

The Heart of America Japan-America Society presents the 25th annual

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Saturday • October 7, 2023 • 10 a.m.–7 p.m.

Johnson County Community College
12345 College Blvd., Overland Park, Kansas

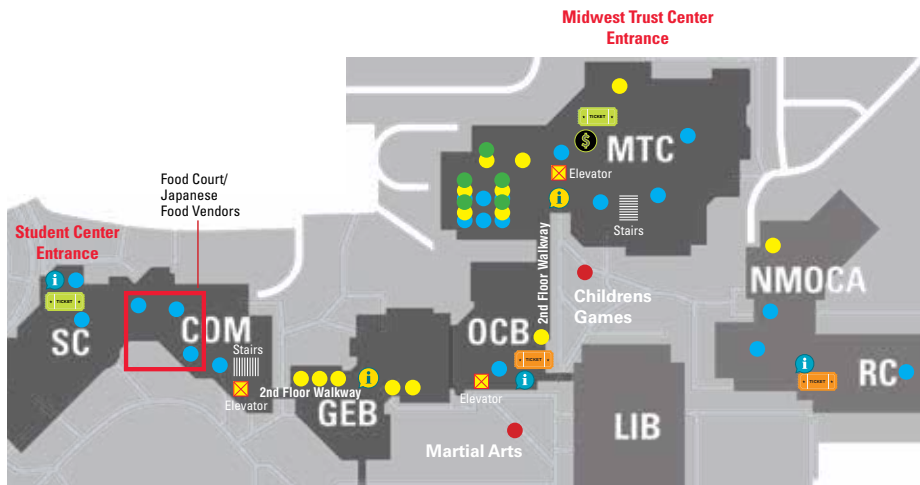
For more information and to purchase tickets visit:
kcjapanfestival.org










JCCC BUILDING MAP AND FESTIVAL VENUES

Expanded Festival by Building and Floors



Dots indicate an activity on designated floors

- 1st floor (SC, COM, OCB, MTC, NMOCA and RC)
- 2nd floor (GEB, MTC and NMOCA)
- 3rd floor (MTC)
- Outside
-  Purchase tickets (1st floor)
-  Pre-purchased ticket pick-up (1st floor)
-  ATM
-  Information Booths 2nd floor
-  Information Booth 1st floor



JOIN THE HEART OF AMERICA JAPAN-AMERICA SOCIETY TODAY

Do you want to enjoy the Japanese culture 365 days a year? Join HAJAS today in the CapFed room in the Regnier Center. Members of the Society enjoy various Japanese cultural events and activities throughout the year. The Greater Kansas City Japan Festival is only one of our major activities (although it is our largest cultural and outreach event).

Sign up for membership at the HAJAS booth in the Regnier Center CapFed room, or go to our website at kcjas.org or fill out the application near the back of this program and mail it in.

SCHEDULE



● Yardley Hall

10:15 a.m.	Opening Ceremony	12
11 a.m.	Kabuki Spectacle	13
11:55 a.m.	Three Trails Taiko	17
12:30 p.m.	Aya Uchida (Japanese Pop Music), Jo Yamanaka (Guitar) & Mike Ito (Violin)	17
1 p.m.	Intermission	
2 p.m.	Kabuki Spectacle	13
3 p.m.	Asuka Iijima Nihon Buyō Dance	16
3:25 p.m.	Denver Taiko	16
3:55 p.m.	Denver Taiko Workshop	20
4:35 p.m.	Aya Uchida (Japanese Pop Music), Jo Yamanaka (Guitar) & Mike Ito (Violin)	17
5:10 p.m.	Asuka Iijima Nihon Buyō Dance	16
5:35 p.m.	Kabuki Spectacle	13
6:30 p.m.	Denver Taiko	16

