

# THE RETURN OF TAO

**BOERNE, TX – February 10, 2016.** This electrifying Japanese Taiko drumming ensemble returns with its latest hit production, *Seventeen Samurai*, direct from its sold-out premiere run at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe. The explosive Taiko drumming performance captivates with impeccably complex rhythms and innovative choreography brought together by strong athletic bodies in stunning contemporary costumes.



*Modern art through traditional Japanese taiko drums...shaking audiences to the core! Following their successful show on Late Night with Stephen Colbert, TAO departs the Big Apple and heads to Boerne, Texas, for a one-night engagement presented by Boerne Performing Arts on Thursday, February 25.*

The performers are highly trained athlete-artists who undergo years of rigorous training to reach their impressive level of virtuosity. While Taiko drummers are traditionally male, this groundbreaking ensemble includes female drummers. The result is a remarkable and energetic interpretation of this ancient art form. “Extraordinarily talented...incomparable muscular zeal.” (*Chicago Tribune*). TAO’s energy and precision is sure to amaze children as well as kids at heart!

Drum TAO, Japan’s most celebrated company of martial arts drummers, will bring musicianship, athleticism, humor, and choreography together with explosive, traditional Taiko drumming. With hundreds of sold-out shows and more than six million spectators, Drum TAO has proven that modern entertainment based on the timeless, traditional art of Japanese drumming entertains international audiences again and again.

The performance will begin at 7:30pm at Boerne Champion Auditorium. Tickets (\$30-\$40-\$60 and \$20 for students) are available at the following:

- Online: [www.BoernePerformingArts.com](http://www.BoernePerformingArts.com)
- By Phone: 830-331-9079
- In Person: Greater Boerne Chamber of Commerce OR City of Boerne Parks & Recreation Department
- Email: [info@BoernePerformingArts.com](mailto:info@BoernePerformingArts.com)

Boerne Performing Arts continues to celebrate their fifth anniversary season following the “Night at the Oscars” featuring the Hollywood Concert Orchestra earlier this month. Their season finale will be on Friday, April 8, when the New York Gilbert and Sullivan Players sail into town with their production of “Pirates of Penzance”.