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## **RONIN TAIKO JAPANESE DRUM TROUPE PRESENTS “ICHARIBA CHODÉ: WE ARE FRIENDS FOR LIFE” TO BENEFIT THE CHILDREN’S DIAGNOSTIC & TREATMENT CENTER**

**FORT LAUDERDALE** – Ronin Taiko Japanese Drums presents *Icharibe Chodé: We Are Friends for Life* to benefit the Children's Diagnostic & Treatment Center (CDTC) on **Saturday, October 10 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Amaturo Theater at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts.

Through powerful sounds and energetic theatrical movement, Ronin Taiko has developed a unique performance style that reflects the group's great dedication to the traditions of *wadaiko* (Japanese drumming). This newly created production takes audiences for a cultivating journey by way of theatrical drumming, dance, and martial arts from throughout the Asian Pacific. Explore the similarities of these cultures and experience the powerful sounds, energetic movements, and use of theatrics to celebrate and embrace the meaning of "Ichariba Chodé".

"Ronin Taiko is honored to be returning to the Broward Center for the Performing Arts for another concert supporting CDTC. Ichariba Chodé celebrates Japanese, Chinese, and Polynesian cultures and we are privileged to bring it to the stage to help such a wonderful organization," said Roy Anderson, Sensei of Ronin Taiko.

Ronin Taiko is honored to be accompanied onstage by special guest artists Kyle Abbott, Conrad "Kabuki" Itchener, performers from Polynesian Proud Productions, Joe Keit Kung Fu School, and the Florida Aikikai.

"The members of Ronin Taiko are incredibly talented and we are touched that they are creating an entirely new program for this performance," said Children's Diagnostic & Treatment Center Director of Development, Amanda Mitchell. "We are so fortunate to be part of the Broward Center's Arts Access Program and to have the support of Ronin Taiko for a second year in a row."

A non-profit organization, CDTC serves more than 10,000 children in Broward County annually. As a facility of Broward Health, its mission is to promote the optimal health and well-being of children with chronic illnesses, disabilities and developmental delays by providing comprehensive prevention, intervention and treatment services within a medical home environment. The Center is a place where the spirit of "Kon Jo" lives each and every day.

The show is presented 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 are \$35, \$50 and \$75 and are available through the Broward Center's AutoNation Box Office at 954.462.0222 or online at [BrowardCenter.org](http://BrowardCenter.org). The Broward Center for the Performing Arts is located in the Riverwalk Arts & Entertainment District at 201 SW Fifth Ave. in Fort Lauderdale.

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The Broward Center for the Performing Arts is one of America's premier performing arts venues. Presenting more than 700 performances each year to more than 600,000 patrons, the Center showcases a wide range of exciting cultural programming and events, and offers one of the largest arts-in-education programs in the United States, serving 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](http://BrowardCenter.org).

The Riverwalk Arts & Entertainment Consortium is a cultural partnership between the Broward Center for the Performing Arts, Bonnet House Museum & Gardens, Museum of Art | 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.