International Music Festival Earth Celebration

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Every year since 1988, the rich natural splendor of Sado has set the stage for Earth Celebration (EC), Kodo's international arts festival that seeks an alternative global culture through musical and cultural collaborations with artists from around the world. Produced by Kodo in cooperation with the people of Sado Island, EC is the nation's longest running music festival, described by the New York Times as "Japan's leading music event." In 2009, in recognition of the organization's "notable contribution to the promotion of Japanese traditional culture and to the revitalization of the local community," the Earth Celebration Committee was awarded the Tiffany Foundation Award for the Preservation of Japanese Traditional Arts and Culture in Contemporary Society.



Earth Celebration Featured Artists Between the Years of 1988 to 2010 Include the Following:

Elvin Jones (USA), Yosuke Yamashita (Japan), Drummers of Burundi (Burundi), Hamza El'Din (Sudan), Love, Joy & Peace Ensemble (USA), Pung Cholam (India), Suar Agung (Indonesia/Bali), Aja Addy & Adjeley Mensah (Ghana), Milton Cardona & Eya Aranla (USA), Doudou N'Diaye Rose Percussion Orchestra (Senegal), Renegades Steel Drum Orchestra (Trinidad & Tobago), Kangsadan (Thailand), Costa Caribe (Venezuela), Seoul Kamuraku Performing Arts Company (Korea), Bulgarian Voices "Angelite" (Bulgaria), Babatunde Olatunji (Nigeria), Donal Lunny Group (Ireland), Kazumi Watanabe (Japan), Red Willow Dancers (USA), Huun-Huur-Tu (Russia/Tuva), Kim Duk Soo's Samul Nori (Korea), Jacky Micaelli (France/Corsica), Zakir Hussain (India), Giovanii Hidalgo (Puerto Rico), Airto Moreira & Flora Purim (Brazil), Badenya les Freres Coulibaly (Burkina Faso), Fanfare Ciocarlia (Romania), Carlos Nunez (Spain), Tamango's Urban Tap (USA), Olodum (Brazil), BLØF (Netherlands), A Filetta (France/Corsica)

a, c: Shiroyama Concerts, featuring Kodo & international guest artists b: One of the many EC workshops, taught by Kodo members and guest instructors d: Sado Performing Arts Special Fringe Event