● Polsky Theatre

11 a.m.	Tea Ceremony Demonstration (Omote Senke) – Yoko Hiraoka	22
12:15 p.m.	Tea Ceremony Demonstration (Edo Senke) – Yuri and Asuka Iijima	22
1:30 p.m.	Kansas State University Tatsumaki Yosakoi, Japanese Yosakoi Dance Club	18
2 p.m.	Kansas State University Japanese Yosakoi Dance Club Workshop	20
3 p.m.	Martial Arts Demonstrations – Introduction – John Drakey	34
3:10 p.m.	Kansas City Kendo Club – Kendo – John Drakey	34
3:30 p.m.	Tessenjutsu – Martial Arts Fan – Lori Bushner	34
3:45 p.m.	Karate – Japan Karate-Do Ryobu-Kai – Fabio Rodriguez	34
4:05 p.m.	Tosa No Shugyo Dojo – Sōjutsu – Tora Lawson	34
4:35 p.m.	Aikijuku Dojo – Aikido – Neil Segal	34
4:55 p.m.	Misogi-Ryu – Karate – John Hileman	34
5:20 p.m.	Closing and Thanks – John Drakey	34
6 p.m.	Cosplay Contest	42



SCHEDULE

Midwest Trust Center

- **Outside South Door of MTC**
2:30 p.m. Children's Mikoshi Parade Starts from **Outside South Door of MTC** 19
- **MTC Courtyard**
All Day Japanese School – Kid's games 43

● First Floor

First Floor Lobby

Torii Gate Entry Molle Automotive Group
Ikebana Display **Box Office and Will Call**

Room 107
All Day Exhibits 38

Room 124
All Day KC Japanese School Children's Games 43

Room 126A
12:20 p.m. Fun with Japanese (small children only) – Etsuko James 32
1:15 p.m. Japanese Language Workshop Beginners (ages 12 and up) – Yosei Sugawara 28

Room 128
All Day Japanese Cultural Village – Bazaar / Handicrafts 43

● Second Floor

Second Floor Lobby

All Day Information Booth
Panasonic Energy
Various Tenugui and Performer's Merchandise Sales
(for 30 minutes following performance)

Second Floor Bridge Above MTC Main Entrance

Volunteer Check-in
Cosplay Sign-up & Cosplay Prop and Weapons Check-In 42

Room 211
All Day Japanese Candy Artist – Miyuki Sugimori 18

Room 212
Noon Japan Foundation's Marugoto Course Books – Tracie Whiting-Kipper 30
1:15 p.m. Zen Meditation Workshop – Dr. Sarah Aptilon 29
2:30 p.m. Kanji Made Easy – Tracie Whiting-Kipper 30
3:45 p.m. Introduction to Reading Japanese – Tracie Whiting-Kipper 30

SCHEDULE



Room 217			
	11 a.m. to 6 p.m.	The Games of Go and Shogi Steve Woodsmall Daniel Gentry, The Greater Kansas City Go Club	33
Room 232			
	Noon	Haiku Workshop – Frank Higgins	29
	1:15 p.m.	Japanese Garden Design – Koji Morimoto	25
	2:30 p.m.	Haiku Workshop – Frank Higgins	29
	3:45 p.m.	Japanese Garden Design – Koji Morimoto	25
Room 234			
	11 a.m.	Japanese Language Workshop Beginners (ages 12 and up) – Dr. Kotoko Nakata Grass	28
	Noon	Shakuhachi Workshop – David Wheeler	20
	1:15 p.m.	Kimono Demonstration – Yoshiko Yamanaka and Miyako Fraley	23
	2:30 p.m.	Japanese Language Workshop Beginners (ages 12 and up) – Yosei Sugawara	28
	3:45 p.m.	Kimono Demonstration – Yuri and Asuka Iijima	23

● Third Floor

Rooms: 312, 316, 319, 321, 323, 327, 329, 331, 332, 338, 344 and 352			
	All Day	Anime and Manga	40

Office Classroom Building (OCB)

● Room 100			
	All Day	Bazaar Room Heart of America Japan-America Society, BopBopKat, Porchlight Studio, Deb's Designs	44
● Room 246			
	All Day	Artist Vendors: White Rabbit and The Laughing Crow	48
● Room 248			
	All Day	Thousand Paper Cranes: Origami Activity	33

