



# On Ensemble Taiko Workshops



In-depth, hands-on courses for players of all levels

On Ensemble's hands-on taiko workshops offer in-depth instruction on a wide range of critical taiko skills. Internationally recognized as some of the best taiko courses available, the workshops cover techniques not found anywhere else, combining practical drills with comprehensive theory. From one-time lessons to 5-day intensive residencies, On Ensemble workshops are packed with taiko knowledge!

On Ensemble workshops are coming to a city near you!

January 2011:

Las Vegas	Chicago	New York NY
Salt Lake City	Milwaukee	Burlington VT
Idaho Falls	Detroit	Montreal
Moab UT	Cleveland	Ottawa
Denver	Indianapolis	Toronto
Kansas City	Columbus	
Lincoln NE	Cincinnati	
St Louis	Pittsburgh	
Minneapolis	Philadelphia	

*"In 21 years of teaching, that was indeed my favorite workshop - of all time. I appreciate the inclusive way the children were taught and the engaging ways of all the members."*

*Spanaway School music teacher*

*"I've been playing taiko for 10 years but no-one's ever taught me how to really play shime... finally!"*

*Stockton Taiko member*

*"I loved the workshop! Especially the way the whole group participated to compose and we shared ideas through 'literal composition'. The really simplified music notation for taiko will be very useful. Thank you!"*

*Denver Taiko member*

*"The 30 Days to Better Shime lessons were well thought out and very helpful. They were not overly difficult but challenging. I absolutely love the exercises! Thanks again!"*

*Taiko Center of LA member*



# One-Session Workshops

**NEW!**

## Composition Step By Step

Using tried-and-true musical structures, every participant composes a whole piece in 2.5 hours! Learn how to effectively use repetition and change, how to choose instrumentation, and how to utilize your own great ideas to form a coherent piece of music. Includes take-home materials for further study.

2.5 hours, \$550

## 30 Days to Better Shime

This one-of-a-kind workshop is an in-depth exploration of shime-daiko basics, followed by 30 days of guided practice. Learn how to hold the batchi, the basic strike, and practical drills for improving speed and control and receive the *30 Days to Better Shime* workbook and companion CD!

3 hours, \$600

## Shime Tightening - The TIASOU Method

"For a taiko player, the ability to tighten the shime-daiko is essential; like the violinist tuning his violin." Developed over years of reasearch and study, the TIASOU Method is safe, fast, and effective.

3 hours, \$550



## Slant Drum Form and Movement

Explore basic slant drum form and technique, with On Ensemble's revealing, 4-step strike. Learn how good slant drum form empowers dramatic, expressive movement.

2.5 hours, \$500

## Kata from the Ground Up -- Stance Fundamentals

This information-packed workshop starts at the beginning, diving into the details of stance and body position. Learn how a stable stance dramatically improves all aspects of playing.

2.5 hours, \$500



## Intro to Timing, or How Not to Rush!

Many taiko players lament, "I have a bad sense of rhythm..." This isn't true! Gain a fundamental understanding of the logic of rhythm, along with the skills necessary to practice and improve timing.

2.5 hours, \$500

**NEW!**

## Confident Kiai

You've got a big voice. You can kiai. But can you play taiko and kiai confidently at the same time? Do you have different kiai for different musical situations? This workshop tackles these topics and more, empowering you to use your full expressive voice in a variety of settings.

2.5 hours, \$500

**NEW!**

### **Omiyage Masterclass**

On Ensemble's *Omiyage* Masterclass provides invaluable feedback on form and musicality from the piece's original innovators. Learn specific concepts and drills to tackle the problem spots and polish your performance.

2.5 hours, \$500

### **Advanced Omiyage**

With dramatic movements and a driving rhythm, *Omiyage* is becoming one of the taiko world's most popular pieces. Learn the intricate details and advanced techniques that will take your group's version of *Omiyage* to the next level!

2.5 hours, \$500



### **Improvisation 101**

Improvisation 101 teaches helpful tricks and techniques that make "soloing" more successful and fun. Participants learn clear concepts of improvisation, along with drills and mental challenges to improve players' "real-time taiko".

2.5 hours, \$500



**NEW!**

### **Bon Taiko Bonanza**

Bon Taiko, aka "Matsuri Daiko", is one of the most fun and exciting forms of Japanese drumming. *Bon Taiko Bonanza* teaches an engaging solo structure including oroshi, kakegoe, and the innovative "glitch ji", that can be looped repeatedly for multiple soloists.

2.5 hours, \$500

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### **Advanced Renshuu**

*Renshuu Taiko* like you've never heard it! Learn On Ensemble's version of the classic piece, with variations for 2, 3, or 4 players and challenging, exciting arrangements.

On Ensemble's version of *Renshuu* is perfect for educational outreach performances, incorporating the vocal teaching system of "kuchishouga".

2.5 hours, \$500

### **Master Class**

On Ensemble's master classes have been utilized by beginning and accomplished groups across the country to fine-tune and explore their own compositions. You perform a piece, and On Ensemble provides constructive analysis, tailored to your group's goals and style. Groups come away with new ideas and new drills targeting specific improvement goals.

3 hours, \$550

# Multi-Session Workshops

## New Piece Residency

The ultimate in tailor-made instruction, On Ensemble's New Piece Residencies are a suite of five lessons and an original composition created specifically to address your groups' needs. Taiko groups across the country, including Stanford Taiko, Portland Taiko, and Hinode Taiko, have utilized New Piece Residencies to create new music and push their playing to exciting, new levels. According to a Stanford Taiko member, "The feedback and exploration was totally eye-opening! I never knew we could play that well. I never knew our music could sound that good!"

5 x 3-hour sessions, plus original composition, call for quote

## Learn Omiyage!

With dramatic movements and groovy rhythms, Omiyage is one of the taiko world's most popular pieces. In three intense sessions, participants are taught the slant drum and shime /okedo parts of the song, basic playing form, and the dynamics of the piece.

3 x 3-hour sessions, \$1300



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