

and Culture Workshop

Tuesday 13th September—Tuesday 11th October

12:30pm - 1:30pm Old Hall

Free Admission

At this workshop you will enjoy a unique opportunity to learn Japanese traditional dance from the folklore dance expert Yasuna Higuma!

The 5 week series of classes will include a visual and aural introduction to the background of selected folk dances from Japan, where you can:

- 1. Practice the folk dances**
- 2. Be involved in the creation of new dances**
- 3. Sing Japanese chants**

Yasuna's teaching will focus particularly on the dance Tasuke Haiya Bushi, which originated in Hirado Island, a small island off the coast of Nagasaki, in Kyushu, South of Japan.

It is a unique and elegant dance, using two castanet like percussion instruments with dynamic movements.

Yasuna Higuma studied Japanese folk dance and performing arts at Tamagawa University in Tokyo and took a PHD in Comparative Studies in Japanese and Slovak Folk Dance at the Academy of Performing Arts Bratislava in Slovakia. She has been involved in various festivals, workshops and performances of Japanese folk dance and has participated in key events including, Japan Matsuri, Big Dance, La Notte della Taranta, and Festival del Mediterraneo.

