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**What:** Open Rehearsal with Portland Taiko

**Who:** Portland Taiko, Asian American Drum Performance

**When:** Wednesday, March 7, 2007, 6:30pm

**Where:** PSU Lincoln Hall, Room 75, 1620 SW Park Avenue, Portland

**Tickets:** \$7. Advance tickets available now through Brown Paper Tickets at (800) 838-3006 or online at [www.portlandtaiko.org](http://www.portlandtaiko.org). Also available at the door.

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### **PORTLAND TAIKO'S OPEN REHEARSAL OFFERS SNEAK PREVIEW OF UPCOMING CONCERT**

Portland Taiko, Portland's own Asian American drum performance group, presents an *Open Rehearsal* of work from its upcoming spring concert, *Rhythms of Change*, at 6:30pm Wednesday, March 7 in Portland State University's Lincoln Hall, Room 75, 1620 SW Park Avenue.

The *Open Rehearsal*, first event of PT's 2007 season, gives audience members a chance to witness PT's creative process as they rehearse new works for the upcoming spring show. The program includes a sneak preview of *Take*, a new community group piece written by longtime PT member Kristy Oshiro. "Take" means Bamboo in Japanese, and the movements in this piece evoke the image of a bamboo forest. There will be a brief discussion of the sources of inspiration for the piece, a Q & A session with the audience, and demonstrations of the rhythms and movements in the composition.

PT will also play selected excerpts from other songs scheduled for the spring concert, *Rhythms of Change*, including *Itsuka*, *TaikoKinesis*, *Changing Landscapes*, and *Home*. The *Open Rehearsal* is the first of three Behind-the-Scenes events in Portland Taiko's 2007 Season. The popular Behind-the-Scenes events are designed to give audiences a chance to learn more about taiko and its cultural background, to meet guest artists and PT performers in an informal atmosphere, and to get sneak previews of upcoming concerts. Light refreshments are served following each Behind-the-Scenes program.

Tickets are \$7 or free for season subscribers. They are available through Brown Paper Tickets at (800) 838-3006, online at [www.portlandtaiko.org](http://www.portlandtaiko.org), or at the door. Call (503) 288-2456 or visit [www.portlandtaiko.org](http://www.portlandtaiko.org) for further information and season subscriptions.

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