

Japanese Bon Festival

at Memphis Botanic Garden



Opening Night Matsuri

Friday, September 7th 5:30pm-8pm

MBG members \$20/non-members \$25

Join us in the beautiful Japanese Garden for the opening celebration of our 2012 Japanese Festival. This event will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the gift of cherry trees from Japan. MBG will be planting 3 direct descendants of the Tidal Basin Trees. The celebration will be highlighted with performances by local Japanese musicians, "Candyman" Masaji Terasawa, and a fantastic finale by Fushu Daiko Taiko drummers. Sushi appetizers will be provided by Sekisui. Reservations required. Call 636-4131.

Festival Family Day

Saturday, September 8th 10:00am-4:00pm

MBG members \$5/non-members \$10.

Celebrate the history, culture, and people of Japan with demonstrations on tea ceremony, origami, chopsticks, kimono dressing, cosplay, Bon odori, koi ponds, and more. Be amazed by the Candyman as he creates works of art out of sugar and move to the energizing sounds of Fushu Daiko Taiko drummers. Kids will enjoy traditional Japanese games, while parents shop at our Japanese marketplace. Enjoy a taste of Japan with Sekisui concessions. Sponsored by Japanese Traders and Manufacturers Association, Sekisui, Ikebana International, Japan America Society of Tennessee, and Japan Center for Global Partnership. Tickets available in advance through MBG Visitor's Center or at the gate day of event.



In Partnership with the Japan-American Society of Tennessee, West Center at the University of Memphis

Sponsored by: The Consulate-General of Japan at Nashville, Japan Commerce Association of Washington DC, Japan Foundation Center for Global Partnership, Japanese Traders and Manufacturers Association of Memphis, University of Memphis, Sekisui

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