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At age 21, Byamba was invited to perform sumo in the film "Oceans 13". After spending time in Los Angeles after the shoot, Byamba decided to stay longer. Although he left pro-sumo before reaching the highest pinnacles of fame and fortune in Japan, Byamba gained several opportunities not available to sumo wrestlers in Japan. Byamba now competes worldwide, and has been absolutely dominant on the world stage, winning tournament after tournament, all over the planet. At one point, Byamba had a streak of over 100 consecutive victories! These matches were mostly against the national champions of other nations.

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Sumo Byamba

Featured Performers

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The original Osuwa Taiko was formed by Grandmaster Daihachi Oguchi in Suwa, Japan. In 1986, Oguchi visited St. Louis (sister city of Suwa) with a generous donation of handmade drums to the City, and helped form the first Osuwa Taiko in St. Louis. St. Louis Osuwa Taiko was restarted at Washington University in September of 1996 with the return of Joe Kimura, one of the founding members of the original St. Louis Osuwa Taiko. Since then, the group has grown and been invited to perform at many events and occasions mostly in the Midwestern region of the United States. We hope to broaden the awareness of this rich Japanese tradition and culture to the general public.



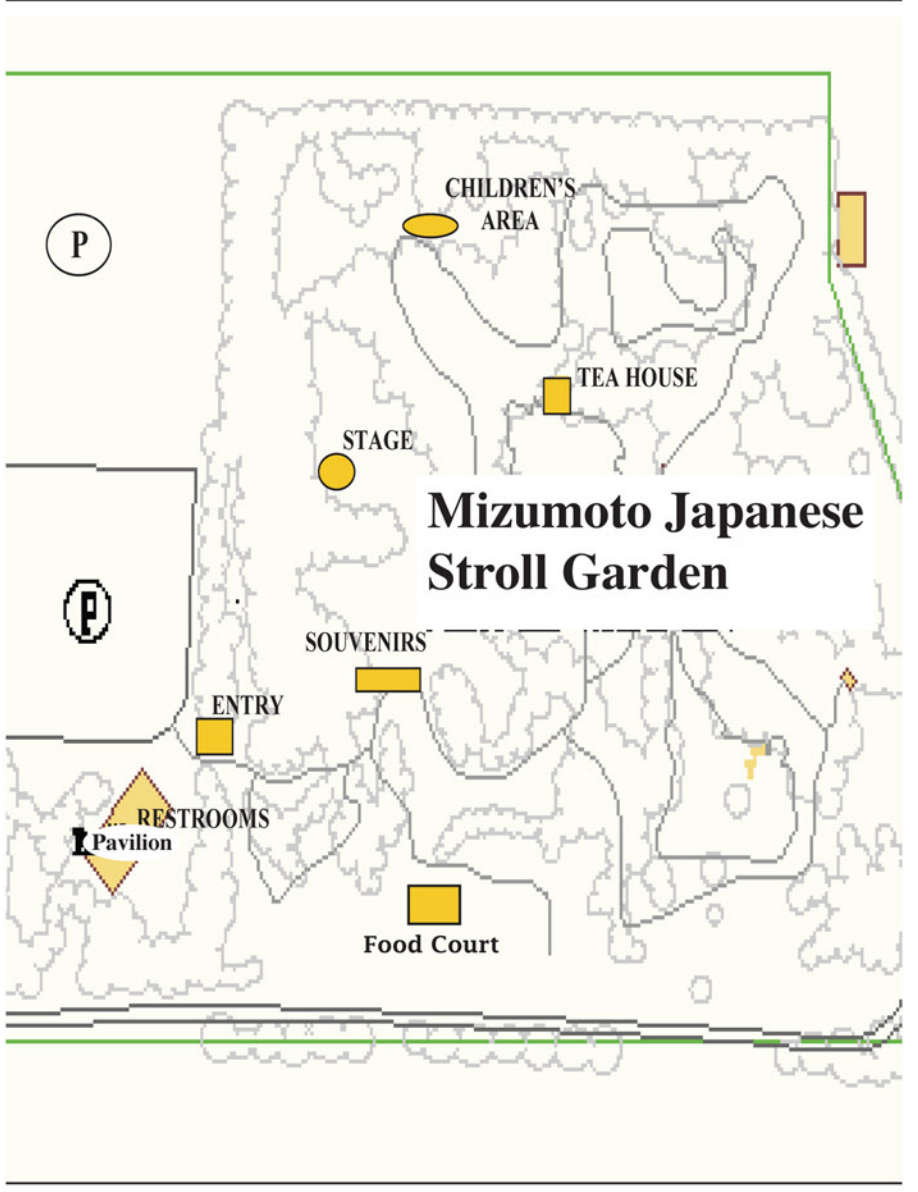
St. Louis Osuwa Taiko

This is second time she will perform at the Springfield Japanese Fall Festival. Miyuki is extremely popular at Epcot and performs her own show several times daily. She has appeared on several television programs including the Travel Channel and The Rosie O'Donnell show. Miyuki takes various colors of warm taffy and creates the candy sculptures in front of you.

her grandfather. Her skills have brought her much success and notoriety and she is one of the few "Amezaiku" in the world. Miyuki takes various colors of warm taffy and creates the candy sculptures in front of you. This candy artist works in the Japan Pavilion of Epcot Center at Walt Disney World Resort, Orlando, Florida. She learned the craft of candy artistry from



