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Music for the Deaf

Leading Japanese Drum Ensemble Invites Deaf Children to Concert

(TOKYO) Amanojaku, one of the world's most respected taiko (Japanese drum) ensembles, is inviting deaf children and their families, totaling about 20 people, to the group's 20th Anniversary concert. Deaf people may not be able to hear the sounds of a flute, violin, or saxophone, but they can certainly feel and appreciate the booming beat and dance-like choreography of taiko.

In 2003, Amanojaku performed for deaf audiences and led workshops at Rochester Institute of Technology in New York and Gallaudette University in Washington DC. Later that year, the group conducted a workshop for the deaf community in Denver, Colorado.

"It is an honor to give children an opportunity to experience music in a new way," said Amanojaku leader Yoichi Watanabe. "The combination of sound and movement that is unique to taiko allows us as taiko drummers to give back to the community that has supported us for 20 years."

Concert Title	Amanojaku 20 th Anniversary Concert "Soul Beat"
Place	Nerima Bunka Center TEL: 03-3993-3311
Date and Time	December 19, 2006 Tuesday at 19:00 Doors open at 18:30
Ticket Prices	Advance Tickets: JPY 5,000 Door Tickets: JPY 5,500 All seats are non-reserved
Ticket Sales	Ticket Pia – http://pia.jp/t P-Code: 243-508 TEL: 0570-02-9999 or 0570-02-9990
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About Amanojaku – <http://amanojaku.info>

Amanojaku's sound integrates traditional Japanese rhythms with modern and world influences. The group has toured over 40 nations, including Thailand ('06), the United States ('05) and Brazil ('04). Leader Yoichi Watanabe has been designated a Special Advisor for Cultural Exchange by the Japanese government and frequently travels to the US and Brazil to teach the unique Amanojaku style.