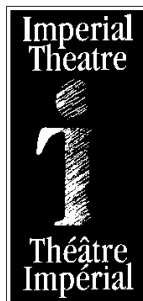


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Canada's premiere professional taiko drumming group
Uzume Taiko Ensemble: Oozoomay!
Imperial Theatre — Sunday, October 18 at 8 p.m.

"Uzume Taiko brought one back with a thunderclap, filling the space to overflowing with the sound of pounding sticks on skins . . . These drummers were amazing in their combination of strength, precision, creativity and theatricality."

— The Georgia Straight, Vancouver

As deeply meditative as it is thunderous, a taiko drum performance is one that few people have the chance to experience, and no one ever forgets. Embark on an extraordinary musical journey with Canada's premiere professional taiko drumming group **Uzume Taiko Ensemble**, coming to Imperial Theatre on Sunday, October 18 at 8 p.m.

To see **Uzume Taiko Ensemble** is an experience all its own. With the choreographed physicality of martial arts, the heart-stopping pulse of the O-Daiko and the rhythmic sensitivity of a jazz ensemble, Uzume Taiko's drummers put on an exhilarating performance. Propelled by a desire to take artistic risks and fuse its music with a myriad of like-minded fearless collaborators, Uzume Taiko presents a unique and refreshing musical experience unlike any other in Canada, titled **Oozoomay!**

Since its Vancouver premiere in February 2008, **Oozoomay!** has toured to great acclaim both in British Columbia and Germany. Featuring special guest Ben Rogalsky and **Uzume Taiko Ensemble** founding member Eileen Kage, **Oozoomay!** is a cross-cultural collaboration between highly skilled performing artists, where exceptional choreography, musicianship and ingenuity combine in a percussive feast. Featuring a diverse collection of percussive and melodic instrument and taiko drums played by Uzume Taiko's band members, Rogalsky will lend his voice to some pieces, as well as play the mandolin, harmonica and suling. The result is a dynamic fusion of old and new, with drumming at the forefront, to bring a vibrant, contemporary sensibility to an ancient art.

The Vancouver-based **Uzume Taiko Ensemble** has enthralled audiences at festivals, schools, concerts and special events across Canada, the United States, Europe and Japan with its dynamic synthesis of music, movement and theatre since 1988. **Uzume Taiko Ensemble** is known for its successful collaborations, including Latin and African percussionist Albert St. Albert, Russian multi-instrumentalist Boris Sichon, the Vancouver Chinese Music Ensemble and Vancouver-based ensemble Flamenco Rosario among many others.

Artist Web site: <http://uzume.com>

Let **Uzume Taiko Ensemble** take you on a musical journey that is both powerful in expression and beautiful in its simplicity, at Imperial Theatre, Sunday, October 18 at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$32, \$28, \$24; Youth 18 & Under: \$20 and can be purchased online at www.imperialtheatre.nb.ca, by visiting Imperial Theatre Box Office, or by calling 674-4100 (or 1-800-323-SHOW for out-of-town callers).

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