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## *Little Giants*

2 pm, September 25, 2004, at the Newmark Theater

**Part of Portland Taiko's 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Weekend Celebration, *On the Shoulders of Giants***

Asian American  
Drum Performance

**(Portland, OR) –**

As part of Portland Taiko's 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration, *On the Shoulders of Giants*, PT will present a special 50-minute matinee entitled ***Little Giants*** on Saturday, September 25<sup>th</sup> (2 pm) at the PCPA Newmark Theater to share the excitement of *taiko* and laughter of Asian stories with young people. Designed specifically for kids and their families (and building on over 350 youth performances by PT to date), this shorter matinee highlights humor, high-energy *taiko*, and lots of audience participation. Tickets for may be purchased at [www.ticketwest.com](http://www.ticketwest.com), Safeway TicketsWest outlets, or by calling 1-800-992-TIXX. Ticket prices are \$8.50-13 plus service charges.

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The *On the Shoulders of Giants* concert weekend culminates an entire season of celebrating the giants upon whose shoulders PT stands – giants among the nation's Asian American artists who have inspired PT's work, as well as giants from our local community who have supported the group's development and growth over the past decade. Thanks to this support, **PT has become a national arts organization** with tours across the country, awards from the National Endowment for the Arts and the American Composers Forum, and a year-round full-time professional artistic core. Indicative of its new national stature, PT recently made its **Kennedy Center debut** in Washington, DC before a standing-room-only crowd at the group's Millennium Stage concert. More information about the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary season can be found at [www.portlandtaiko.org](http://www.portlandtaiko.org).

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**About Portland Taiko**

Established in 1994, Portland Taiko is an award-winning Asian American drum performance ensemble. Through artistic excellence and innovation in *taiko*, Portland Taiko inspires audiences, affirms Asian American pride, builds community, and educates about our heritage and culture. The first professional *taiko* company in the Northwestern United States, the ensemble is widely recognized as a leading group in the North American *taiko* community. For thousands of years, the booming voice of the *taiko*, or Japanese drum, has called the community together in ceremony and celebration. Portland Taiko echoes that tradition while taking Asian American music into unexplored territory with its innovative and provocative creations. Discography: *Making Waves* (2000), *Big Bang* (2003). “‘*Big Bang*’ represents both an engineering and musical triumph. This album delivers a wholly engaging mix of bone-rattling drumming interspersed by Japanese singing and chanting and occasional coloristic touches on two violins and flute.” – **Norm Weinstein, The Beat.**

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