

# Bon Odori 2019 in Charlotte

## 35th Annual Japanese Dance Festival

DATE: SATURDAY, August 3rd, 2019

Doors Open: 11:00 am

Festival Events: 11:15 am – 4:00 pm

Admission: Free

Door prize Ticket: \$5.00

In Japan, BON-ODORI (Japanese dance festival) is a much anticipated summer event. It helps people relax and forget the hot days of summer for a while. Here in Charlotte, the Japanese have celebrated BON-ODORI for 35 years to honor their traditions. We want to thank our neighbors and friends for welcoming us into the local community. In 2019, our theme is "Creating a time and place to relax." Please join us for special treats and a lot of fun!

### EVENT SCHEDULE

- 11:00 Doors Open
- 11:15 Guest Speeches
- 11:40 Opening Ceremony  
"Matsuri Daiko" by Maturiza
- 12:00 "Kendo" Exhibition
- 12:20 Bon Odori (Dancing)
- 12:40 Tea Ceremony
- 1:20 "Taiko" Performance  
by E.E. Waddell Academy
- 1:40 "Hon Daiko" by Maturiza
- 2:10 Tea Ceremony
- 2:40 Bon Odori (Dancing)
- 3:00 Door Prize Drawing
- 3:30 Finale  
"Shime Daiko" by Maturiza

### Fun and Games for All of Ages

Water Yo-yos,  
Syateki (Target shooting game),  
Kingyo-sukui (Fishing for goldfish),  
Omen (Masks), Origami, Calligraphy,  
Yukata (You might bring a camera for  
your yukata pictures.),  
Ike-bana (Traditional Japanese flower  
arrangement)

### ON STAGE AT BON ODORI

#### Maturiza (Taiko)

Maturiza means "Festival of Drumming;" the group was established in 1983. Maturiza demonstrates the traditional art of Japanese drumming known as "Taiko" and plays both traditional music as well as self-composed arrangements. Maturiza performs in Walt Disney World and have decided to stay in Orlando FL to continue sharing Taiko music with audiences around the country.

#### Kendo

Kendo, ("the way of the sword") is a form of Japanese swordsmanship with a 400 year history and is practiced world-wide. Founded in 1986, the Charlotte Kendo Club is a non-profit organization dedicated to bringing quality Kendo to the Charlotte Mecklenburg area.

#### Taiko performance

Another Japanese Taiko drum performance by E.E. Waddell Language Academy Taiko club. Enjoy their adorable and dynamic performance.

#### Tea Ceremony

This year, O-cha, the Japanese tea ceremony, will be performed twice in the main hall, in hopes to provide multiple opportunities for more people to see the ceremony. Your silence during the performance is highly appreciated.

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PLACE: Wells Fargo Atrium & Plaza

301 South Tryon Street

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DOOR PRIZE TICKET: \$5.00

FOR MORE INFORMATION: (704)333-2775

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