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THE 58th ANNUAL SAKURA MATSURI

What is your interest? There are more than 40 ex

✿ Performances ✿

4 stages with their own different themes. Check out the Stage Schedule! (Pg.3~8)

✿ Taste of Japan ✿

Over 20 food vendors and Sake/Beer/Culinary Arts Pavilions! Or grab a snack at Matsuri Market. (Pg.9~11)

✿ Arts & C ✿

Experience Japan firsthand at Arts (Pg.12~13)



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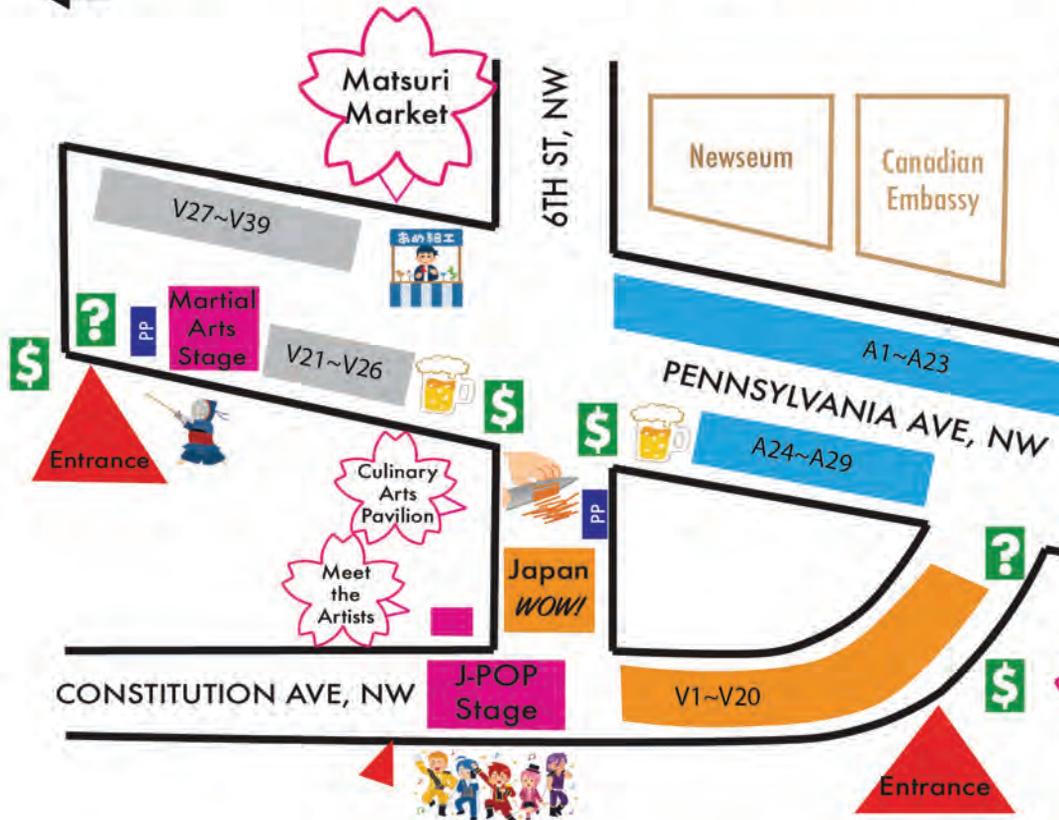
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MATSURI JAPANESE STREET FESTIVAL

10 exhibitions and 30 performances at the festival!

Arts & Culture

Experience Japanese culture at Arts & Culture. (Pg.13)

Japan Now

Check out modern Japan, and experience the newest Japanese video games and anime culture at Japan *WOW!* Pavilion. (Pg.14~15)

Ginza Market

Purchase Japanese-inspired hand-made items here. (Pg.15~16)



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2018 Sakura Matsuri Stage Schedule

