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**NAGATA SHACHU**  
Japanese Taiko and Music Group  
Presents  
**25th Anniversary Season**  
**Three Distinct Concerts in Toronto with**  
**DJ Dopey, B-boy Onton & B-girl Konatsu, and Masayuki Sakamoto**

**Nagata Shachu**, Toronto's preeminent Japanese Taiko and Music Group, is excited to announce their 25th anniversary season with three performances in December, March and June for the 2022/2023 season: a **25th Anniversary Concert** featuring rare and never before heard compositions; **Spin-off**, a world renowned DJ & breakdance collab; and **Flow フロー**, a modern, boundary-pushing take on traditional Japanese taiko.

While embracing deep reverence for the taiko and its legacy, this season sees **Nagata Shachu** boldly forging a path for how this musical form can be modernized and continued into the future.

On December 3, 2022 at Al Green Theatre, a stunning **25th Anniversary Concert** will kick off the season. Featuring new and rarely performed works from **Nagata Shachu's** extensive quarter-century catalog, this season's inaugural concert is a celebration of the vibrant taiko scene in Toronto and beyond with an exciting glance into the future of these ancient drums.

**Spin-off**, on March 11, 2023 at Fleck Dance Theatre, will feature founding Turntable Monkz member and DMC World Champion **DJ Dopey** spinning records while Toronto-based world champion breakdancers and 2024 Paris Olympians **B-boy Onton & B-girl Konatsu** of **Supernaturalz Crew** spin on the dancefloor. In this unexpected but exhilarating collaboration, the traditional taiko inspires Canada's best and most creative DJ and B-boy\B-girl talent in a way never attempted before.

In **FLOW フロー**, the final concert of the season on June 10, 2023 at Hart House Theatre, **Nagata Shachu** and next-generation Japanese taiko soloist **Masayuki Sakamoto** will embrace *flow* - the mental state in which a person is fully immersed in a feeling of energized focus, full involvement, and enjoyment in the process. This spellbinding season finale will weave together **Nagata Shachu's** traditional taiko rhythms with **Sakamoto's** rebellious rock n roll musical sensibilities, while hypnotically immersed in the flow state.

**Nagata Shachu** is an eight-person ensemble including founder Kiyoshi Nagata, and Aki Takahashi, Naoya Kobayashi, Andrew Siu, Briana Lee, Kevin He. Marie Gavin and Atsushi Kato.

Based in Toronto, **Nagata Shachu** has enthralled audiences internationally with its mesmerizing and heart-pounding performances of the Japanese drum (taiko) since its formation in 1998. While rooted in the folk drumming traditions of Japan, the ensemble's principal aim is to rejuvenate this ancient art form by producing innovative and exciting music that seeks to create a new voice for the taiko.

**Nagata Shachu**  
**25th Anniversary**  
2022/2023 Season

**25th Anniversary Concert**  
**Nagata Shachu**

Saturday, December 3 at 8 pm  
Al Green Theatre

750 Spadina Avenue, Toronto

\$30-\$40 adults, \$20-\$30 seniors and students

\$35-\$45 at the door

Tickets: <https://NagataShachu25.eventbrite.ca>

**Spin-off**

**Nagata Shachu, DJ Dopey, Onton & Konatsu of Supernaturalz Crew**

Saturday, March 11 at 8 pm

Fleck Dance Theatre

207 Queens Quay West, Toronto

\$35-\$45 adults, \$25-\$35 seniors and students

Earlybird discount 20% off all regular priced adult tickets:

using the code NSEB25 until January 31, 2023

Tickets: <https://harbourfrontcentre.com/event/spin-off/>

**FLOW フロー**

**Nagata Shachu and taiko soloist Masayuki Sakamoto**

Saturday, June 10 at 8 pm

Hart House Theatre

7 Hart House Circle, Toronto

\$35-\$45 adults, \$25-\$35 seniors and students

Earlybird discount 20% off all regular priced adult tickets:

using the code NSEB3 until April 30, 2023

Tickets:

<https://harthouse.universitytickets.com/w/event.aspx?id=1379&r=3e4cb366b5e64770ad79950b84dc0d05>

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