



*Fusion Music Performance:  
2pm-3:30pm on March 2nd (Sat) &  
March 3rd (Sun) at Auditorium*

## Neo Japanese's thoughts of "IMAGINE JAPAN"

**We would like to bring the energy from Japan to Detroit and bring back the energy of Detroit to Japan. Our music can be a bridge that people cross over.**

Neo Japanesque is the musicians group of playing the Japanese and Western mixed music, or fusion music. Tomoyoshi Shiozaki, the Japanese Taiko drummer and Bamboo flute player, has grown under his father who was a Taiko drum player. Kaori Nagata has been an apprentice of Tomoyoshi to learn Taiko Drums and Bamboo Flute. The western instrument musicians, Matsushita, Katsu and Ogawa used to compose fusion songs. Two

of Detroit back to Japan. Our music can be a bridge that people cross over." They added, "We are honored to be at DIA to perform our music in front of great audience and hopefully we could meet many people from Aichi area, too."

### Neo Japanesque' Music and Profile

- Mr. Tomoyoshi Shiozaki: Taiko drums, Shinobu and Shakuhachi
- Ms. Kaori Nagata: Taiko drums and Shinobue
- Mr. Shinkai Matsushita: Bass Guitar
- Mr. Ryohei Katsu: Keyboard and Synthesizer
- Mr. Kazuya Ogawa, Drums and Percussion

group came across each other and that was the birth of Neo Japanesque.

Neo Japanesque has performed their music in Japan, various other Asian countries and the US. Wherever they played the music, they observed the excitement and satisfaction among the audiences. Those experiences have kept them exploring better and enjoyable performance. Neo Japanesque performs their music quite often in Aichi Prefecture, their base location. They have known that there are many people who have come from Aichi in Detroit area. They say, "We would be pleased that people from Aichi know about us in this event. We use Nagoya dialect in our daily conversations!"

Neo Japanese was teamed in 2007, as a fusion music performers. Neo Japanesque has eight musicians. At Hina-Matsuri performance, five core musicians were invited. They have spirits of harmony and courage to getting higher goal and to inspire many people. When they travel to overseas, they try to send the message of "GO JAPAN" to the people. They play quite a few original songs and with high quality sound arrangement, they often play the classic tunes, pops, and gospel songs.

The manager of the group, Ms. Misaki Fukumochi, says, "The music is one thing but also our original costumes are worth looking at. During their performance, we sometimes change the costumes in a very quick way. So that our music reflects perfectly to the stage performance." She encourages many people to watch the show not just music but also their performance together at DFT Auditorium of DIA. Neo Japanese has released a few CDs to this date. They will put those CDs on sale at DIA during Hina-Matsuri event. Please find your favorite CDs.

Neo Japanesque says " This is our first visit to Detroit. It is a very exciting occasion for us to share the time with people here at DIA. We would like to bring the energy from Japan and bring the energy

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