	ANA Capitol Stage	Children's Corner	Sakura Stage
11:00	Keisho Center 継承センター		Mark H Taiko 組み太鼓の演奏
15			
30	Nen Daiko 念太鼓	Ronald McDonald Magic Show <small>ロナルド・マクドナルド マジックショー</small>	Rev. Kuniko Kanawa & DC Kimono Club 着物ショー
45			
12:00	D.A.K 阿波踊りダンスユニット		
15		Cosplay Show: コスプレショー	CheerRing School Japan チーリングスクール
30	ShinDaiko 進太鼓		
45		Candy Art 飴細工	Fox Mill Elementary フォックスミル小学校
1:00	Samurai Sword Soul 侍ソードソウル		
15			Okinawa Cultural Performance 沖縄文化パフォーマンス
30	Keisho Ohno 大野敬正	Tiny Trees, Big Stories	Great Falls Elementary グレートフォールズ小学校
45			
2:00	Ambassador Sugiyama		Cherry Blossom Queens & Princesses
15			
30	Tamagawa University Dance Taiko Group 玉川大学 太鼓ダンスグループ	Okinawa Taiko 沖縄太鼓	UMCP Dance Team (Uni. Of MD)
45			NYTAK Taiko エヌワイ太鼓
3:00			
15	KENYC Kendama ケー-イー-エヌワイシーけん玉	Cosplay Show: コスプレショー	Ryuku Sokyoku Hozon Kai 琉球箏曲保存会
30			
45	D.A.K 阿波踊りダンスユニット	"Hello and Konnichiwa" Book reading by the author	Rie Tamuro タムロリエ
4:00			
15	Keisho Ohno 大野敬正		Okinawan Taiko 沖縄太鼓
30			
45			
5:00	J Flute Ensemble Jフルートアンサンブル	Kamishibai - Japanese Storytelling 紙芝居	
15			
30			
45			

2018 Sakura Matsuri Stage Schedule

J-POP Stage	Culinary Arts Pavilion	Martial Arts	
KENYC Kendama ケーイー エヌワイシーけん玉		Capital Katori	11:00
			15
La Sakura Ladies ラ・サクラ・レディーズ			30
		Capital Area	45
Anime USA Fashion Show アニメコスプレショー	Japanese Home-style Cooking-Gyudon- 日本の家庭料理-牛丼-	Budokai/KenKonKai 首都圏武道会/剣魂会	12:00
			15
Japan Bowl/JBE		Hobyokai- Classical Japanese Martial Arts	30
			45
KuroPOP くろポップ	History of Kirin Beer キリンビールの歴史		1:00
		Yamajiro Ninja Academy ヤマジロウ忍者アカデミー	15
SUNY Geneseo			30
			45
Kanadete Sourou 奏手候	Wonder of "Wagashi" 和菓子の不思議	Aikido of Arlington アーリントン合気道	2:00
			15
Yosakoi Dance Project 10tecomai よさこいダンスプロジェクト			30
			45
Ai's "Sakura Band" さくらバンド	World of Japanese Candy 日本のお菓子の世界	Capital Area Jodokai 首都圏杖道会	3:00
			15
		JTR Jujutsu International JTR 柔術	30
			45
Kanadete Sourou 奏手候	Japanese Home-style Cooking-Sakura mochi- 日本の家庭料理-桜餅-		4:00
		Samurai Sword Soul 侍ソードソウル	15
			30
LUST ラスト			45
	Introductory workshop: Tea Ceremony by Uji, Kyoto 宇治の茶の湯教室		5:00
Yosakoi Dance Project 10tecomai よさこいダンスプロジェクト		Northern VA Kendokai NoVA 剣道会	15
			30
			45

Japanese Artists



Keisho Ohno **1:30 - 2:00/4:15 - 5:00 at ANA Capitol Stage**

Keisho Ohno is a Tsugaru Shamisen player who mixes traditional Shamisen music with modern and rock music. He is always a challenger in aspiring nouvelle performance and high musical technique. He now has lots of fans in and outside of Japan.



D.A.K "AWA Odori Dancers **12:00 -12:30/3:45 - 4:15 at ANA Capitol Stage**



Awa Odori (阿波おどり) is the most famous of many dance festivals held across Japan during the Obon season in mid-August. Awa is the former name for Tokushima Prefecture while Odori means dance. A team of Awa Odori dancers will be coming to Sakura Matsuri this year!

Tamagawa University Dance Taiko Group **2:15 - 3:15 at ANA Capitol Stage**

It is our annual honor to welcome Tamagawa University Dance and Taiko Group to the Sakura Matsuri. Enjoy the new performances of drummers and dancers from Tamagawa University, one of the top-ranking taiko groups in Japan who are students at Japan's top performing arts university.



Kanadete Sourou **1:45 - 2:30/3:45 - 4:30 at J-POP Stage**



Kanadete sorou is a rock band founded by the leader, Koni. Later he was joined by the vocalist Oyumi, the guitarist Chiaki, and drummer Kentarou, appearing as a group of four. They perform live with the historical background of the Meiji and Taisho eras, dressed in traditional Japanese clothing such as kimono and hakama.. They are a unique band mixing tradition with modernity.

