for two cars and have someone ready to advise loading entrance for drums. <u>Please provide one Microphone</u> in case of larger space and many students.
15 minutes before Start:	Set-up ready.	Teachers are welcome to prepare students entry up to <u>ten minutes before start</u>
Performance Start	Performance begins after any teacher announcements and short performance group introduction.	There is a portion of text below this table to introduce the group. Please ask us if you need any extra information.
During Performance	Song 1 Description about Drums/other Song 2 Description about Japan/other Song 3 <u>Students participation</u> Song 4 Question & Answer End	For Student Participation, please choose up to 16 students to try the drums. There will be two groups of eight. After the first group is finished, then they can hand drumsticks to us or to next group participants. If there is enough time, there may be a third group of teacher participation as well.
After Performance	Instruments take down and packing into vans.	We would like to offer a small "Thank You" card to each student. We would like to give to teachers to give to students after the performance.

TOKARA is a professional group of drummers from Japan.

They play on taiko drums, which are originally from Japan.

Tokara is very unique in that they all live in Japan and are one of the most well-known taiko groups even though they are from many different countries.

They play traditional songs, but they also create many new songs which shows their special style of taiko which is very fast and strong, but also musical and fun.

Tokara performs and teaches taiko in more than 20 different countries around the world. Even though they tour around the world in many famous places, their favorite performances are school shows, and they have performed in more than 1,000 different schools around the world.

Their leader, Art Lee, is the first and only person in the world to be awarded an artist visa from the Japanese government to teach Taiko and lead the life of a professional Taiko artist in Japan. He is also the only non-Japanese person in the world to become Grand Champion in the Odaiko (Big Drum) section of the Tokyo International Taiko Contest - the world's top taiko contest.

A FEW DETAILS

1. Please note that the group name is "**Tokara**" (Tō kā rā), not "Tokara Taiko Drummers" or "Taiko Group"
2. If you need any pictures of Tokara for your presentation or PR, please use only those from the following link: <https://www.tokara.net/pressinfo.html>. Please do not use stock images from another website or another groups images.
3. Because the drums are loud and large drumsticks are used, please allow at least five meters distance between the drums and where students are seated during performance.

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