

The Kodo Way of Life

Under the theme "One Earth," Kodo brings the sound of the taiko to all corners of the globe as our music and message resonates with myriad cultures and ways of life.

The Kodo Lifestyle:

Living, Learning, and Creating

Since 1971, when Kodo's antecedent group Sado no Kuni Ondekoza was formed, Sado Island has been our home and the platform from which we reach out to the world. With nature's warm embrace evident in each of her four seasons, Sado is an extraordinary place where traditional ways of life and the island's inherent performing arts still thrive today. This island is the fountain of our inspiration and



Sign at the entrance to Kodo Village, Sado Island, Japan. The lives of fifty Kodo members are centered here.

the guiding force behind our creative lifestyle.

Our goal is to find a harmonious balance between people and the natural world. Each time we venture off the island we encounter new people, customs, and traditional performing arts that are ingrained in the lifestyles of each locale. Both similarities and differences prompt us to take pause and reflect upon the importance of the varied and rich cultures that color our world.

These life lessons permeate our very skin and become an invisible source of our expression. It is through this process of "Living, Learning, and Creating" that we cultivate a unique aesthetic and sensitivity, reaching out toward a new world culture rooted in the rich possibilities of a peaceful



Lunch at Kodo Village: prepared by members, using fresh, seasonal, local ingredients

Kodo Europe Festival Tour ~ Corsica, France & Gent, Belgium

We will be collaborating again with our Earth Celebration 2010 guest artists [A Filetta](#) in performances on their island home of Corsica, France.

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coexistence between humanity and nature.

Kodo Village

Shaped by Sado Island, diverse Japanese folk influences and years of international touring, Kodo developed an utterly unique style and repertoire. Yet despite the constant infusion of



global influences, Kodo became even more fiercely dedicated to its home of Sado Island.

In 1988, Kodo built its own village base not far from the original schoolhouse by the sea, with living, practice, recording and office spaces, farm land and carefully tended forests. The lives of 50 Kodo members from throughout Japan are centered in this village.



Kodo Village Dining Room



Wood waiting to be made into drumsticks, with handmade straw sandals, in the workshop at the Kodo Apprentice Centre



The garden between the two main buildings at Kodo Village, with a Japanese zelkova (keyaki) planted in the center. This tree, planted in March 2001, reminds us how many years it takes for a tree to grow big enough to make a drum. We wonder how Kodo will have evolved by the time this tree is fully grown.



Kodo Village Rehearsal Hall

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Kodo will then travel to Gent, Belgium for Kodo solo performances at OdeGand.

**Rencontres de Chants
Polyphoniques de Calvi**

September 14 (Tue)
Théâtre de Bastia, Bastia,
Corsica, France
A Filetta & Kodo

September 16 (Thu)
Place d'Armes, Calvi,
Corsica, France
A Filetta & Kodo

**OdeGand, Ghent Festival
of Flanders**

September 18 (Sat)
Capitole Ghent
Kodo

Festival Programme Lineup

Artistic Director
Motofumi Yamaguchi

Cast

Yoko Fujimoto, Motofumi Yamaguchi,
Takeshi Arai, Kazuki Imagai,
Masaru Tsuji, Masami Miyazaki,
Kenzo Abe, Tokio Takahashi



Place d'Armes, Calvi, Corsica

Earth Celebration 2010

Thank you to everyone who joined us for **Earth Celebration 2010**. Here are some photographs from the festival. We hope to see you at EC next year!



Always a favorite, Miyake Taiko at the fringe by Akio Tsumura and the Miyake Geino Doshikai



Yoshie Sunahata and Mariko Omi in the Kodo Parade down the main street in Ogi



Soothing sounds and stunning skies. A Filetta made their Japan debut at EC



Special Fringe Event featuring Sado Performing Arts included the Kojishimai Deer Dance from Takachi in Aikawa



Kazuki Imagai waves the Corsican flag, thanking A Filetta for joining our celebration



Kodo and A Filetta perform a unique arrangement of Maki Ishii's "Monochrome"

**We look forward to seeing you on Sado for Earth Celebration 2011.
Main events are scheduled for August 19 (Fri) through 21 (Sun).
Detailed information will be available in May 2011.**



Natsuki Saito joins Yoshikazu Fujimoto on the dock farewelling the ferry. EC marked Natsuki's last performance with Kodo, we wish her luck with her future endeavours!



"Kumo-no Namiji" by Kodo, at home on Sado Island



Special Fringe Event "EWF Goddess" by Chieko Kojima and friends winds up the festivities as the last ferry leaves Ogi on the final night of EC.



Yoshikazu Fujimoto Guest Instructor at TaikoOz January Taiko Intensive 2011



In January 2011, Yoshikazu Fujimoto will head from snowy Sado to mid-summer Australia to join TaikoOz as guest-instructor for their January Taiko Intensive. From beginners to pros, taiko players from around the world will gather for a 5-day camp to enjoy taiko, shakuhachi, shinobue, dance, and song with members of TaikoOz.