Samurai Sword Soul **4:15- 5:00 at Martial Arts Stage**

Samurai Sword Soul is the only theater company in New York which employs TATE (Japanese sword stage fighting) in their demonstrations and samurai dramas. SSS's mission is to spread the Bushi-Do, The Way of the Samurai, and to introduce TATE to people who are not familiar with it.





Other Performing Artists

■ Ai's "Sakura" Band **J-POP Stage**

Ai Yamashita from Japan, a pianist, composer and arranger is leading her special band "Ai's Sakura Band." They will perform Ai's original compositions and arrangements that relate to sakura and Japan.

■ Anaguma Eisa: UW-Madison's Okinawan Taiko Club **ANA Capitol Stage**

The club will perform a traditional Okinawan folk dance called Eisa, which fuses Okinawan music with drumming, dance choreography, and elements of martial arts. This is their 5th year participating in Sakura Matsuri.

■ Anime USA Cosplay Fashion Show **J-POP Stage**

Anime USA, Washington DC's anime convention that takes place in the fall, displays Japanese anime inspired costumes to teach about anime and cosplay culture.

■ CheeRing School Japan, and Capitol Movement Inc, DC **Sakura Stage**

Both Japanese and American children learned this dance through YouTube, and rehearse only one day together. This cross-cultural performance began 4 years ago and is also performing at the opening of the National Cherry Blossom Festival parade.

■ Fox Mill Elementary Japanese Immersion Students **Sakura Stage**

Students from Fox Mill Elementary School will entertain you with a selection of Japanese songs.

■ Great Falls Elementary Japanese Immersion Students **Sakura Stage**

Great Falls Elementary School students will be performing a number of Japanese songs on stage.

■ J Flute Ensemble **ANA Capitol Stage**

A group of flute players who perform traditional Japanese music.

■ Kanadete sourou **J-POP Stage**

We are back again! Our music makes a lot of people smile. Now, please enjoy the rock sound of "Made in Japan"!

■ Keisho Center Children's Choir **ANA Capitol Stage**

Washington Japanese Heritage Center (Keisho Center) will sing traditional and modern songs of Japan to celebrate this occasion. Our singing program is an engaging way for students to learn Japanese language and culture. Please join us!

■ KENYC kendama **ANA Capitol Stage** **J-POP Stage**

We are a group of skilled professional kendama players from NYC.

■ Kuniko Kanawa **Sakura Stage**

Shinto Priestess Rev. Kuniko Kanawa offers Kagura (Shinto theatrical dance) with the Cherry Blossom Princesses, then conducts Mikoshi-togyo-sai (portable Shinto shrine march), wishing for their prosperity and for a tighter bond with participants.

■ KuroPop **J-POP Stage**

New York's all African American J-POP cover group that bridges the gap between cultures through dance.

■ LUST **Sakura Stage**

The gritty Japanese trio LUST crafts high-spirited, raw-energy J-Rock!!

■ Mark H Taiko: Japanese Drumming **Sakura Stage**

Miyako Taiko is a community taiko group affiliated with Mark H Taiko that performs their own dynamic version of contemporary American taiko. Also featuring Kristen Koyama and Mark H Rooney of Kizuna.

■ NCSS 2018 Cherry Blossom Queens and Princesses **Sakura Stage**

Come meet the Japanese Cherry Blossom Queen, American Cherry Blossom Queen and the 2017 Cherry Blossom Princesses from the states, territories, and international embassies and enjoy their trivia contest!

Other Performing Artists



■ **Nen Daiko** ANA Capitol Stage

Enjoy the performance of a mix of traditional festival songs as well as more contemporary compositions that use taiko, fue (bamboo flute), and other narimono (percussion instruments).

■ **New York Taiko Aiko Kai (NYTAK)** Sakura Stage

This ensemble combines several taiko groups from New York to bring you an energetic performance of both traditional and contemporary music.

■ **Okinawa Cultural Performance** Sakura Stage

For the Sakura Matsuri, our performances will include a variety of dance and song. We have performers from the Washington D.C. area and Uechi ryu karate members traveling from Okinawa, Japan. Relax and enjoy this ensemble with classical court, Okinawan bon, and lively children's dance (warabitcha), to live music and Karate performances.

■ **Okinawan Taiko Drummers of Wisconsin** Sakura Stage

High school students from Madison, Wisconsin will perform both modern and traditional Okinawan Taiko Drumming. They are proud to be starting their second decade of performing at the National Cherry Blossom Festival Parade and at the Sakura Matsuri Japanese Street Festival.

