



Thank you for your interest in participating in the Nashville Cherry Blossom Festival!

### **Performing and Martial Arts Guidelines**

**Attached is a 2-page application to join the 2012 Nashville Cherry Blossom Festival as a Performing or Martial Artist.**

The Festival has a full day of live performances. The front steps of the courthouse serve as the main stage for the festival. A second stage located within the Public Square may serve as the venue for martial arts and other demonstrations. The *Sakura Matsuri* highlights the culture and traditions of Japan, and the performances and demonstrations should reflect this.

**DATE:** Saturday, March 24, 2012  
**PLACE:** Nashville Public Square in Downtown Nashville  
**TIME:** The festival will start at 10:00 am and end at 4:00 pm. The Festival is held rain or shine.

- **The Nashville Cherry Blossom Festival Committee will decide the stage location for each performer and make every effort to accommodate performance time requests. Final decisions regarding scheduling are made by the Committee.**
- **Applications are due by February 1, 2012. Performance times may not be available for applications submitted after this deadline.**
- **Performers will be notified within 15 days after receipt of application whether they have been accepted.**
- **Each performing entity is invited to display information and materials related to the performance, however each entity is responsible for sale or distribution of information or related products. Please indicated on the application form whether you wish to do so.**
- **Performers are personally responsible for medical and personal injury insurance.**
- **All performances must reflect some aspect of or connection with Japanese culture.**
- **The Nashville Cherry Blossom Festival Committee regrets that it is unable to compensate its performers. Driving directions, free parking passes and on-site refreshments will be furnished to all performers.**

► **First-time applicants MUST enclose information, photographs, brochures, visuals, DVDs, CDs, website links, etc. of their performances. (NOTE: Pictures, DVDs, etc. will not be returned.)**

► **Submit the attached 2-page application, together with (1) participant information; (2) participation fee, and your additional electrical requirements (if any) ◀**

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**APPLICATION FORM – PAGE 1**

Affiliation/Organization/PerformerName:	
Contact Person:	
Title of Contact Person:	
Mailing Address:	
Telephone Number - Work:	
Telephone Number - Cell:	
Email Address:	Website Address:
How would you like your name / your organization's name to appear in any festival publications?	
Number of people in your group:	
Please describe your group in one paragraph. What kind of group are you? Where are you from? What kind of music, dance, martial arts, etc. do you specialize in? Include information that you would like publicized- - your history, traditions, training, the number of participants, places venues where you have performed, awards or distinctions, etc.	

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**APPLICATION FORM – PAGE 2**

<p><b>UNLOADING INFORMATION:</b>                  Do you need help unloading?                   If yes, how many people do you need to help unload?                   Unloading time needed:</p>
<p>Please list any special requests you have for assistance, special equipment, electricity, etc.:</p>
<p><b>EQUIPMENT:</b>                  Please indicate the need and number for any of the following:                   _____ standing mics _____ lowered mics _____ hand-held mics                   _____ tape recorder _____ CD Player _____ chair(s) _____ table(s)                   Please indicate any additional needs:</p>
<p><b>PERFORMANCE TIME:</b>                   Performers are usually allocated 20 minutes to perform, with 5 minutes for set-up &amp; 5 minutes for breakdown. Please indicate your 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, or 3<sup>rd</sup> preference time slots                   10am–12pm _____ 12pm–2pm _____ 2pm–4pm _____   <i>(The Nashville Cherry Blossom Festival Committee will do its best to accommodate your preference, but choices are <u>not</u> guaranteed.)</i></p>
<p>Do you want to display information and/or sell materials throughout the day at the festival?    Yes / No                   If yes, what?</p>
<p>Do you have any other requests / suggestions / questions?</p>

**Please return this 2-page form by February 1\*\* to:**  
**Japan-America Society of Tennessee**  
**P.O. Box 190476, Nashville, TN 37219**  
**Email: [info@nashvillecherryblossomfestival.org](mailto:info@nashvillecherryblossomfestival.org) Phone: (615)663-6060**

*\*\*This is an **initial** deadline. Applications will be accepted after this date if space is still available, but participation and/or listing in all publicity materials cannot be guaranteed if received after February 1.*