



Yukari Ichise

(Performer/Costume Designer)

Yukari Ichise is fast becoming recognized throughout Japan, North America and Europe for her dynamic and lively taiko performance.

Although having seen festivals and taiko performances while growing up in her native Japan, taiko never attracted her until she first viewed a solo performance by Art Lee in 1999. Since 2000, she began study in concert production for taiko concerts.

In 2004, she began practicing taiko as a member of Tendo, based in Achi Village, Japan. She also began intensive rehearsals with Grandmaster Daihachi Oguchi and Osuwa Daiko.

In 2006, Yukari Ichise became a member of Wadaiko Tokara, touring throughout Japan and internationally with the group between four to six months every year.

Yukari Ichise is currently deputy leader of Haruka International, which represents various taiko groups including Tokara Matsuri, Haruka Taiko, Suiko and Nadeshiko.

Yukari composed her first performance piece in 2015 titled “Chiyo Honen Bayashi” which has now been adopted as the main performance piece for the town of Chiyo in Nagano Prefecture.

She is particularly renowned for her powerful and enthusiastic performance style.

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