● General Education Building (GEB)

Room 240			
	Noon	A Look at Japanese Game Shows on American Television – Joshua Murphy	26
	1:15 p.m.	Takeshi's Castle – Joshua Murphy	26
Room 242			
	Noon	Purification, Meditation, and the Realm of Spirit in Japanese Art and Calligraphy – Susan and Koji Nakao	26
	1:15 p.m.	Secret Garden of Yanagi Inn – Amber Logan	27



SCHEDULE

Room 254

Noon	Beginners' Origami – Tracey Whitman	31
2:30 p.m.	Leveling up! – Intermediate Origami – Michaela Blank	32
3:45 p.m.	Where the Theatre Meets Origami: Kabuki Themed Origami – Michaela Blank	32

Room 256

1 p.m.	Karuta & Japanese Conversation Table	32
2 p.m.	Karuta & Japanese Conversation Table	32
3 p.m.	Karuta & Japanese Conversation Table	32

Room 258

1:15 p.m.	Evolution of the Samurai – J. M. Tora Lawson	24
2:30 p.m.	Japanese Armor – Jimmy Forred	24

● Regnier Center (RC)

Room 101

Vendors & information

All Day	Festival T-shirt and Tenugui Sales
	Oriental Supermarket
	GoJo's Sauces
	Iijima Sales
	Tosa No Shugyo Dojo
	Aikijuku Dojo – Calligraphy Sales
	Planet Anime
	Japanese Landscaping – Koji Morimoto
	Hallmark Cards
	Organizations:
	Heart of America Japan-America Society
	Japanese Exchange and Teaching Alumni Association
	Japanese Instructor Association of the Heartland
	National Association of Asian American Professionals – Kansas City
	Center for East Asian Studies – CEAS
	KU Department of East Asian Languages
	Johnson County Community College

Room 101

Performances

TBD	Kansas City Japanese Choir Himawari	19
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Atrium – First Floor

All Day	Sogetsu School Ikebana Display	37
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RC 183

Noon	Calligraphy – Ami Kitada	31
1:15 p.m.	Calligraphy – Ami Kitada	31
2:30 p.m.	Calligraphy – Ami Kitada	31
3:45 p.m.	Calligraphy – Ami Kitada	31

SCHEDULE



● NERMAN MUSEUM

Hudson Auditorium

Noon	The Samurai Sword – Earle Brigance	24
1:15 p.m.	The Samurai Sword – Earle Brigance	24
2:30 p.m.	Kabuki Actor Prints – Yayoi Shinoda	27
3:45 p.m.	Comparison Of Kabuki and Takarazuka	28

● COMMONS (COM)

11 a.m. – 6 p.m.

JCCC Food Court	57
KC Craft Ramen	58
Ika Grill	59

● STUDENT CENTER (SC)

Student Center Lobby

Box Office	
Information Table	
Ikebana Display	39

SC 101

8:15 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	K-12 Teachers' Workshop – Dr. Ayako Mizumura	46
1:15 p.m.	"Miniature Trees": The Ancient Art of Bonsai – Kathy Schlesinger	25

SC 103	All Day	Bonsai Society of Greater Kansas City – Bonsai and Suiseki Display	39
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● OUTSIDE

All Day	Kansas City Japanese School Activities for Children (Outside South Door of MTC)	43
2:30 p.m.	Children's Mikoshi Parade (Starting point – Outside South Door of MTC)	43

MARTIAL ARTS WORKSHOPS

11 a.m.-2 p.m. Library Plaza (outside)

11 a.m.	Aikijuku Dojo Aikido – Neil Segal	34
11 a.m.	Tosa No Shugyo Dojo – Sojutsu – Tora Lawson	34
Noon	Kansas City Kendo Club – John Drakey	34
Noon	Martial Arts Fan – Tessenjutsu – Lori Bushner	34
1 p.m.	Misogi-Ryu – Karate – John Hileman	34