

AI MATSUDA

Professional Performance Artist | Taiko | Shishimai

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TRAINING BACKGROUND

- Grandmaster Seiichi Tanaka, San Francisco Taiko Dojo (San Francisco, CA)
 - From 1990 to 1997 - Taiko
- Late Etsuo Hongo, Los Angeles Matsuri Taiko (Los Angeles, CA)
 - From 1990 to 1997
- Kenny Endo, Kenny Endo Taiko Ensemble & Taiko Center of the Pacific (Honolulu, HI)
 - From 1990 to 1997; 1999 to 2011 - Taiko, Shinobue, Shishimai
- Tosha Kiyonari, Nihon Taiko Dojo (Tokyo, Japan)
 - From 1997 to 1998 - Taiko
- Seido Kobayashi, Oedo Sukeroku Taiko (Tokyo, Japan)
 - From 2011 to 2012 - Taiko
- Yuu Ishizuka, Indra (Tokyo, Japan)
 - From 2012 to 2020 - Taiko
- Saburo Mochizuki, Nagauta & Kabuki Bayashi (Tokyo, Japan)
 - From 2014 to current - Ko-tsuzumi
- Kyosuke Suzuki, Wakayama Shachu (Tokyo, Japan)
 - From 2012 to current - Shinobue, Taiko, Shishimai

TEACHING BACKGROUND

- Hawaii Matsuri Taiko, Junior Group (Wahiawa, HI)
 - From 1990 to 1997 - instructed youth groups (elementary - middle school)
- Kenny Endo Taiko Ensemble - Trainees (Honolulu, HI)
 - From 2003 to 2011 – lead instructor for weekly trainee practice
- Taiko Center of the Pacific - Public Classes (Honolulu, HI)
 - From 2003 to 2011 – instructed youth & adult classes (beginners I, II, and intermediate I, II)

PERFORMANCE HIGHLIGHTS

- International Taiko Festival, Zellerbach Hall (Berkley, CA)
 - November 1993 - guest performer as Hawaii Matsuri Taiko performing group member (held by San Francisco Taiko Dojo)
- Seattle Taiko Festival (Seattle, WA)
 - Summer, 1994 - guest performer as Hawaii Matsuri Taiko performing group member (held by taiko groups in Seattle)
- LA Tofu Festival, Little Tokyo (Los Angeles, CA)
 - Summer, 1996 - guest performer as Hawaii Matsuri Taiko performing group member

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- St. Louis Botanical Garden (St. Louis, MO)
 - August 1997 - guest perform as Hawaii Matsuri Taiko performing group member (joint performance with St. Louis Osuwa Daiko)
- Kenny Endo Taiko Concert, Hawaii Theater (Honolulu, HI)
 - September 2004 - performer as Kenny Endo Taiko Ensemble performing group
- Microsoft Corporate Meeting, Georgia Dome (Atlanta, GA)
 - September 2008 - guest performer as Kenny Endo Taiko Ensemble performing group member
- Kenny Endo's 35th Anniversary Concert, Hawaii Theater (Honolulu, HI)
 - June 2010 - performer as Kenny Endo Taiko Ensemble performing group
- North American Taiko Conference Taiko Jam Concert, Stanford University (Stanford, CA)
 - June 2011 - performer as Kenny Endo Taiko Ensemble performing group
- Shasta Yama (Mt. Shasta, CA)
 - July 2014 - guest performer as Kenny Endo Taiko Ensemble performing group (held by Shasta Taiko)
- Kenny Endo Turkey Tour (Istanbul, Turkey)
 - July 2017 - private concert for a corporate company, as Kenny Endo Taiko Ensemble performing group member
- International Taiko Festival, San Francisco Taiko Dojo's 50th Anniversary Concert (San Mateo, CA)
 - November, 2018 - guest performer to perform Atarigane for their Shishimai performance
- LA Taiko Festival, Little Tokyo (Los Angeles, CA)
 - August, 2022 - Shishimai performer with the San Francisco Taiko Dojo (held by Tomomi Hongo of LA Mugen Taiko)
- Kyo no Kai Student Recital (Kawasaki Noh Theatre, Japan)
 - June, 2015 to June, 2024 - Edo Bayashi Shime, Edo Kotobuki Jishi (taiko, fue, shishimai)