■ **Ryukyu Sokyoku Hozon Kai -Sarina Sokyoku Kenkyusho** Sakura Stage

Classical Okinawan Koto performance. Members also play other instruments (sanshin, taiko) and dance traditional Ryukyuan dance.

■ **Rie Tamuro** Sakura Stage

Tamuro Rie is a 24 year old, folk style singer-songwriter from Nara, Japan.

■ **ShinDaiko** ANA Capitol Stage

A Japanese drumming ensemble based in Greater Boston. We are proud to showcase the intensity, passion and history of Japanese drumming, a tradition spanning thousands of years. Our multi-instrumentalist member roster also allows us to incorporate modern instruments and styles into our ensemble pieces.

■ **Shodo (Calligraphy) Performances**

Teams of students from both Thomas Jefferson High School and The College of William and Mary will do street performances of calligraphy on a giant sheet of paper (9x16ft) with dance and music.

■ **SUNY Geneseo Japanese Culture Club** J-POP Stage

Soran Bushi (ソーラン節) is a traditional co-ed Japanese dance from Hokkaido that portrays fishermen at work. It is a very popular dance commonly taught in schools all throughout Japan.

■ **Tamagawa University Dance & Taiko Group** ANA Capitol Stage

Thundering taiko drumming meets traditional Japanese dance by drummers and dancers from Tamagawa University. It is one of the top-ranking taiko groups in Japan coming out of Japan's top performing arts university.

■ **University of Maryland, College Park (UMCP) – Soran Bushi Squad** Sakura Stage

Soran Bushi is traditional Japanese fisherman dance that originated from Hokkaido in Northern Japan. UMCP's Soran Bushi Squad has been active for 10 years now!

■ **Washington DC Kimono Club** Sakura Stage

The Washington DC Kimono Club will demonstrate a gorgeous kimono fashion show and a dressing demonstration using different types of kimono – entertaining and educational!

■ **Yosakoi Dance Project – 10tecomai** J-POP Stage

The group will perform the exciting matsuri-style dance of "Yosakoi" – an energetic exciting fusion of Japanese tradition with contemporary styles of music and dance. For over 10 years 10tecomai has remained one of the few teams in all of the United States that dances this exciting style.

Martial Arts Stage



■Aikido of Arlington

Demonstration of a variety of techniques, including what to do to gain control if being attacked. They will also show weapons (jos/bokkens) and open handed techniques.

■Capital Area Jodokai

The Capital Area Jodokai will show a 400-year-old art, Shindo Muso Ryu-jo, which illustrates the use of a staff versus the Japanese sword. We will also demonstrate affiliated arts showcasing jutte, kusarigama, tanjo and swords.

■Capital Katori

Tenshin Shoden Katori Shinto Ryu is one of the oldest (more than 500 years old) and continually passed down Japanese sword-based bujutsu. Historically prominent and highly regarded, the government of Japan deemed it a national treasure.

■Hobyokai / Hobyokan Classical Japanese Martial Arts

We will be demonstrating classical swordsmanship and a variety of other weapons systems created by the Samurai during the 16th and 17th centuries.

■JTR Jujitsu

JTR Jujutsu is a Dai Nippon Butoku Kai member and teaches a traditional form of Jujutsu. JTR will incorporate group techniques, sparring and weapons into the demonstration.

■KenKonKai Dojo – Japanese Sword Martial Arts

Part of the Capital Area Budokai and Jodokai, come and appreciate a demonstration of Japanese sword kata and cutting from Nakamura Ryu Batto-o and Mugai Ryu Iaihyo-do.

■Kyudo – Japanese Ceremonial Archery

Come to watch a continuous rotation of group archery shooting (embu no dose) demonstrating the individual and group dynamics which kyudo demands of its practitioners.

■Samurai Sword Soul

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■Yamajiro Ninja Academy

The Yamajiro Dojo specializes in Ninpo, teaching ninjutsu and jujutsu to continue carrying on the legacy of creating the world's greatest tacticians and self-defense experts.



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As the new mascot for the Sakura Matsuri, Sakura-chan will be the face of the festival. Follow us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram for more fun facts about and activities with Sakura-chan.

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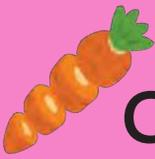
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-Featured Pavilion- Culinary Arts Pavilion



Washoku, or Japanese cuisine, was designated as a UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage in 2013. The Culinary Arts Pavilion is a great opportunity to learn about Japanese ingredients and how to use them in your own cooking. Located on 6th St.

