



Press Release

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Watsonville Taiko 17th Anniversary Performance Himatsuri

Watsonville Taiko drumming group will present its 17th anniversary performance titled "HIMATSURI" or "FIRE FESTIVAL" on October 11 and 12, 2008. Santa Cruz's sister city in Japan, Shingu, is renowned for its fire festival which celebrates the harvest based on Shinto beliefs. Using the art of Taiko drumming, Watsonville Taiko, in participation with Shinsho Mugen Daiko and Sandoshin Taiko, will portray the energetic spectacle of the Fire Festival of Japan. This production of original compositions and choreography showcases the art of Taiko, combining elements of dance, martial art, rhythm and music into a moving experience.

This event is funded in part by a grant from the Cultural Council of Santa Cruz.

- Who: Watsonville Taiko
- What: 17th Anniversary Performance: *Himatsuri*
- When: Saturday October 11th at 7:30pm
Sunday October 12th at 2:00pm
- Where: Cabrillo College Theater
6500 Soquel Drive, Aptos
- Ticket prices: Adults \$15
Children (12 & under) and Seniors \$12
- Website: www.watsonvilletaiko.org,
<http://tinyurl.com/5gf7d6>

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