

Izu Shakuhachi Festival, Oct. 11th-12th, 2026

The Izu Peninsula, known for its natural hot springs and local culture and is just 2 hours by train or car from Tokyo. Central Izu is home to the stunning 105 meter waterfall, Asahi Falls; a sacred site for shakuhachi players. This waterfall inspired a series of beautiful shakuhachi pieces composed in the late Edo Period and still taught and performed today. The two-day Izu Shakuhachi Festival will feature an evening performance at the waterfall and a performance in an 220-year-old Edo period house, Chihan'an.

Sunday, October 11 — 5:00 p.m.

Opening Event at Asahi Falls at Odaira, Izu City. **Duration:** Approximately 30–40 minutes

Featuring: Zenpo Shimura, Christopher Yohmei Blasdel, Akito Obama

Following remarks by the Mayor of Izu City, the three shakuhachi performers representing three different schools will perform their version of the Asahi Falls piece: Taki Ochi no Kyoku and Taki Otoshi no Kyoku.

Following the performance, the waterfall will be illuminated.

Admission: Free Seating for the first 50 visitors, including wheelchair users. Additional visitors may stand.

How to get there:

By train: Asahidaki: Odaira, Izu City, Shizuoka, Japan. From Shuzenji Station, get on the Tokai Bus toward Kawazu Eki and get off at Asahidaki Guchi. (about 10 stops: 10 minutes). On Sunday the bus leaves Suzenji Station at 3:15, 3:20, 3:55, etc.

By car: Parking is available at: • Odaira Community Center and Baird Brewery grounds — parking area on the left side of the building. Look for the cones marked “Shakuhachi Festival.”

Monday, October 12 — National Holiday

Concert at Chihan'an 知半庵, featuring Zenpo Shimura, Christopher Yohmei Blasdel, Akito Obama and Reison Kuroda.

Doors open: 1:00 p.m. Concert: 1:30 p.m. End: 3:00 p.m.

Admission: Advance Reservations: ¥3500, at the door: ¥3800

The concert will take place at Chihan'an, a nationally registered Tangible Cultural Property dating from the Edo period. Reison Kuroda will join the other three musicians to present a program of shakuhachi traditional solo pieces, including a piece connected to Izu. The musicians will also take part in a discussion following the performances. Visitors are welcome to stroll through the Chihan'an grounds until 4:00 p.m.

Transportation

By train:

Get off at Ohito Station. Directions will be provided at the station on the day of the concert.

From the station, walk approximately 10 minutes along the path beside the railway tracks.

Address: Chihan-an 623-1 Yoshida, Izunokuni City, Shizuoka

For Google Maps, search for “Former Suganuma Family Residence” or “Chihan-an.”

By car:

Free parking is available at the cooperating parking facility: Tagata Education Center 82-1 Yoshida, Izunokuni City

The open-air parking area is behind the building, approximately a 4–5 minute walk from Chihan'an.

Alternatively, paid parking is available at Ohito Station.

Organizers

Izu City and izu art center: Chihan'an

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