Care Fund: Japanese Home-style Cooking **12:00pm - 12:45 pm**

There are many tasty dishes in Japanese cuisine besides sushi and ramen. The Japanese Americans' Care Fund will be showing how to make gyudon. Gyudon is a bowl of rice topped with cooked beef and onion together in a mild sweet soy sauce-based sauce and is one of Japan's most popular dishes. It's considered a comfort dish and will warm you up!



Matsukawaya: Wonder of Wagashi **2:00pm - 2:45 pm**



We are very proud to have Yoshitaka Nishino, CEO of Matsukawaya Co. and professional wagashi (Japanese sweets) chef, present on our stage. His company is world renowned for wagashi that are "art for the five senses," with beautiful shapes and colors, fragrant scents, creative names, and delicious taste. Come learn about the tradition of handmade wagashi from a master!

3:00pm - 3:30 pm

The World of Japanese Candy

Have you ever visited Japan and found that even the candy there was interesting, beautiful, and unique? In this presentation, we'll show and explain different kinds of Japanese candies - even the ones from kits.



4:00pm - 4:45 pm

Care Fund: Japanese Home-style Cooking - Sakura Mochi

The Japanese Americans' Care Fund will demonstrate how to cook a Japanese spring sweet called Sakura Mochi (cherry blossom rice cake).



Introductory Workshop: Tea Ceremony by Uji, Kyoto **5:00pm - 5:45 pm**



Uji, in southern Kyoto, is famous as the home of Japanese green tea with a history spanning over 800 years. During the presentation, you will learn about Japanese teas and learn about Uji tea of Kyoto, focusing on the differences among the various kinds.

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Taste of Japan



MAP
Yellow Area

Japanese

■ Hanaro Sushi (T3)

Delicious takoyaki, shrimp shumai, pork gyoza, karaage, ika geso temaki, and seaweed salad. Finish your meal with a variety of mochi ice cream flavors.

■ Maneki Neko (T4)

Cooking up fresh takoyaki, fried baby octopus, chicken curry and onigiri.

■ Poke Dojo (T5)

Takoyaki, shrimp shumai, pork gyoza, karaage ika geso temaki, seaweed salad, green tea, assorted flavors of ramune and mochi ice cream.

■ Sushi Capitol (T7)

Gyoza, hamachi kama, tamogoyaki, takoyaki.

■ Sushi Taro (T1)

Preparing fresh grilled octopus, grilled scallops, onigiri and yakisoba.

■ Tako Grill (T2)

Japanese festival favorites takoyaki, okonomiyaki, and ikayaki.

■ Tokyo Grill (T15)

Presenting yakisoba, California Roll, chicken teriyaki, chahan (fried rice), spring roll, and cucumber roll.

■ Yosaku Restaurant (T6)

Presenting taiyaki, sukeroku – sushi (vegi-maki sushi, inari), chicken curry, and gyu-don with green tea, bubble tea, and water for beverages.

■ Zentan (T8)

Zentan specializes in contemporary Japanese comfort food with influences from Chef Yo Matsuzaki. Try his take on popular Japanese fried chicken nuggets, karaage.

Asian

■ Asia Nine Bar and Lounge (T20)

Chicken teriyaki, skewer chicken teriyaki, buns, yakisoba with veggies, garlic fried rice, iced green and Thai tea, Pom juice, lemonade, water, soda.

■ The Chicken Smells Good (T21)

Cooking up chicken kabob, bourbon chicken and vegetable pad Thai, pasta, rice, and rolls. For dessert we offer warm, sweet funnel cakes. We have lemonade, soda, and water.

■ Food Fest (T23)

Grilling fresh chicken on a stick, fried rice, fried egg noodles, pad Thai, egg rolls, and Thai sausage. We have fresh lemonade, Thai iced tea/coffee, fresh fruit smoothies to quench your thirst and desserts such as fresh fruit and sweet sticky rice with mango.

■ Neponset Cafe (T14)

Chicken and beef teriyaki, matcha ice latte, milk tea, and berry ice tea.

■ Oriental-Grilled/Vietnamese Cuisine (T22)

Offering a wide variety of delicious Asian dishes including pho, garlic chicken skewers, chicken with vermicelli (bun this nuong), chicken fried rice, with fresh squeezed lemonade to drink.

■ Pangaon (T9)

We are happy to introduce a wide range of Filipino dishes at the festival.

■ Swasdi Grill (T13)

Offering delicious pad Thai, drunken noodles, chicken teriyaki, vegetable lo-mein, fried rice, pad Thai, and egg rolls. We will have soda, bottled water, fresh squeezed lemonade and Thai iced tea.

■ T.K. Grill (T19)

Hot and fresh chicken teriyaki, fried rice and noodles, and egg rolls.