Miyuki Sugimori / Candy Miyuki



日本 16TH JAPANESE FALL FESTIVAL
秋祭
 Taiko SUMO CANDY LADY ORIGAMI BENTO
 TOP SPINNER CANDLELIGHT WALKS TEA CEREMONY
 SEPTEMBER 9-11, 2011
 IN THE MIZUMOTO JAPANESE STROLL GARDEN

Festival Hours

Friday, September 9, 5:30 p.m. - 10 p.m.
 Opening Ceremony 6:15 p.m.
 Saturday, September 10, 11 a.m. - 10 p.m.
 Sunday, September 11, 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Admission: Adults \$5
 Children under 12 \$3
 Toddlers free

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Performance Schedule

Friday, September 9

5:30 - Gates Opens
Bon Odori Dance by Kizuna - Japan America Friendship Group
6:15 - Opening Ceremony
6:30 - St. Louis Osuwa Taiko (Japanese drums)
7:00 - Flute - Chapul Tagami (Japanese influence flute)
Special appearance:
USA Sumo with World Champion
Byamba!, Candy Miyuki (Japanese traditional Candy artist),
Hiroshi Tada (Top Spinner), Tony's Karate Studio

Saturday, September 10

11:00 - Gates open
12:15 - Springfield Aikido School
1:00 - Fashion Show
- MSU Design students (benefits Japan Relief Fund)
2:00 - St. Louis Osuwa Taiko (Japanese drums)
3:30 - Suzuki Violin Ensemble (Allison Steiner, Director)
4:30 - Tony's Karate
5:15 - Zeni Daiko and Senu (Japanese Fan) dance
- Kizuna (Bond) Japan America Friendship Group
6:00 - St. Louis Osuwa Taiko (Japanese drums)
7:00 - USA Sumo Match with special appearance by World
Champion Byamba!
7:45 - Flute - Chapul Tagami (Japanese influence flute)

Sunday, September 11

11:00 - Gates open
12:00 - Springfield Aikido School
1:30 - St. Louis Osuwa Taiko (Japanese drums)
2:30 - USA Sumo Talk with special appearance by World
Champion Byamba!
3:15 - Garbonzos (2011 Isesaki Matsuri performer)
4:00 - Zeni Daiko and Senu dance - Kizuna (Bond)
4:30 - Tony's Karate

Tea Ceremony (Cha - no - yu) at the Tea House

**\$5.00 each, limit of six participants per
Ceremony**

**Served by Yuriko Mizumoto Scott and
Kizuna - Japan America Friendship Group**

Saturday: 12:30, 1:30, 3:30

Sunday: 12:30, 2:00

The Tea House is located on the north side of the Garden.
Ceremonies last approximately 30 minutes and cost \$5.00 per
person. **All participants must register at the souvenir tent
prior to the ceremony. We suggest you register early.**

Please be at the Tea House 10 minutes prior to scheduled start
time. If you are not present you will not be allowed to partici-
pate. No refunds.

All proceeds benefit SSCA's "Peace Through People" programs.

Omiyage (Souvenirs) and 100 yen store Friday and Saturday open till 8:00 p.m. Sunday open till 5:00 p.m.

Here's your chance to buy Festival T-shirts and authentic Japa-
nese souvenirs. All proceeds benefit SSCA's "Peace Through
People" programs.

Children's Activities and Games

Friday: 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

Saturday: 11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Sunday: 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Join in the hands-on children's area with traditional games and
crafts. Adults, please stay with your children in this area.
Organized by Kazumi Holcomb and Kickapoo High School
Japanese language class.

Special Performance

**Ame-zaiku: Traditional Japanese Candy Artist
"Candy Miyuki"**

**Miyuki will be at the Festival all weekend,
but she will be taking periodic breaks .**

**Koma Mawashi: Hiroshi Tada - Amazing Japanese
Top Spinner
All day until dusk.**

Additional Activities

**Include fashion show by MSU Design students
Items will go on sales after show.
Proceeds benefit Japan Relief Fund.**

**Try on and take photo in Yukata (Cotton kimono)
by Kizuna (Bond) Japan America Friendship Group
They will dress you up in a Yukata!**

45 min. per session

Saturday: 12:00, 2:00, 3:30

Sunday: 12:30, 2:30

Donations accepted for SSCA's Japan Relief Fund

Candlelight Walk

**Friday and Saturday: from dusk until 10:00 p.m.
Enjoy a garden stroll amid hundreds of torches.**

** Schedule subject to change if inclement weather**



Springfield, Missouri

Get Involved with Sister Cities Association Today

Membership levels

Individual: \$25.00

Family: \$50.00

Friend of SSCA: \$100.00

Organization or Business: \$250.00

Student Special!: \$5.00

Membership benefits include an annual pass to the Mizumoto Japanese Stroll Garden and free admission to our three annual festivals. Other benefits include a membership newsletter, an invitation to the Annual Meeting and networking opportunities throughout the year.

Sponsor benefits include publicity through brochures, newsletters, festival banners and other printed material including posters, and annual meeting recognition; VIP events; free T-shirts, and extra admission tickets to all events. Springfield Sister Cities Association actively seeks support from local businesses and organizations. If you are interested in becoming involved with us in this way, please call Cindy Jobeat 864-1341 or email cjobe@springfieldmo.gov.

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