**YAMATO the Drummers of Japan**

YAMATO is a Japanese Taiko drumming group based in Asuka-mura Nara Prefecture which is well known by Japanese people as the hometown of Japan. They call themselves “YAMATO, the Taiko drumming group that travels all over the world”. They have given more than 4,500 shows across 55 countries around the world since their formation in 1993.

YAMATO’s Taiko work cannot be fully described by the word “performance”.

They have performed in theaters, schools, all types of events, and even held workshops and Taiko lessons. They are spending a half year on a Japan tour and a half year for the world tour. Their motto is “We go everywhere when somebody needs YAMATO! And bringing energy to the people living in the world!”. They bring joy to the world.

On stage, they are standing with more than 40 Taiko drums and all of them are having different characters. For example, their largest drum called “Odaiko”, produced from a huge tree over 400 years old, is approximately two meters in diameter and weighs 500 kg. All other Taiko drums are different sizes and have different sounds.

The members of the group have trained their bodies to the limit to beat these massive Taiko drums.

The acoustic pressure far surpasses what one could imagine.

They do not simply make their Taiko drums explode with sound; they produce delicate music that provides the listener with a palette of meticulously crafted sound. This is why YAMATO’s original performances are known as “Physical music”, and continue to receive high acclaim all over the world. YAMATO is sometimes intense, sometimes sad, sometimes comforting, and in the next moment comical on stage.

The audience is more than a group of bystanders at their performances.

The audience is engulfed in the sound of the Taiko, and sweat, cry, and laugh; they become one with the performers. All types of people gather around the sound of the Taiko, interweaving their lives, and feeling the power of each other’s inner passion and heart.

They come together to create an instant in which they truly feel alive.

“Taiko drumming, to the unexplored field.”

YAMATO is still traveling around the world.

YAMATO BIOGRAPHY

1993: YAMATO was founded

**SPIRIT TOUR 944 shows**

1993: Shows in Japan

1994: China Tour (4 shows), Shows in Japan

1995: Shows in Japan

1996: Shows in South Korea, Indonesia and Japan

1997: Brazil Tour (13 shows), Shows in Japan

1998: Brazil Tour (12 shows), UK Tour (23 shows), Shows in Sweden, Israel and Japan

1999: Europe and Israel Tour (6 countries, 80 shows), Brazil Tour (15 shows), Shows in Japan

2000: UK Tour (27 shows), Indonesia Tour (2 shows), Shows in Japan

2001: Singapore Tour (4 shows), Europe Tour (4 countries, 75 shows), USA Tour (19 shows), Shows in Japan

2002: South Asia Tour (3 countries, 10 shows), Europe Tour (3 countries, 18 shows), Shows in Japan

**WORLD TOUR 「魂」 ”Tamashy” 364 shows**

2003: Europe Tour (10 countries, 172 shows), USA & Canada Tour (37 shows), Shows in Japan

2004: Europe Tour (13 countries, 102 shows), Mexico Tour (11 shows), Hong Kong & Macau Tour (5 shows),

Shows in Japan

**WORLD TOUR 「神鳴」 ”Kami-Nari” –Thunder 369 shows**

2005: Europe Tour (10 countries, 139 shows), Show in South Korea, USA & Canada Tour (35 shows), Shows in Japan

2006: Philippine Tour (4 shows), Europe Tour (12 countries, 152 shows), Mexico Tour (14 shows), Shows in Japan

**WORLD TOUR 「心音」 ”SHIN-ON” –The Heartbeat 384 shows**

2007: Europe Tour (19 countries, 151 shows), Show in South Korea, Mexico-USA & Canada Tour (58 shows),

Japan Tour and shows

2008: Europe Tour (12 countries, 121 shows), Dubai event, Japan Tour and shows

**WORLD TOUR 「祭」 ”Matsuri” –Fiesta! 288 shows**

2009: Europe Tour (8 countries, 94 shows), USA & Canada Tour (41 shows), Shows in Japan

2010: Mexico Tour (33 shows), Australia Tour (3 shows), Europe Tour (14 countries, 62 shows),

Southeast Asia Tour (2 countries, 5 shows), Japan tour and shows

**WORLD TOUR 「我武者羅」 ”Gamushara” –The Beat of Courage 303 shows**

2011: Europe Tour (7 countries, 103 shows), USA & Canada Tour (37 shows), Shows in Japan

2012: Europe Tour (11 countries, 61 shows), Israel Tour (3 shows), Japan Tour (10 shows) and shows

**WORLD TOUR 「路上」 ”Rojyoh” –The beat on the Road 429 shows**

2013: Taiwan Tour (8 shows), Malaysia Tour (4 shows), Europe Tour (10 countries, 94 shows),

20th Anniversary Japan Tour (21 Prefectures, 31 shows) and shows, Mexico and USA Tour (31 shows)

2014: Europe Tour (9 countries, 74 shows), Corporate show in Kazakhstan, Brazil Tour (4 shows),

