

Education and Community Outreach



Workshops

Kodo workshops are not about teaching new pieces of music or polishing technique. The goal is rather to provide a situation where each participant can experience the joy of expressing their individuality through music. In addition to the multi-day *Kodo Juku* held at the Kodo Apprentice Centre, School Workshop-Performances are given throughout Japan. Recently, with the opening of the Sado Island Taiko Centre, Kodo has been able to take its local community outreach work to the next level, sharing the tradition of taiko through hands-on workshops and various cultural-exchange events.

School Workshop-Performances

Since 1999, in addition to their regular appearances, Kodo has held a number of School Workshop-Performances taking place mainly at junior high schools. Kodo hopes this experience serves to introduce young Japanese people to their own traditional culture and perhaps even contribute in some small way to their own self-discovery.



Kodo Juku

With the backdrop of Sado Island's natural splendor, the Kodo Juku offer participants the rare opportunity

for an intimate multi-day live-in workshop experience with Kodo members. Participants are invited to gather on Sado Island for a short retreat where the goals are simply to live, learn, and create.

KASA/MIX

Organized by Kodo Arts Sphere America (KASA) and held biannually, the KASA/MIX tour brings participants to Sado Island to live at Kodo's Apprentice Centre and study taiko, dance, and song together with Kodo members. Conducted in English mainly for taiko enthusiasts from abroad, the KASA/MIX tour gives participants a taste of Japan and the Kodo way of life.

Lecture/Demonstrations

Kodo offers special educational shows where the music and instruments are explained in between songs. There is even a section where audience members can have a go at playing the drums on stage. Lecture/Demonstrations are offered as options in tandem with One Earth Tour bookings.

