



About Liz Walters

Liz Walters first began playing Taiko in 1996 with Mugenkyo (the UK's first professional Taiko Group), learning also from their Taiko teacher Masaaki Kurumaya in Japan (whom she now continues to work alongside today).

She has toured and taught internationally in France, Germany, Greece, Spain, Italy, Austria, Albania, Ireland, Hungary, Malaysia, the United States and Japan with world established artists such as Joji Hirota, Pete Lockett and Guo Yue.

In 2002, Liz set up the 'Tamashii School of Taiko- Do' for people interested in learning not only about Taiko rhythms but also wanting to experience further insight into the deeper traditions, disciplines and etiquette of Japanese Taiko . She runs regular classes and Single / Multi Day Taiko workshops through Tamashii School of Taiko **www.taikoschool.com**

Her own performance troupe 'Tamashii' have travelled extensively around the Country performing at Theatres, Festivals and other nationwide events.

As well as teaching throughout the UK, she teaches regularly in Italy and once a year travels to Japan to co facilitate Taiko Course for International Students in Fukui, Japan with Masaaki Kurumaya at the purpose built 'Kurumaya Dojo'. She also runs the annual AMC's 5 Day Taiko Summer School in London, this year at the prestigious Royal Academy of Music.

Liz's work has been documented on Tokyo TV – NHK and Eikoku News Digest



PERFORMANCES

Liz's personal energy and joy from playing Taiko comes as a result of the heartfelt reaction from audiences and workshop participants. "Sometimes people come up to me after a show in tears and cannot explain why. This for me is a sure indication that the spirit of Taiko reaches in to a part of us where there are no words, only feeling and pure emotion".

As well as Taiko, Liz trains in Martial Arts such as Tai Chi Ch'uan, Gong Fu, Qi Gong and Aikido. These have provided the fundamental basics to Liz's Taiko style and form.

School Workshops

Liz Walters leads one day 'hands on' workshops for both Primary & Secondary Schools and also offers longer term projects such as introducing Taiko into the music department as part of the school curriculum / school collaboration events & performances.

The focal points for the workshops days are:-

- Basic Taiko stance, posture & technique
- Learning traditional Taiko Base Rhythms & Patterns
- Encouraging Group Listening, watching and interactive skills
- Performing a short musical Taiko piece by the end of the session

These sessions are both intensive and great fun for School children & Teachers

For more information please contact Liz Walters at info@taikoschool.com or go to www.taikoschool.com

"Teachers open the door but you must enter by yourself"

