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Explosion of Action, Humor and Energy—Yamato Drummers of Japan to Take Over Wisconsin Union Theater Stage

Taiko drummers [Yamato](#) will bring their high-energy show to the Wisconsin Union Theater on Thursday, October 27, 2011, at 8 pm. Tickets are \$38, \$34, \$25 for the General Public, \$34, \$30 and \$25 for Union Members & UW-Madison Faculty/Staff, and \$10 for UW-Madison Students. Up to two Youth tickets may be purchased for \$14 each with the purchase of an adult ticket. Youth tickets must be purchased at the same time as the adult tickets and are valid for youths 6-18 years old. Age verified at door.

“When Yamato hit the stage it's an explosion of action, humour and energy--and it's hard work for the cast,” says the *South Wales Echo*. Yamato's performances are infused with the idea that the drumbeat, like the heartbeat, is the very pulse of life. That pulse grows to a thunder as Yamato's taiko drummers put their souls into playing the traditional Wadaiko drums that range from the tiny hand-held Uchiwa Daiko to the side drum, the tambour, and the giant Odaiko, made from a 400-year-old tree. The drumming ranges from the delicate patter of raindrops to hammered-out rolling thunder to a slowed-down heartbeat. Yamato combines drums with the timpani, flute, and colorful, authentic Japanese costumes for an evening of highly charged rhythm. The troupe combines a sense of drama and strong percussion, humor and spectacular lighting. There are 15 members in the band, both males and females.

Yamato's current tour is titled “Gamushara—The beat of Courage” and it is dedicated to the victims of the earthquake, tsunami and nuclear disaster that hit Japan earlier this year.

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