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Press Release

Smokin' Bachi Taiko Celebrates Santa Fe's 400th Anniversary

Free show at Fort Marcy Park on Legacy Stage Sat Sept 5

Santa Fe NM August 21, 2009: Smokin' Bachi Taiko (SBT) will celebrate two anniversaries during Labor Day Weekend 2009. They have been asked to perform on the Legacy Stage at the Santa Fe 400th Anniversary, Sat. Sept 5. The performance helps illustrate the vibrant cultural diversity of the "City Different". The Japanese drum ensemble will also celebrate the one year birthday of "Wild Ma", a 36" Odaiko. In Japanese, "o" means big, and "daiko" means drum.

After 9 months of design and construction, usually on weekends, the Odaiko was completed last September. She was being readied for use at the 3rd Taiko Awakening the Spirit Retreat in Crestone, CO. The SBT Dojo is located in the Wildmaker Art and Music School. While reviewing some photos taken in the dojo, it was noticed that she blocked the last letters of the school's name. "Ma" is the concept of space in Japanese music. So, she has since been known as "Wild Ma". Such a large drum is not always able to be used at many of SBT's shows. However, the Legacy Stage is a great venue to showcase her massive sound for this historic event.

Saturday's show starts at 5:10 PM on the Legacy Stage. After a 30 minute set, the taiko group bounces off stage to move gear to the Music and Dance Connections tent for a 30 minute demo/workshop. It starts at 6:30 PM. Stance, form and history will be explored. The public is invited to participate. Spaces are limited, but, observers are also welcome.

Bachi are the sticks used to play the taiko.

Smokin' Bachi Taiko's non-profit mission is to promote the art and culture of Japanese drumming and drum making. To us, art makes life worth living. We strive to bring beauty to the community by developing, sharing, and teaching the art form of Japanese Taiko Drumming.

Please join us for an inspiring afternoon of taiko different. Check web sites here:
www.santafe400th.com www.smokinbachi.com

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