

Local Events – December 2024

The 29th Tango Wadaiko Festival

Date: December 1st (Sun.)

Time: From 1PM (Doors Open 12:30)

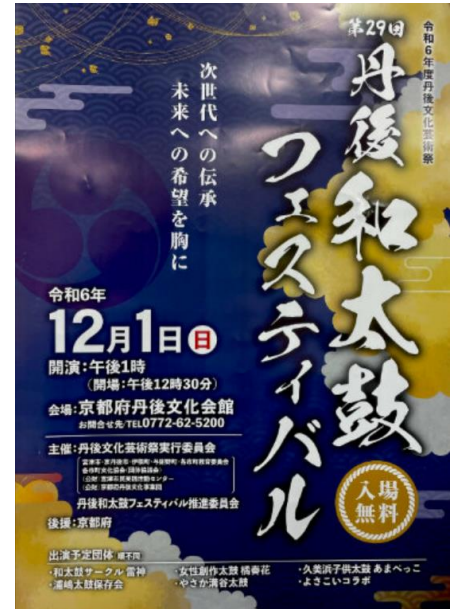
Location: Tango Performing Arts Hall (Mineyama)

Admission: Free

Feel and experience the power of Japanese drumming by local taiko groups in Kyotango at this annual showcase! Admission is free.

Performing Groups:

- Wadaiko Circle Hatagame
- Urashima Daiko Hozonkai
- Yasaka Mizotani Daiko
- Kumihama Children's Taiko Amabekko
- Kissouka Taiko
- Masaya Wadaiko School – Kyotango Class
- Yosakoi Collaboration



Kyotango City 20th Anniversary Production

Ayako Tanaka's 10th Anniversary Recital

Date: December 8th (Sun.)

Time: From 2PM (Doors open at 1:30PM)

Location: Tango Performing Arts Hall (Mineyama)

Admission: General - ¥4000 (all seats assigned)

High School & Under - ¥2000

**Tickets purchased at-the-door will be charged an additional 500 yen.*

**Small children will not be permitted into the venue.*

**Please inquire about wheelchair seating availability before purchasing*



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Originally from Maizuru City, Ayako Tanaka celebrates ten years since her debut as a soprano opera singer. She has stunned the world with her *coloratura* singing, and will bring her performance to Kyotango with her best-of repertoire featuring arias from Mozart, Strauss, Debussy, Handel, Schubert, and more. Guest musicians include Takashi Sato on piano and Hiroya Ichi on cello.

Japan-U.S. Beachball Volleyball Friendship Cup

Date: December 14th (Sat)

Time: 9:30AM – 2:10PM (Games begin at 10:00AM)

Location: Yasaka Sports Park Social Gymnasium

Participation: Free

Registration Deadline: Register by December 11th (Wed.) to the Defense Bureau's email below.

**First 16 teams will be accepted.*

Contact: Kinki-Chubu Defense Bureau

Email: jpn-us-koryu-kc@ext.kinchu.rdb.mod.go.jp

Let's play beachball volleyball, a fun game designed for people of all ages and physical abilities!

To promote goodwill and friendship between the U.S. and Japan, the Kinki-Chubu Defense Bureau and the U.S. Army Kyogamisaki

Communication Site holds an annual beachball volleyball tournament. Sign up your team today, or join the Kyotango City International Association's team and play with Japanese people and other foreigners! Each team will have 4-6 players. Please register by **December 2nd** to the KIA if you are interested in joining a team. Lunch will also be provided.

Google Maps



The Tango Winds Ensemble's 36th Annual Concert

Date: December 14th (Sat.)

Time: From 6:30PM (Doors open at 5:30PM)

Location: Tango Performing Arts Hall (Mineyama)



Admission: Presale – 500 yen

At the door – 600 yen

Enjoy an evening of music performed by the Tango Winds Ensemble at their annual showcase. The Tango Winds Ensemble is composed of adult members from all around the Tango region who love music. Selections will include wind arrangements of classic favorites, contemporary pop songs, and more.

Dwarf Studio's Komaneko Festa

Date: December 15th (Sun.)

Time: 10:00AM ~ 3:00PM (Roots will have events until 3:40PM)

Location: Events will be held at Kotohira Shrine, Otabi Shopping Arcade, and Roots (Mineyama)

Dwarf Studio's animated character Komaneko will be visiting Mineyama to collaborate with Kotohira Shrine's guardian cat deity, the *komaneko*. Experience the fun of stop-motion animation and learn about the local culture and history.



Tango Arts & Culture Festival – The 36th Junior Culture Festival

Date: December 22nd (Sun.)

Time: 1:00PM ~ 4:50PM

Location: Tango Performing Arts Hall (Mineyama)

Admission: Free

An annual showcase for various childrens' musical or performing groups.

Kumi-narie

Dates/Times: December 24th ~ 25th, 6PM – 12AM

December 31st, 6PM – 6AM the next morning

January 1st ~ 3rd, 6PM – 10PM

Location: Kabutoyama (visible across Kumihama Bay)

In Kumihama, when you see the “大” character alit on the side of Kabutoyama, it means that the new year is close approaching. The illumination will be displayed during the above times. Don't miss this spectacular annual light-up display.

