

ONE WORLD TAIKO

Educational Assembly

One World Taiko is a professional Japanese drum ensemble that captivates audiences of all ages with their heart pounding beats, dynamic movement and rhythmic grooves. Taiko means “drum” in Japanese. They have presented their Japanese taiko drumming to students at over 300 K-12 schools in the Puget Sound Region over the last 7 years. One World Taiko’s music is drawn from Japan’s tradition of lively festival drumming along with their own creative rhythms, arrangements and choreography, adding their energetic spirit to the ancient art of taiko.



“awesome, captivating, powerfully fast drumming and exciting choreography”

They perform on drums ranging from the large odaiko, 4 feet by 2.5 feet, to the shimedaiko, the size of a snare drum. They interweave traditional and original compositions with descriptions of the drums and other instruments and the history of taiko. During a section on how to play the taiko featuring a lively clapping exercise with the audience, a group of students are invited up to play the taiko.

“outstanding mastery of art and ability to relate to children was exemplary”



Gary Tsujimoto and Nancy Ozaki have been performing for over 25 years throughout the US and in Europe and Japan. They performed full time for 4 years as resident taiko drummers at Walt Disney World's Epcot Center in Orlando, Florida. The Washington State Arts Commission selected Nancy Ozaki for their juried Teaching Artist Roster since 2007 and again for 2010. One World Taiko recently performed in Seattle at Benaroya Concert Hall for the North American Taiko Conference's major concert called Taiko Jam. The concert featured 4 top taiko groups in the United States and Canada and again for the Seattle Symphony's Celebrate Asia Concert.

“fascinating, new and exciting, educational, cultural and musical, fast-paced, relatable, fun, keeping their attention throughout, entertained and enlightened, excellent interaction with the audience, the best assembly of the year”

Students, teachers, administrators and parents describing our assembly program

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One 40 minute assembly: Call/Email for Fees
Two assemblies back-to-back: Call/Email for Fees
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