■Yummy Food Corner & Grill (T10 & T 11)

Cooking up chicken yakitori, yakisoba, fried rice, veggie spring rolls, pad Thai, and corn dogs. We also offer fruit smoothies, lemonade, Thai tea and for a tasty dessert – snow cones!



■Yoshi (T24)

Serving chicken teriyaki over rice, vegetable tempura, fried rice, fried lo-mein noodles, spring rolls, pad Thai, steamed pork buns, and marinated chicken satay. Also offering fresh squeezed lemonade and soft drinks.

❀ Western Style Food ❀

■Eastern Star Catering (T18)

Chicken/Lamb/Beef gyros, Chicken tenders and fries, Italian sausage (hot and mild), Polish sausage and Philly steaks, hot dogs, hamburgers, corndogs, fries, homemade potato chips, freshly squeezed lemonade, soft drinks, turkey legs, rice, smoothies, and funnel cakes.

■Nader's Food Services (T12)

Bringing a taste of the Mediterranean to the festival. Serving up gyros, grilled chicken Greek salads, falafel with pita bread, and Mediterranean sausages. Also serving Philly cheesesteaks, hot dogs and corn dogs, and butterfly chips. For dessert, we have funnel cake and Mediterranean pastries.

❀ Simply Sweet ❀

■Beard Papa's (T17)

Presenting Japanese delicious cream puffs, coffee, cheesecakes and assorted pies.

■Candy5 (T25)

Old style Japanese candy craft artistry, called Amezaiku. Watch me make animals out of candy for sale.

■Dolci Gelati (T16)

Serving delicious gelato with a Japanese flair: Asian pear, cherry blossom, green tea, mandarin and Thai coconut. Also serving lemongrass sorbetto.

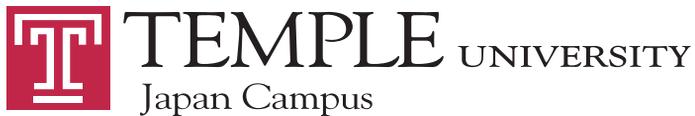
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A1 - Olive and Daisy

Let your eyes feast on beautiful hand crafted Japanese-style jewelry, made with Japanese beads and gemstones.

A2 - Paper*Crane*Heart

Japanese paper jewelry, made in NYC from wood, upcycled puzzle pieces, resin, and beautiful chiyogami and katazome papers.

A3 - Japanese Americans' Care Fund

Enjoy Japanese cooking demonstrations throughout the day and learn about how the Care Fund is caring for the community by sharing knowledge and resources. Cooking demonstrations are sponsored by San J Shoyu.

A4 - DC Kawaii Style

DC KawaiiStyle is a kawaii community created to introduce and promote the philosophy of kawaii culture. Stop by this fun, happy, and positive booth to brighten your day!

A5 - Japanese Craft and More

Come and learn to make crafts with origami. Let us show you the beauty of Japanese crafts and spirit of O-MO-TE-NA-SHI which means serving with gratitude.

A6 - Japanese American Citizens League

The Washington, DC Chapter of the JAACL is part of the oldest and largest Asian and Pacific Islander American civic and human rights organization in the US.

A7 - National Go Center

Learn to play the ancient game of Go and its history and culture.

A8 - Shabana Origami & Kumihimo Jewelry

Browse the results of using chiyogami washi paper to create whimsical jewelry including sakura pins & earrings. Watch Shawnnee demonstrate traditional Japanese "Kumihimo" braiding to make pendants and bracelets.

A9 - American Daiku Association

Come learn about the natural beauty of Japanese woodworking, and watch tatami mats being made.

A10 - Japanese Christian Community Center in Washington

Come learn about kimono from an expert, have fun understanding and creating Japanese kanji calligraphy, and learn about upcoming seminars, events, classes and services at the center.

A11 - Atelier Kanawa

Come and learn about kimono, its customs, and traditions. Certified Kimono consultant Atelier Kanawa will further explain the goals of the club, as well as her traditional arts and crafts.

A12 - Japan-America Student Conference

Come play traditional Japanese festival games, and learn about our US-Japan cultural and academic exchange program.

A13 - Kanagawa Prefecture

Learn about Kanagawa Prefecture, home to Yokohama, Kamakura, and Hakone, three highly popular side trip destinations from Tokyo.

A14 - Kanji House

Learn about kanji, Chinese characters, and Japan at the Kanji House.

A15 - Nishiura Style

Master Nishiura will demonstrate the inspirational brushwork and art to wish you happiness and prosperity, and you can join him to make your own wonderful brush work.





