

TAIKOZ

2011 TaikOz January Intensive

The TaikOz **January Taiko Intensive** returns in 2011 to Eling Forest Winery, nestled in the picturesque Southern Highlands, New South Wales, Australia. Launch 2011 on the right beat and share four superb days of inspiring taiko, soulful shakuhachi and dramatic dance with the TaikOz family. Unique to 2011 is our special guest; much-admired **Yoshikazu Fujimoto** from **Kodo**.

We invite taiko players from all corners of the globe – from beginner to professional – to participate in what's sure to be a memorable experience.

"The Intensive is a fantastic opportunity to meet great people, push your drumming to the next level and to discover muscles you thought you never had!"

- DATE:** 26 – 30 January 2011
- TIME:** **Registration:** 4pm Wednesday 26 January
Finish: 4pm Sunday 30 January
Each full day runs to approximately 7.5 hours of playing.
- VENUE:** Eling Forest Winery, Southern Highlands
For more information about Eling Forest visit: <http://www.elingforest.com.au/>
- ADDRESS:** Hume Highway, Sutton Forest NSW 2577 Australia
140 kms/90 minutes from Sydney CBD (transport can be provided for out-of-town guests)



INTENSIVE FEE:
\$860 (incl GST)
Book by November 19, 2010

Fee includes tuition and all meals.

Meals catered for include:

- Breakfast
- Morning tea
- Afternoon tea
- Lunch
- Dinner

For special dietary requirements please make your request via email by 19 November, 2010. Wine and alcohol is available for purchase (it is a winery after all!).

Shinobue and Shakuhachi hire and accommodation is additional (see 'Shakuhachi & Shinobue Hire' and 'Accommodation' below)

**EARLY BIRD
SPECIAL**

\$720 (Inc GST)
Ends September
19, 2010



Book online at www.taikoz.com by clicking on the CLASSES link and scrolling down to 2011 JANUARY INTENSIVE



TEACHING STAFF TAIKOZ

Established in 1997, TaikOz has grown into an ensemble comprising eight musicians who undertake a year-round schedule of performances, workshops and teaching. The group regularly tours throughout Australia and internationally, especially to Japan where they have received acclaim for their distinctive sound and approach.

TaikOz regularly collaborates with such artists as taiko greats Eitetsu Hayashi and Kodo, the Sydney and Melbourne Symphony Orchestras, acclaimed choreographer Meryl Tankard, and John Bell and the Bell Shakespeare Company.



CAMP SESSIONS

Sessions include:

- O-daiko and Wachi-daiko with Yoshikazu
- Masterclass with Yoshikazu
- Onikenbai with Yoshikazu
- Shakuhachi with Riley
- Yataibayashi and Hachijo-daiko with TaikOz
- Learning a new piece
- Group composition for taiko ensemble
- Shinobue
- Daily stretches, breathing exercises and drumming renshū

Sessions are between 45 and 120 minutes long and participants can expect to take part in up to 5 sessions each full day (Thursday-Saturday).

Due to the intensive nature of the course, it is a prerequisite that all participants have at least 6 months taiko playing experience. The taiko component is very physically demanding – please be prepared to work hard from the first session.

“The opportunity to experience classes with teachers of the highest caliber was phenomenal. Thank you!”

YOSHIKAZU FUJIMOTO

Yoshikazu Fujimoto joined Sado no Kuni Ondekoza in 1972. In 1981 he was one of the founding members of **Kodo**, and has been the group’s featured O-daiko player and center-man for the Yatai-bayashi climax ever since. Yoshikazu is presently Kodo’s most senior performing member. In recent years he has played a large role in educating the Kodo apprentices, and is conducting more and more workshops for the general public. No one in Kodo lives up to the name “Children of the Drum” like Yoshikazu; he simply loves the taiko.



*Yoshikazu: 60 this year and still going strong!
Photo:
Maiko Miyagawa*



SHAKUHACHI & SHINOBU E HIRE

Shakuhachi and shinobue sessions require that you bring an instrument to play on. If you do not own either a shakuhachi or shinobue, instruments for hire will be available. You can mark your preference when booking online.

Shakuhachi Hire: \$25.00

Shinobue Hire: \$25.00

RILEY LEE

Riley began playing shakuhachi in Japan in 1971. His music studies included such peculiar methods as practicing barefoot in the snow, blowing his flute under waterfalls and in blizzards until icicles formed at its end, and running marathons. In 1980, he became the first non-Japanese to attain the Grand Master rank in the shakuhachi tradition.

Riley received a PhD from Sydney University and in 2009, was the first shakuhachi specialist invited by Princeton University (USA) as a Visiting Fellow. Riley has premiered numerous works for shakuhachi, including Ross Edward's shakuhachi concerto, Heart of Night. Riley and Yoshikazu were both members of the famed Sado no Kuni Ondeko-za in the 1970s. Riley co-founded TaikOz with Ian Cleworth.

*"The teachers were so friendly.
The teaching methods were
amazing. I learnt so much and my
love for taiko has grown so much.
It was good to meet and spend
time with everyone. Thankyou so
much – I loved it!!!"*



ACCOMMODATION

Retreat to a cosy resting place after an exhilarating day at the Intensive. For those who like to be one with nature, camping on the grounds is available. All other accommodation can be booked close by. Please note that the cost of accommodation is not included in your course fee. Remember that it is the January holiday season so book early to avoid disappointment!





Dormie House Motel Moss Vale
<http://www.dormiehouse.com.au>

Berrima Motel
<http://www.berrimahotel.com.au>

Mittagong RSL Motels
<http://www.mittagongrsl.com.au/htms/mineralSprings.htm>

HELPFUL WEBSITES

<http://www.wotif.com>

A good website to visit for accommodation.

<http://www.southern-highlands.com.au/index.php>
 Southern Highlands Tourist Bureau
 Ph: 1300 657 559

<http://www.countrylink.info/>

Train and coach services to the Southern Highlands region

"The TaikoOz Intensive is the highlight of the taiko year. What a privilege it is to learn from such talented yet approachable people as TaikoOz & their guests. I would recommend it to anyone who loves taiko"

OPTION 1: CAMPING on the grounds at Eling Forest Winery.

To book: Mark this option when booking online. You will need to supply all camping equipment except for food, which is included in the course fee. Towels will be provided.

Price: \$110/4 nights
 (on-site amenities provided)

OPTION 2: OTHER ACCOMMODATION

The Southern Highlands is a popular tourist destination and there are a range of accommodation options. Towns within a 25km radius of Eling Forest Winery include Sutton Forest, Moss Vale, Bowral, Mittagong and Berrima.

Mention **'TAIKOZ GROUP'** for special rates at these accomodation venues:

ENQUIRIES

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