



TAIKOPROJECT

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**this ain't your mama's taiko,
but it may be your hip, younger
cousin's**
LA WEEKLY

BOOKING INFO

TAIKOPROJECT is a versatile ensemble that can perform on the world's biggest stages and also in your backyard!

Besides performing arts centers and special events, we have performed for weddings, birthday parties, festivals, gala dinners, cocktail receptions, corporate meetings, and any special occasion that calls for taiko!

We have coordinated performances for small events with as few as 1-2 taiko drummers (for example, at the opening of the Roka robotayaki restaurant in Scottsdale, AZ), and as many as 50 taiko drummers (Dynamite USA's boxing spectacular at the L.A. Coliseum).

For each performance, we work with the coordinators and producers to find the right size ensemble for the event and budget.

We also have a number of educational presentations that we can take into elementary schools, lectures and demonstrations appropriate for college-level students, and everything in between. We have conducted introductory and advanced workshops and clinics with students all over the world.

Feel free to contact Managing Director Bryan Yamami to discuss your event, or you may also choose to fill out our online booking form to begin the process of developing a quote for our services.

CONTACT INFO

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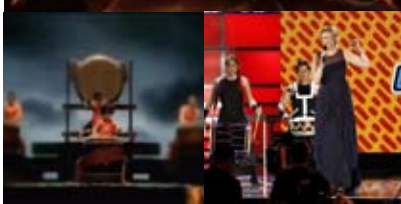
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COMPANY HISTORY

TAIKOPROJECT was founded in 2000 in Los Angeles, California by a group of young, emerging taiko drummers. They were seeking to create a truly American style of taiko, blending traditional forms in which they were raised with an innovative and fresh aesthetic approach. In just 11 short years, they have garnered critical acclaim from all over the world and amassed an impressive resume.

TAIKOPROJECT first made waves when they became the first American taiko group to win the prestigious Tokyo International Taiko Contest in 2005, beating out all the Japanese taiko groups in attendance. That same year, they were cast in the Mitsubishi Eclipse commercial, the first national ad campaign to prominently feature taiko. They followed that up with performances in some of America's highest profile events, including the 2009 Academy Awards, the 2011 Grammy Awards, NBC's "The Voice" with Vicci Martinez, and the Do Something Awards with Glee star Jane Lynch.

TAIKOPROJECT has performed and recorded with some of the world's most well-known musical artists, including pop icon Stevie Wonder, Usher & Justin Bieber, rock band 30 Seconds to Mars, A.R. Rahman, John Legend, rapper Xzibit, Kanye West, producer Squeak E. Clean, Greek singer Antonis Remos, and DJ Tiesto.



WHAT PEOPLE SAY ABOUT TAIKOPROJECT



"TAIKOPROJECT is one of the most exciting next generation ensembles playing today. They play with sheer pleasure and consummate skill, telling a story of taiko that is deeply personal and recognizably universal."
MARTY WOLLESEN, UCSD ARTPOWER!, LA JOLLA, CA

"Although the group has a certain youthful swagger, the players are respectful of the tradition without being obsequious. Their brand of taiko is loud, fast and clean—the energy level set at maximum."
THE BULLETIN, VANCOUVER, CANADA

"...they blew the roof off with their energy and willingness to take taiko into the 21st century by experimenting with various media and settings. They take American taiko outside the box."
INTERNATIONAL EXAMINER, SEATTLE, WA

"With an artful blending of music, theater, choreography, costumes and set design, TAIKOPROJECT immersed the audience in a special world where traditions of the past inspire art of the present."
MITCH GLICKMAN, DIRECTOR OF MUSIC PROGRAMS, LOS ANGELES COUNTY MUSEUM OF ART

"TAIKOPROJECT is a terrific, youthful blend of tradition and artistry. It is a hilarious and touching treatment of taiko and its importance to a distinctively American community."
MICHAEL REED, ASU PUBLIC EVENTS, PHOENIX, AZ

"TAIKOPROJECT's performances were a great success, leaving our audiences exuberant and ready for more. Our two packed houses were thrilled with TP's multi-genre approach and their unique American take on the art of taiko."
MATT KRASHAN, DIRECTOR, MEANY HALL, SEATTLE, WA

"They perform with ample grace, strength, and precision. Their choreography is indeed spirited and tinged with enthusiasm, but Artistic Director Bryan Yamami has not neglected the intense focus and carefully-plotted symmetry that are hallmarks of taiko."
SAN DIEGO ARTS, SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

Without a doubt, TAIKOPROJECT is one of the best performances to ever grace our stage in the past 12 years."
CINDI YOUNKER, DIRECTOR, BUCKMAN ARTS CENTER, MEMPHIS, TN

"Brandishing traditional bachi sticks, the musicians circle and attack their wide drums with a violent, artful fluidity that harkens back to taiko's ancient roots in the martial arts."
JAKOB DOROF, PHILADELPHIA CITYNEWS

"Coolest performance of the night!"
(TP's performance with Vicci Martinez on NBC's "The Voice")
ADAM LEVINE, MAROON 5

"TAIKOPROJECT was terrific! They were exciting, inspiring, stunning, electrifying, and incredibly lovely to work with."
COLLEEN HUNTER, ART ON THE GREEN FESTIVAL, COEUR D'ALENE, IDAHO



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