A16 - Karuta – Japanese card game using ancient poems

Kyogi Karuta, or competitive Karuta, is a unique Japanese card game using ancient poems. It is an ultimate brain sport of memorization, concentration and speed. Beginners can learn in mini-competitions throughout the day and winners will be awarded!

A17 - Table For Two

Table For Two, a Japan-founded NPO, uses healthy “Washoku” (Japanese cuisine) to fight hunger and obesity. Learn how Japanese culture is used for the global good!

A18 - Ashinaga

Try traditional Japanese tea from Ashinaga USA, a non-profit organization dedicated to helping orphans around the world.

A19 - Ishida Bonsai

Come see demonstrations of the enjoyment that bonsai can bring to your life and how to properly care for your bonsai.

A20 -Globalize DC – Japanese Plus

Students from Globalize DC’s “Japan Plus” after-school language, culture, and career exposure program will share educational games, kamishibai stories and their new mascot, “puni-puni”, with elementary age festival goers.

A21 - Washington Japanese Heritage (Keisho) Center

Japanese heritage students from the Keisho Center will show young guests how to make traditional Japanese crafts and play Japanese games.

A22 - Ekoji

Come visit Ekoji Buddhist Temple: The Temple of Light. You get the firsthand experience with how a Japanese Jodo Shinshu Temple is experienced in America.

A23 - Sakura Science

Sakura Science enables visitors to explore the world in detail using the latest scientific tools and methods from Japan!

A24 - Washington Japanese Language School (WJLS)

WJLS is the oldest hoshu-ko (supplementary Japanese) school in the world. Many of its students will be here at the festival to demonstrate traditional Japanese folk arts.

A25 - Central Japan Railway Company

Learn all about the shinkansen rail lines in Japan and the beauty of traveling via railway!

A26 - Japan Railroad Modelers of Washington DC

Come enjoy JRM’s large model train layout that depicts stylized railway operations and scenes from Japan. Shinkansens, express, local and freight trains are operated in 4 separate lines on the layout.

A27 - East Japan Railway Company

Come see high-end models of trains, browse our tourism flyers, and see a 3D video about shinkansen high speed trains and tourism in Japan.

A28 - Let’s Learn Japanese!

Come and start to learn the Japanese language and practice it, along with calligraphy, conversation, games, and other fun activities. Sponsored by the JCAW Foundation.

A29 - NCSS 2017 Cherry Blossom Queens & Princesses

Come visit the Cherry Blossom Queen & Princesses visiting from across the United States, territories, and international embassies. Many will be at the tent for photo ops with all visitors.

A30 - Japanese American Veterans Association (JAVA)

Japanese American veterans will greet the public and discuss the significant role and contribution that Japanese Americans have given in the creation of America.



Japan Now Vendors



MAP
Orange Area

V1 - UNIQLO

From Tokyo to Washington, D.C., UNIQLO Lifewear apparel is simple made better. Our variety of graphic t-shirts featuring Japanese designs will help you commemorate your Sakura Matsuri experience.

V2 - Collectors Anime LLC

Local vendor specializing in Anime Blu-Rays/DVDs, Figures, Weiss Schwarz Trading Card game, and import anime merchandise including exclusives straight from Japan!

V3 - Alicia's Anime

Video game and anime t-shirts, Hello Kitty bags and accessories and adorable kimmi dolls.

V4 - The Monostache

A shop filled with handmade fun and quirky apparel, inspired by Japanese culture and animation. You can find jewelry, buttons, purselets using fabrics hand designed or purchased in Japan, and yukata accessories.

V5 - IT Cosplay

This shop carries over 50 different cosplay costumes, T-shirts, and plushies along with small anime gift items like keychains, necklaces, backpacks, and hats.

V6 - Stuffed Sushi

Do you love sushi? So much you'd like to hug it? Well you're in luck because Stuffed Sushi with their adorable hand-made stuffed sushi plush pillows are back with us at the festival!

V7 - Holy Cow Anime

Specializing in rare and hard to find Japanese anime such as Sailor Moon, Trigun, Cardcaptor Sakura, Tenchi Muyo, Digimon, and more! We carry t-shirts, figures, plushies, keychains, and other collectibles. Holy Cow Anime: where it's Cool to be Old School.

V8 - Hikaru wo sagasu (V9)

Everyone can unlock their inner light and sparkle! We have handmade accessories that are sure to fit anyone. From casual wear to formal kimono and any lolita coord!

