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## **Amanojaku Releases Concert DVD Traditional Music for the Modern Era**

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(TOKYO) – “Soul Beat,” the just released DVD from Amanojaku is an opportunity for international audiences and newcomers to “taiko” music to discover the ground-breaking sound of one of Japan’s top taiko ensembles.

The DVD, Amanojaku’s first, delivers an energetic live performance by the seven-member band of original compositions by Yoichi Watanabe, who has toured more than 40 nations and taught hundreds of people not only in Japan but also in the U.S. and Brazil.

Amanojaku pieces are innovative musical statements that combine traditional technique with modern rhythms, and seek to challenge other great forms of world music as modern Tokyo music.

The snapping snare-drum-like shime evokes the seasons like Kabuki. The soulful pulsating beat of the giant odaiko demands fierce muscular control. And the collage of rhythms slips in and out of kagura shrine beats to Latin percussion.

Amanojaku pieces are played in a unique and demanding physical style that some critics have compared to dance choreography. The 94-minute DVD of Amanojaku’s 20th Anniversary Concert features premieres of “Kaiun” and “Goshiki no Taiko” as well as trademark pieces such as “Bujin.”

Product	Amanojaku 20 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Concert DVD “Soul Beat”
Release Date	March 15, 2007
Price	JPY 5000
Specifications	9 tracks 94 minutes
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### **Upcoming Amanojaku Performances**

#### **Dechikonka 2007**

Date: October 20-21 (Saturday and Sunday)

Place: Kihoku Town Hall Main Stage (1-800 Oaza-chikanaga Kitauwa-gun Ehime 798-1395)

Contact: Kihoku Town Hall TEL: 0895-45-1111 FAX: 0895-45-2061



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**2007 National Cultural Festival in Tokushima “Taiko Festival”**

Date: October 27-28 (Saturday and Sunday)

Place: Tokushima Gymnasium (6 Jyonai Tokushima-cho Tokushima 770-0851)

Contact: National Cultural Festival Executive Office TEL: 088—621-5178 FAX: 088—624-1281

**Ayutsubo Taiko 20th Anniversary Concert**

Date: November 11 (Sunday)

Place: Nagaizumi Cultural Center (821-1 Shimotogari Nagaizumi-cho Shizuoka 411-0943)

Contact: Ayutsubo Taiko TEL: 055-986-5581

**2007 Nippon Enka no Yume Masturi Tour (Background Music Only)**

Date: February 24 (Saturday)

Place: Nagoya Rainbow Hall (5-1-16 Higashi Matabei-cho Minami-ku Nagoya Aichi 457-0833)

Contact: Nagoya Nippon Enka no Yume Matsuri Organizer TEL: 052-232-5717

Date: February 27 (Tuesday)

Place: Osaka-jo Hall (3-1 Osaka-jo Chuo-ku Osaka 540-0002)

Contact: Osaka Nippon Enka no Yume Matsuri Organizer TEL: 06-6263-1887

Date: March 3 (Saturday)

Place: Fukuoka Convention Center (7-1 Okihama-cho Hakata-ku Fukuoka 812-0031)

Contact: Fukuoka Nippon Enka no Yume Matsuri Organizer TEL: 092-751-7900

Date: March 14 (Wednesday)

Place: Grade 21 (40-1 Sugaya-asatate Rifu-cho Miyagi-gun Miyagi 981-0122)

Contact: Sendai Nippon Enka no Yume Matsuri Organizer TEL: 022-263-2643

Date: March 23 (Friday)

Place: Hokkaido Sports Center (11-1-1 Toyohira-gojo Toyohira-ku Sapporo 062-0905)

Contact: Sapporo Nippon Enka no Yume Matsuri Organizer TEL: 011-207-0514

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