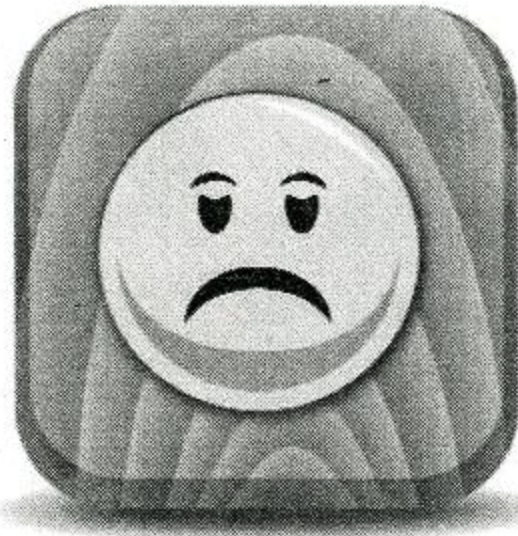


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TRADITIONAL: Above local resident and Koto player, Makiko Inoue, and below Japanese bamboo flute player Master Yodo. They will perform at Harbourfront Restaurant on Sunday.

Get a taste (and sound) of the Orient at Harbourfront

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Fancy a taste of the Orient this Sunday?

The Bermuda International Languages and Arts Institute is putting together a traditional Japanese music concert, followed by Japanese dinner at Harbourfront Restaurant.

Among the performers will be Japanese bamboo flute player Master Yodo Kurahashi and local resident Makiko Inoue.

"I am so excited to have Master Kurahashi come to Bermuda — I have known him for more than 20 years," said Ms Inoue. "His wife taught me how to play the Koto."

"He can take you to another world with his music. It is so soothing and he is a very powerful player."

"I am looking forward to him bringing Japanese culture to the people of Bermuda."

"The show will last for one hour, followed by a plentiful spread of Japanese food."

The chef at Harbourfront has created a Japanese menu especially for the night.

"The bamboo flute came from China in the sixth century," Ms Inoue explained. "In Japan we are westernized so instruments like the piano, guitar and violin are now popular."

"But it is very important to remember the traditions we have inherited from our

ancestors.

"I am hoping that if certain Japanese traditions gain popularity in the western world, Japanese people will then go back to them."

"This happened with the Taiko drums."

Ms Inoue will play the Koto, which is a kind of Japanese zither.

It has been used as one of the main chamber instruments of Japanese traditional music style and is about 180cm long.

A traditional Koto has 13 strings, being arched tautly across 13 movable bridges along the length of the instrument.

Players make base pitches by moving these 13 bridges before playing.

Ms Inoue said: "I learned the bamboo flute (Shakuhachi) as well. You have to put a lot of energy into it. After you have played you feel like you have just done very strenuous exercise for about half an hour afterwards."

Master Kurahashi has travelled around the world performing Shakuhachi. The concert will be held at 5:30pm at the Bermuda Underwater Exploration Institute on February 28.

Tickets are \$100 and include dinner. They are available for purchase at Bermuda International Language School, 21 Woodland Road. ■

FOR MORE INFORMATION call 296-7259.



TRAFFIC NOTICES



THE CORPORATION OF Hamilton

CLOSURE OF COURT STREET

Between Church Street and Victoria Street

SATURDAY & SUNDAY

27 & 28

FEBRUARY 2010

The Corporation of Hamilton gives notice that Court Street between Church Street and Victoria Street will be closed to all through traffic, from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday 27 and 28 February 2010 to accommodate crane usage.

Southbound through traffic on Court street will be diverted east or west along Victoria Street and northbound traffic will be diverted east as presently in operation, with the exception that access to St. Andrew's Church parking lot be permitted.

Access to local businesses will be permissible from Victoria Street.

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Between Burnaby Street and Queen Street

SUNDAY

28

FEBRUARY 2010

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City Hall, Hamilton
26 February 2010

Allan Lee
Assistant City Engineer