V9 - Zen Soup Cafe

Serving up Japan inspired jewelry and accessories that make the mundane magical! Sakura blossoms, wearable kawaii goodies, and gorgeous kanzashi perfect for your charmed life.

V10 - Kyoshiki

Custom garments and prints by Kyoshiki. You'll find Japanese pop culture inspired apparel, designs, prints, and fanart merchandise!

V11 - JET Alumni Association – DC (JETAADC)

The JET Program is a Japanese government program that sends over 1000 Americans to Japan every year. Together with the local alumni association, JETAADC, we will be showcasing Japan's rich culture and talking about how you could travel and teach in Japan!

V12 - Kawaii Gifts

A wide variety of 'kawaii' or cute characters and fancy goods from Japanese brands, like Rilakkuma, Sentimental Circus, Kutasita Nyanko, Mamegoma, etc.

V13 - PluArt Studio

Browse anime art posters, mousepads, canvas prints, and original comics.

V14 - SigToys

A wide selection of Japanese toys, figures, video game-related merchandise, plush toys & dolls. We also carry anime trading figures & jewelry.

V15 & V16 - Anime Gifts

Umbrellas, anime merchandise, traditional arts and crafts.

V17 - Temple University – Japan Campus

TUJ is the oldest and largest foreign university in Japan and is the first institution to be officially recognized as a Foreign University by Japan's Ministry of Education. At TUJ, you can study with friends in Japan and from over 60 different countries while earning your US degree in Tokyo. We are dedicated to helping students realize their dreams in the US and abroad.

V18 - Studio Kitsu

Browse handmade plush items, hats, and other accessories.

V19 - Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University

Come learn about Japan's leading international university and the opportunities they have for study abroad.

V20 - HKT Import Toys

Direct importers of Japanese toys and collectibles. Wholesale and retail available.

Ginza Marketplace



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V21 - Nut n Better

Tempting your sweet tooth by serving fresh cinnamon roasted almonds, pecans, and various other roasted nuts.

V22 - Japanese Dolls and Crafts School

Japanese Dolls & Crafts School teaches traditional Japanese crafts and doll making, its history in Japanese theater, and more. Come enjoy watching this process, learn how to sign up for classes and perhaps take home a doll for yourself!

V23 - Sarah Pei

Original oriental-style watercolor paintings and calligraphy, and handmade jewelry with pearls and semiprecious stones from Japan and China.

V24 - ROYCE' Chocolate

Since 1983, ROYCE' has been pleasing chocolate lovers with delightful confections from Hokkaido, Japan. The signature Nama Chocolate has a smooth and velvety texture with a hint of prestige liqueur that melts in your mouth.

V25 - Matsukaway

Wagashi (Japanese sweets) company from Japan will have a tent to demonstrate the making of their sweets. You can purchase a selection and enjoy them in their tea area.

V26 - Chouquette Chocolates/Joyful Bath

Enjoy locally-made delicious, luxurious artisan chocolates and caramels with DC and cherry blossom designs.

V27 - Naked Decor

Interact and browse the wares of a local artist that hand crafts Asian and DC themed home accessories such as pillows, coasters, and tea bowls.

V28 - Reiko's Kimono Crafts

You can find handmade treasures and gift items that are made from authentic beautiful antique/vintage silk kimono fabric. We have one-of-a-kind items for everyone!

V29 - Tammy Robertson-Author

An author of two children's books in a series called Celebrate Diversity. She believes there is beauty in friendships that soar beyond our differences. Tammy's passion is to promote acceptance and literacy.

V30~V31 & V34~ V36 Japan Wave

Browse a genuine collection of Japanese traditional Kokeshi dolls, popular Japanese costumes, and kawaii stationery, toys, and accessories.

V32 - Chikako Designs

Chikako Designs offers a line of unique designs that include handbags, accessories, clothing, men's neckties and infant clothing. All of Chikako's designs are inspired by a combination of her Asian heritage and Western upbringing.

V33 - Adorned by Aisha

Come browse handmade resin, lace and metal jewelry with Japanese and cherry blossom motifs.

V37 - Greentea Design

Discover authentic Japanese merchandise from brush paint wall scrolls, beautiful wall and hand-held fans, and parasols to a wide variety of cosplay costumes and jewelry.

V38 - National Cherry Blossom Festival

Come browse our two locations for a wide selection of Official National Cherry Blossom Festival merchandise.

V39 - Arise Bazaar

Don't miss one of the Sakura Matsuri's long-time vendors, with the largest selection of Japanese kimono, antiques, and gifts. Full kimono outfits and dressing are included at the festival.

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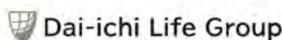
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