

Event Title: URA MATSURI 2024

Venue: HOXTON HALL - 130 Hoxton Street, London, N1 6SH

Date: SATURDAY 19th OCTOBER. (Doors 6.30pm / Show 7pm)

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BSL interpreters and audio
description available - as well as
wheelchair access.

*The audio version of the event listing: <https://on.soundcloud.com/w32AQhmNouPeNGJj8>

What is happening at Ura Matsuri on 19th October:

Ura Matsuri lands at the legendary Hoxton Hall for another packed evening of quirky, unique & alternative culture from UK based East & South East Asian artists, performers and musicians. Bringing a festival of "East Meets East" and a knees up of a Saturday night to London's oldest surviving Victorian music hall.

We've got puppets & percussion.

We've got live music and dance

We've got the silly, the serious and the absurd!

An upturned toybox of live performance and joyful sounds awaits!

Artists performing on the 19th October include:

- **FRANK CHICKENS** - The 20 strong London meets Japan legends singing songs of spacemen, ninja and blue canaries! With costume changes, dance routines & film a famously joyful time is guaranteed! - THEY ARE NINJA - NOT GEISHA!
- **TENZIN SISTERS** a rare chance to hear Tibetan traditional instruments and folk song!
- **BEIBEI WANG** - The esteemed virtuoso Chinese percussionist & judge of BBC Young Musician Of The Year performs as soloist & duo.
- **NO CARS** A special one off reunion performance! It's J-Pop meets klezmer with a pop punk twist from this Japanese trio.
- **VERA CHOK** is a writer, comedian & actor, her most recent book "Angry Yellow Woman" was published to acclaim this year.
- **MAI NGUYEN TRI & FEAR OF FLUFFING** bring Zen Punk Butoh Dance with a live improvised soundtrack - Each performance is unique and special!
- **KAMURA OBSCURA** is a Japanese agit-femme electronic experimentalist active since the 80's bringing strange sounds for strange times!
- **MADOMOISELLE LYCHEE** probably the smallest burlesque dancer in the world!
- **CHINDON YEAH'S** are Japanese eccentric street musicians! With colourful kimonos, big drums, small brass and bigger vibes!
- **HIBIKI ICHIKAWA & SHAMISEN LONDON** Englands only Shamisen ensemble. Traditional Japanese sounds with a UK twist!

AND THERE'S MORE:

A selection of the artists appearing will be selling their artworks on the day, from Japanese Yokai spirit prints to band bags & badges!

Plus Japanese & Asian snacks will be available on the night with a fully stocked bar running throughout the evening and open till late - So hang out and socialise before & after!

And the Ura Matsuri team will also be holding children workshops at Hoxton Hall on Saturday 5th October with origami folding from Origami Happy Wonderland & Chickens Ninja workshops in the day as part of the national Fun Palaces day!

Our incredible historic venue, Hoxton Hall, is the last surviving still working purpose built Victorian Music Hall in London. Built for to provide entertainment to the working classes of East London in 1863 and still going strong today!

Tickets for Ura Matsuri 2024 are already on sale from the Hoxton Hall website. Hurry, all other Ura events have sold out so don't miss out!

Ura Matsuri 2024 is supported by Arts Council England and Sasakawa Foundation

A LITTLE FURTHER INFO ABOUT THE WHAT'S & WHY'S OF URA MATSURI:

Firstly let us explain the name - Ura means 'Other Side' in Japanese, with Matsuri meaning 'Local Community Festival'

Ura Matsuri has been running annually since 2016 celebrating the rich & diverse ESEA cultural & artistic heritages in London, reflecting how some of these communities & individuals have been shaped by living in the UK.

Ura Matsuri aims to be a fun and friendly festival of live performance arts from East and South East Asian artists based in UK and their friends. A day of the joyful, the serious and mostly the absurd!

Organised by London based Japanese artists including members of the long standing much loved performance group Frank Chickens, it brings together grass roots ESEA culture in London with local alternative art and music scenes to celebrate the music, arts and ideas cultivated and created by UK based ESEA artists through living in the UK.

We feel strongly about the importance of inclusive cultural exchanges to celebrate the positive influences that the introduction of new cultures gives to society as a whole.

And we like to have fun and share as well!

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