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Asian American
Drum Performance

What: *Rhythms of Change* CD Release Party

Who: Portland Taiko, Asian American Drum Performance

When: August 28, 8pm

Where: SakéOne, 820 Elm Street, Forest Grove

Tickets: \$25 on sale online at www.boxofficetickets.com, in person at the Hollywood Theatre Box Office, or by phone (503) 205-0715

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SIP SAKE UNDER THE STARS WITH PORTLAND TAIKO AT THE RHYTHMS OF CHANGE CD RELEASE PARTY

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Award winning Asian American drum ensemble Portland Taiko is celebrating the debut of their third album, *Rhythms of Change*, with a release gala at local saké brewery SakéOne in Forest Grove. Each guest will receive an autographed copy of the CD. The party to usher in this milestone for the ensemble will include a live performance, reception, behind the scenes film, and a saké toast on August 28 at 8pm.

Rhythms of Change is an exciting mix of ancient Japanese drumming and complex contemporary rhythms. It is Japanese *American* music, based on the heartbeat of the old ceremonial drums but bringing them brashly into the 21st century. Echoes of jazz, world beat, Japanese folk, Celtic lament, vocal counterpoint, chant, European symphonic music and Kronos-style contemporary composition bubble in the blend.

The drums are the core of *Rhythms of Change*: the giant odaiko and hide-stretched nagado of the old ceremonies. Adding in the clangs, scratches, rattles, rubbings, whiskings, battings, whips and whooshes of other rhythm instruments with birdlike flute, melodic violin, and haunting vocals, creates an urgent, interlocking wave of sound.

Tickets for the *Rhythms of Change* CD Release Party are on sale now for \$25 online at www.boxofficetickets.com, in person at the Hollywood Theatre Box Office, or by phone (503) 205-0715.

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