

Music from Japan



The **Kaoru Watanabe Ensemble** will entertain crowds with an eclectic performance of traditional and contemporary Japanese musics. **Kaoru Watanabe**, a former member of the Japanese taiko ensemble Kodo, is a practitioner of various Japanese traverse bamboo flutes and the Western flute, along with the taiko drum. His blend of Japanese folk and classical traditions with contemporary improvisational and experimental music will be paired with the contemporary percussion and rhythm of **Kenny Endo**, a vanguard of the taiko genre during his 35-year career.

The **Watanabe Duo** consists of violin and harp featuring **Haruka** and **Ayako Watanabe**, both long-time members of the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra. This program will include compositions by Japanese composers, and works by Haruka Watanabe which blend elements of European functional harmony with Japanese folk music based on pentatonic scales. This program is presented as part of the Community Partnership Program of the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra.

PERFORMANCE DATES

Missouri Botanical Garden
Shoenberg Theater

Saturday, September 3:
Kaoru Watanabe Ensemble
12:30-1:30pm & 5-6pm

Sunday, September 4:
Kaoru Watanabe Ensemble
5:30-6:30pm

Monday, September 5:
The Watanabe Duo
12-1pm

Monday, September 5:
Kaoru Watanabe Ensemble
3-4pm

Ticket information:
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