



YAMATO the Drummers of Japan

World Tour 2023-2024



「火の鳥」 "Hinotori" - The Wings of Phoenix

The dawn is beginning to break again.
Now is the time to get up.

We have not been defeated
Even though we hit the mountain that rises high
Even slipped and fallen into deep valleys
We've gotten back up again and again

Just when we began to over-confidently believe that we could go anywhere

Under the sky, on the Earth

We were confronted by the biggest mountain I'd ever seen
We sank into a valley deeper than any valley I've ever slid down

In the shadow of the huge mountain
In the darkness of the pitch-black valley floor
We were swallowed up

Despair and Hope

But we did not forget the sun that shone beyond

We continued to struggle and walk
And now we see the light again

Now is the time to rise again
Fly high

Firebird

Flying high, clothed in sunshine
We spread the wings of our burning souls

We are Phoenix

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Program

1. 羽撃 Habataki – Wingbeat

Throughout history, humanity has persevered through countless challenges.

Even now, as we live through tumultuous times, we are tossed and buffeted by the tumultuous waves.

But even as we bear the weight of grief and sorrow, we will take flight like the Phoenix rising from the ashes.

The beating of our hearts, resonating within our bodies,
will transform into wings, and carry us aloft.

2. 遠音 Toon – Tone

The various lives we live, the diverse landscapes, the human tapestry, our likes and dislikes,

Our daily lives and this world, and you and I, all painted in a spectrum of hues.

If we listen closely, we can hear the melody of distant places.

3. 熱情 Netsujoh – Passion

A burning, intense feeling that wells up within the heart,

A soul that blazes like fire within the body.

With that flame as our guiding light, we walk forward,

Carrying our passion aloft, beating our Taiko drums.

4. 颯 Hayate – Invigorating breeze

The wings of the Phoenix beat high,

Refreshing winds stir the trees, as ripples dance upon the water.

Through the chaos of the scene, wings cleave the air, soaring toward the future.

Fly straight, to the light of hope ahead.

5. マスラオ Masurao – The Brave Heart

For centuries, the Japanese Taiko drum has always been a source of courage for people.

As the centerpiece of festivals celebrating life, people were drawn to its sound, singing and dancing.

The robust sound played instills the courage to live and the courage to fight.

Let us play it now, this sound of courage in this place, today.

Intermission

6. 楽打 Rakuda – Joy of the Beat

Rakuda is a coined word, combining the characters for "enjoyment" and "to play the drum". The sound (pronunciation) of the word is inspired by the animal "rakuda" in Japanese. The song, Joy of the Beat, is imagined to convey a sense of ease and carefree like the animal 'rakuda', that wanders aimlessly through the endless desert, with a sense of joy, that's what we mean by "Rakuda" and is considered one of YAMATO's most representative pieces and YAMATO continues to travel the endless world with this piece.

7. 烈火 Rekka – Wildfire

As the name suggests, this song embodies the meaning of a fierce, burning flame. Through the Taiko drum, those who spar and strive together scatter sparks. The energy of heartbeats that clash with rich individuality. Before long, the heartbeats synchronize.

8. 我楽多 Garakuta – Odds and Ends

Odds and ends are things that have become useless and have no purpose. But they are not trash, they may be someone's treasure. The title written in Kanji, the meaning is "I have fun" Maybe I have a reason to be born in this world, but I don't serve much purpose... But still, I think in my own way and I'm alive today. It's a comical song that uses a small instrument called chappa, instead of Japanese Taiko drums.

9. 炎人 Enzin – Ball of Fire

Fall seven times, stand up eight, let's do our best. Even if we fall, we will rise again. Sleeping too much when tired is not good for the body. Let's push forward without thinking about minor details. Things will happen if you make them happen. If you don't do anything, nothing will happen. Today too, full throttle ahead!