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FUSHU DAIKO PRESENTS “SPIRIT DRUMMERS” AT THE BROWARD CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

*In addition to the performance, ensemble offers workshops
to teach children, adults and families the art of Taiko drumming*

FORT LAUDERDALE – South Florida's Taiko drum ensemble **Fushu Daiko** performs its new show, *Spirit Drummers*, in the Amaturu Theater at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts on **Friday, October 7 at 7:30 p.m.**

Spirit Drummers is inspired by the Japanese legend of the demon drummers of Nafune who used creative means to defend themselves from marauding Samurai in the 16th century. The score weaves original Fushu Daiko compositions with the traditional style and rhythms of the Noto area while the sounds of Japanese koto (harp) and shinobue (flute) add depth and beauty to the score.

Fushu Daiko's music combines the traditional drums and rhythms of Japan with musical styles from around the world, such as jazz and rhythm and blues, to create an exciting, powerful cross-cultural experience that strives to cross boundaries and connect cultures. The group is known for thrilling audiences with its thundering rhythms, dynamic movements, and intense showmanship.

Since 1990, Fushu Daiko has been training in the art of Taiko, a musical art form that builds on more than 2,600 years of tradition. Originally used only in holy shrines, Taiko later moved onto the battlefield and, today, is typically experienced in festival settings.

The event is presented by Japan Arts, Inc. as part of the Broward Center's Arts Access Program, which assists community-based organizations in presenting arts and cultural performances at the Broward Center. The program provides technical assistance and marketing support to local community groups enabling them to develop and build their audiences. Arts Access has collaborated with nearly 50 performing arts companies, nonprofit organizations and cultural and community groups to present all genres of the performing arts including music, dance, theater, poetry and comedy.

Tickets to *Spirit Drummers* are \$25–\$35. Ticketmaster is the only official ticketing service of the Broward Center, Parker Playhouse and affiliated venues. Buy tickets online at BrowardCenter.org or Ticketmaster.com; by phone at 954.462.0222; in person at Ticketmaster outlets or the Broward Center's AutoNation Box Office. Know who you are buying from when you purchase tickets. We CANNOT PROVIDE REFUNDS OR CUSTOMER SERVICE for tickets purchased from unauthorized sites, brokers or secondary ticket sellers.

The Broward Center's education department will present Fushu Daiko in three **Taiko drumming workshops on Sunday October 16**. In age appropriate classes, participants will learn rhythms, body movements and dynamics, while working together to produce the powerful sound of a Taiko ensemble. No experience is necessary and all instruments will be provided in the workshops, which include warm-

ups and exercises to stretch and strengthen muscles and the basic elements of Taiko playing including form, rhythm, spirit/energy, self-discipline and self-expression.

Held in the Abdo New River Room at the Broward Center, the workshops are offered on October 16 in the following sessions: a one-hour workshop for children ages 7–12 at 11 a.m. (\$25); a 75-minute workshop for families at 12:30 p.m. (\$25 adult; \$20 children) and a two-hour workshop for teens and adults at 2:30 p.m. (\$45). Family and sibling discounts are available. To register, visit the classes and workshop pages at browardcenter.org/education.

The Broward Center for the Performing Arts is located in the Riverwalk Arts & Entertainment District at 201 SW Fifth Avenue in Fort Lauderdale.

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About The Broward Center for the Performing Arts

One of America's premier performing arts venues, the Broward Center for the Performing Arts presents more than 700 performances each year to more than 700,000 patrons, showcasing a wide range of exciting cultural programming and events. Guest experiences at the Broward Center include the all-inclusive LATAM AIRLINES CLUB LEVEL, spectacular riverfront views for special events in the Huizenga Pavilion, waterfront dining at Marti's New River Bistro and innovative classes and workshops for all ages at the Rose Miniaci Arts Education Center. With one of the largest arts-in-education programs in the United States, the Broward Center serves more than 150,000 students annually. The Broward Performing Arts Foundation, Inc. receives and

maintains funds to sustain, develop and secure the future of the Broward Center. The Broward Center for the Performing Arts is located in the Riverwalk Arts & Entertainment District at 201 SW Fifth Ave. in Fort Lauderdale. For more information, visit BrowardCenter.org.

The Riverwalk Arts & Entertainment Consortium is a cultural partnership between the Broward Center for the Performing Arts, Bonnet House Museum & Gardens, NSU Art Museum Fort Lauderdale, Florida Grand Opera, Fort Lauderdale History Center and the Historic Stranahan House Museum. It is supported by the Broward County Board of County Commissioners as recommended by the Broward Cultural Council and the Greater Fort Lauderdale Convention & Visitors Bureau. Programs are sponsored in part by the State of Florida, Department of State, Division of Cultural Affairs, the Florida Council on Arts and Culture.