20th Anniversary Japan tour (47 Prefectures, 53 shows) and shows

**WORLD TOUR 「爆音綺譚」” Bakuon” –The Legend of the Heartbeat 332 shows**

2015: Show in Kazakhstan, Europe Tour (6 countries, 87 shows), Special performance in Russia, China Tour (5 shows),

Shows in Japan

2016: USA & Canada Tour (40 shows), Japan Tour (11 shows) and shows, China Tour (2 shows)

Eastern Europe Tour (6 countries, 20shows), Israel tour (3 shows)

**WORLD TOUR 「回帰点」 ”Kaiki-ten” –Turning point 11 shows**

2016: Germany Tour (11 shows)

**WORLD TOUR 「挑戦者」 ”Chousensha” –The Challengers 394 shows**

2017: Europe Tour (6 countries, 94 shows), Pafos; European Capital of Culture in 2017, Australia Tour (16 shows), Shows in Japan

2018: USA Tour (47 shows), Europe Tour (5 countries, 61 shows), Japan - Sweden 150th Year! (2 Shows),

Japan tour (6 shows) and shows

2019: Swiss Tour (19 shows)

**WORLD TOUR 「情熱」 ”Jhonetsu” –Passion 290 shows**

2019: Europe Tour (4 countries, 76 shows), Japan tour (17 shows) and shows, Australia tour (31 shows)

2020: USA and Canada tour (37 shows), online live performances and shows in Japan

\*Due to concerns over the outbreak of COVID-19 and in consideration, cancelled/postponed the below shows.

(USA tour 20 shows, Japan tour 24 shows and Europe tour 30 shows)

**WORLD TOUR 「天命」 ”Tenmei” –Destiny 345 shows**

2021: Japan Tour (9 shows), online live performances and shows in Japan

\*Due to concerns over the outbreak of COVID-19 and in consideration, cancelled/postponed the below shows.

(Japan Tour 4 shows, Europe Tour 72 shows)

2022: EXPO 2020 DUBAI, Europe Tour (4 countries, 53 shows), Japan Tour (10 shows) and shows

2023: Europe Tour (3 countries, 61 shows)

**WORLD TOUR 「火の鳥」 ”Hinotori” –The Wings of Phoenix**

2023: USA and Canada Tour (39 shows), Philippine Tour (4 shows), South Korea Tour (3 shows), Japan tour (5 shows) and shows

2024: Scheduled: Europe Tour (10 countries, about 100 shows), Japan Tour (7 shows) and shows in Japan

**Countries and Regions that YAMATO performed from 1993 to 2021**

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| 01. | Austria | オーストリア |  | 31. | Mexico | メキシコ |
| 02. | Australia | オーストラリア |  | 32. | Netherlands | オランダ |
| 03. | Bangladesh | バングラデシュ |  | 33. | Norway | ノルウェー |
| 04. | Belarus | ベラルーシ |  | 34. | Philippines | フィリピン |
| 05 | Belgium | ベルギー |  | 35. | Poland | ポーランド |
| 06 | Brazil | ブラジル |  | 36. | Portugal | ポルトガル |
| 07 | Bulgaria | ブルガリア |  | 37. | Qatar | カタール |
| 08 | Canada | カナダ |  | 38. | Romania | ルーマニア |
| 09. | Canary Islands | カナリア諸島 |  | 39. | Russia | ロシア |
| 10. | China | 中国 |  | 40. | Serbia | セルビア |
| 11. | Croatia | クロアチア |  | 41. | Singapore | シンガポール |
| 12. | Cyprus | キプロス |  | 42. | Slovakia | スロバキア |
| 13. | Czech Republic | チェコ |  | 43. | Slovenia | スロベニア |
| 14. | Denmark | デンマーク |  | 44. | South Korea | 韓国 |
| 15. | Estonia | エストニア |  | 45. | Spain | スペイン |
| 16. | France | フランス |  | 46. | Sri Lanka | スリランカ |
| 17. | Germany | ドイツ |  | 47. | Sweden | スウェーデン |
| 18. | Greece | ギリシャ |  | 48. | Switzerland | スイス |
| 19. | Hong Kong | 香港 |  | 49. | Taiwan | 台湾 |
| 20. | Hungary | ハンガリー |  | 50. | Turkey | トルコ |
| 21. | India | インド |  | 51. | Ukraine | ウクライナ |
| 22. | Indonesia | インドネシア |  | 52. | UAE | アラブ首長国連邦 |
| 23. | Israel | イスラエル |  | 53. | United Kingdom | イギリス |
| 24. | Italy | イタリア |  | 54. | USA | アメリカ合衆国 |
| 25. | Kazakhstan | カザフスタン |  |  |  |  |
| 26. | Latvia | ラトビア |  |  |  |  |
| 27. | Lithuania | リトアニア |  |  |  |  |
| 28. | Luxemburg | ルクセンブルグ |  |  |  |  |
| 29. | Macau | マカオ |  |  |  |  |
| 30. | Malaysia | マレーシア |  |  |  |  |