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## SAMURAI OF THE DRUMS

**BOERNE, TX – February 12, 2012.** Boerne Performing Arts will present the 2<sup>nd</sup> concert of their 2012 Inaugural Festival with a carefully choreographed show producing a tantalizing mix of delicate, playful and thunderous sounds performed on traditional percussive instruments, wooden flutes, shamisen (a type of strummed guitar) and koto (horizontal harp). Drums weighing more than 110 lbs will be swung around effortlessly, delivering percussive patterns in aggressive one-upmanship and passing the beat around in a comic rhythmic ping-pong.



*The spirit of the Samurai comes next month to Boerne Champion High School Auditorium with an elite company of martial arts drummers. TAO is comprised of young drummers who are trained in traditional Japanese percussion in their compound in rural Japan. This visually spectacular show will show off traditional Japanese drumming skills, beating with precision, vehemence and persistence.*

TAO began their 2012 U.S. Tour in Seattle, Washington, and is presently working its way down to Southern California. “The City of Boerne is considered one of the smallest venues during the 43-concert tour of TAO,” according to Larry Woods, Boerne Convention and Visitors Bureau. “We have already sold numerous tickets to residents of San Antonio, Corpus Christi, and the Houston area. We hope that our residents will express the same enthusiasm for this world-class show as they demonstrated at the recent sold-out Vienna Boys Choir concert. It is exciting to be a small town with big events!”

The appearance of TAO: The Art of the Drum is made possible through the generous sponsorships of Cordillera Ranch and the Boerne Star. A special promotional offer, Wild about Tao, is available at Petland-Boerne. Boerne Performing Arts operates under the auspices of the Hill Country Council for the Arts, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization.

Boerne Performing Arts encourages residents to visit their website and Tao's website ([www.boerneperformingarts.com](http://www.boerneperformingarts.com) and [www.drum-tao.com/en](http://www.drum-tao.com/en)) to preview the show. The sheer energy and precision is an exhilarating experience. This limited engagement will be presented on Sunday, March 4, 2012, at 7:30pm at Boerne Champion High School Auditorium.

Tickets (\$30-\$40-\$50) are available online at [www.boerneperformingarts.com](http://www.boerneperformingarts.com), in person at either the Greater Boerne Area Chamber of Commerce (downtown at 121 S. Main) or the Boerne Convention & Visitors Bureau (1407 S. Main), or by calling 830.331.9079.