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## Arts Commons Presents Brings the Colour, Athleticism, and World-class Showmanship of YAMATO – The Drummers of Japan to Calgary

**Stunning b-roll and photography demonstrates unrivaled showmanship of YAMATO – The Drummers of Japan**

**February 1, 2023** - CALGARY – Drumming up excitement around the world, YAMATO – The Drummers of Japan returns to Calgary and the Jack Singer Concert Hall with their new show *Hinotori*. A combination of earth-shaking physical power, storytelling, in an unmatched cultural showcase, YAMATO demands to be experienced live. Join **Arts Commons Presents** and the BD&P World Stage series on **Sunday, February 19, 2023 at 7:30 p.m. at the Jack Singer Concert Hall** for an unforgettable night of the most spectacular live performance the world has to offer.

YAMATO makes a triumphant return to the Jack Singer Concert Hall after its sold-out performance in 2016. Wildly popular worldwide, YAMATO has given over 4,000 performances in 54 countries and regions. Their adrenaline pumping performances are a phenomenon that you must see live to truly appreciate. YAMATO was founded by Masa Ogawa in 1993 in Nara, which is said to be the birthplace of Japanese culture. Presently based in Asuka Village, Nara Prefecture, YAMATO travels all over the world with their traditional Wadaiko drums, spreading the pulse of this art form – with modern technological advancements – into the hearts of audiences worldwide. Their newest performance, *Hinotori*, which translates to “Phoenix,” pays homage to the triumphant return of live performance post-pandemic.

**High resolution photos and b-roll are available upon request. [Watch them perform live in Hiroshima, Japan here.](#)** Joining us on the Sunday, February 19 of Family Day long weekend, YAMATO – The Drummers of Japan has thrilled children, parents, and families of all ages around the globe.

*“I try to trust my instincts and knowledge of the art form when I start to create YAMATO’s new productions. Also, I am thinking that I should trust the place we were born and live. The land gives us an energy,” says Masa Ogawa, artistic director of YAMATO – The Drummers of Japan. “However, even after it is complete, I am always nervous for my creation because I do not want to destroy Japan’s tradition. Keeping a respect for the tradition while also allowing for a bit of freedom from it are both so important.”*

The 2022-23 season of the BD&P World Stage series produced by Arts Commons Presents, features an outstanding lineup of performers that celebrate a diversity of live arts from around the globe including the harmonious collaboration of [Strings for Peace](#) on March 22, the percussive perfection of [Step Afrika! Drumfolk](#) on April 26, and the showstopping double-bill of [The Soul Rebels & Cimafunk](#) on June 23, 2023.

Witness the music and cultural phenomenon that literally shakes the walls of the Jack Singer Concert Hall with [YAMATO – The Drummers of Japan: \*Hinotori\*](#). Arts Commons Presents is proud to share YAMATO as part of BD&P World Stage series.

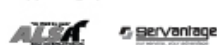
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**What:** BD&P World Stage – YAMATO – The Drummers of Japan: *Hinotori*  
**When:** Sunday, February 19, 2023 at 7:30 p.m.  
**Where:** Jack Singer Concert Hall, Arts Commons  
**Tickets:** 403-294-9494 or visit [artscommons.ca/presents](https://artscommons.ca/presents)

To purchase tickets to YAMATO – The Drummers of Japan: *Hinotori*, please call 403-294-9494 or visit [artscommons.ca/yamato](https://artscommons.ca/yamato).

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