Join Yoshikazu next summer in the Southern Hemisphere at a beautiful Southern Highlands winery for five days of taiko, cultural exchange, and fun in the sun.

TAIKOZ JANUARY TAIKO INTENSIVE

Dates: January 26 (Wed) - 30 (Sun), 2011 (5 days, 4 nights)

Place: [Eling Forest Winery](#), Southern Highlands, NSW, Australia
140 kms/90 minutes from Sydney CBD (transport will be provided for out-of-town guests) Capacity: 60 people, ages 18 & over with 6-months upwards in experience. (All instruction in English.)

Fee: "Early Bird Special" AUD\$720 (incl GST) if you book by September 19, 2010
Full fee: AUD\$860 (incl GST) if you book by November 19, 2010

Notes: Fee includes tuition and all meals, but not flute hire or accommodation
Inquiries: [Synergy & TaikoZ Ltd Email](#) or www.taikoZ.com

Programme includes:

- Daily stretches, breathing exercises and drumming practice
- O-daiko, Wachi-daiko, Onikenbai, and Masterclass with Yoshikazu Fujimoto
- Shakuhachi with [Riley Lee](#)
- Yataibayashi and Hachijo-daiko with TaikoZ
- Learning a new piece
- Group composition for taiko ensemble
- Shinobue

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Kodo Performance Schedule 2010~2011

SPECIAL PERFORMANCES ABROAD

September: Kodo Europe Festival Tour

[Rencontres de Chants Polyphoniques de Calvi](#), Corsica, France.

Sep. 14 Bastia, Corsica. Sep. 16 Calvi, Corsica

All details for concerts and tickets available at the [festival's Facebook page](#)

[OdeGand](#) Gent Festival of Flanders, Gent, Belgium
Sep 18

SOLO PROJECTS ABROAD

September-December: Shogo Yoshii in "[Babel](#)" by Sidi Larbi Cherkaoui, Damien Jalet and Antony Gormley - Europe

ONE EARTH TOUR 2010

September: Japan - Kanto (Tokyo, Kanagawa, Gunma, Chiba)

October-November: Europe & Israel - Switzerland, United Kingdom, Netherlands, Austria, Germany

SCHOOL WORKSHOP-PERFORMANCE TOUR IN JAPAN

September-November: Niigata, Tokushima, Chiba, Yamanashi, Aichi, Kyoto, Mie, Kanagawa, Tokyo, Tochigi

KODO DECEMBER CONCERTS IN JAPAN

A compilation of the best of 2010, this show will set the tone for Kodo as the group transitions into its 30th anniversary year.

December: Sado, Niigata, Nagoya, Osaka, Sendai, Yokohama, Tokyo

KODO PERFORMANCES 2011: COMING UP NEXT YEAR

In 2011 Kodo will celebrate its milestone 30th anniversary. We are planning tours in North America and throughout Japan next year.

ONE EARTH TOUR 2011

January-March North America



Kodo One Earth Tour 2010 ~ Autumn Japan, Israel, UK, Germany, Netherlands, Switzerland, Austria

Sep. 10 (Fri) Kodaira, Tokyo, Japan
Sep. 11 (Sat) Ota Ward, Tokyo, Japan
Sep. 12 (Sun) Zama, Kanagawa, Japan
Sep. 17 (Fri) Oizumi, Gumma, Japan
Sep. 19 (Sun) Ichihara, Chiba, Japan
Sep. 20 (Mon) Musashimurayama, Tokyo, Japan

Oct. 1: Tel Aviv, Israel (The Israeli Opera)
Oct. 2: Tel Aviv, Israel (Mann Auditorium)
Oct. 4: Haifa, Israel
Oct. 5: Jerusalem, Israel
Oct. 9: Lugano, Switzerland **NEW**
Oct. 12: Aberdeen, UK
Oct. 15: Gateshead, UK
Oct. 16: Liverpool, UK
Oct. 17: Manchester, UK
Oct. 19: Bristol, UK
Oct. 20: Cardiff, UK
Oct. 21: Nottingham, UK
Oct. 23: Edinburgh, UK
Oct. 25-26: Munich, Germany
Oct. 28: Rosenheim, Germany
Oct. 30: Stuttgart, Germany
Nov. 1: Nuremberg, Germany
Nov. 3: Nijmegen, The Netherlands
Nov. 6: Vienna, Austria
Nov. 8: Berlin, Germany

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Located on a quiet hillside near Ogi Port, Rengebuji Temple is said to have been founded by the priest [Kukai](#) (Kobo-Daishi). It has some of the oldest buildings on Sado Island. The Kondo and Kotsudo Halls and the stone torii (archway) of Kobie Shrine are all [important national cultural assets](#).



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In summer, hydrangea are everywhere on Sado Island.

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