

豊岡演劇祭 2023

Toyooka Theater Festival

14(Thu) - 24(Sun) September 2023



Overview

The Toyooka Theater Festival is held every September with most events in Toyooka City located in the northern part of Hyogo Prefecture (Tajima Area).

A large number of programs such as theater, music, dance, street performances, and conferences will be held indoors and outdoors.

We aim to create a theater festival that attracts many people involved in the performing arts community not only in Japan, but also from around the world.

In addition, the Toyooka Theater Festival is a piece of groundwork for promoting the development of Toyooka City.

With the key visions of "dialogue", "solidarity", and "evolution", we will use the festival as an opportunity to revitalize independent local businesses and create new services to promote sustainable community development in Toyooka.

About the Program

Official Program

The official programs that form the core of the Toyooka Theater Festival are the "Director's Program", selected by the Festival Director, Oriza Hirata and the "Festival Produce" that expands the possibilities of the performing arts.



©igaki photo studio
Sankai Juku "TOBARI—As if in an inexhaustible flux"



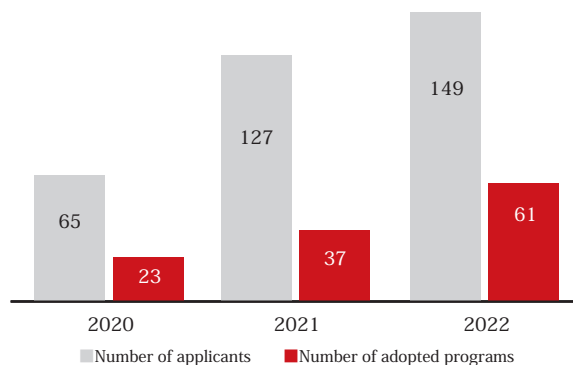
©igaki photo studio
Seinendan "The Rise and Fall of Japanese Literature"

Fringe Program

The fringe program, which accompanies the selection of open call applications, is the biggest feature the Toyooka Theater Festival. The local coordinators will support the artists and the city to keep the creative environment.

The fringe program will be divided into three programs:
"Selection" — In which a local coordinator will support the venue selection and research.
"Showcase" — In which the Toyooka Theater Festival will provide a venue and technical staff that is for multiple groups.
"Street" — Street performances will be held at several street stages including the festival night market and other local places.

Number of applicants and participating organizations from 2020 to 2022 transition



©MAETANI Kai
Selection — Hanamoto Yuka x Matsuki Moe "LOTUS"



©MAETANI Kai
Showcase — neji & co. "Cue"



©igaki photo studio
Street — Kurigasaki Yukihiko "STATUE"

Collaboration Program

The Toyooka Theater Festival also holds programs in collaboration with industries, companies, local governments, and other regional theater festivals.

The annual festival night market sells local foods and products.



The Festival Night Market



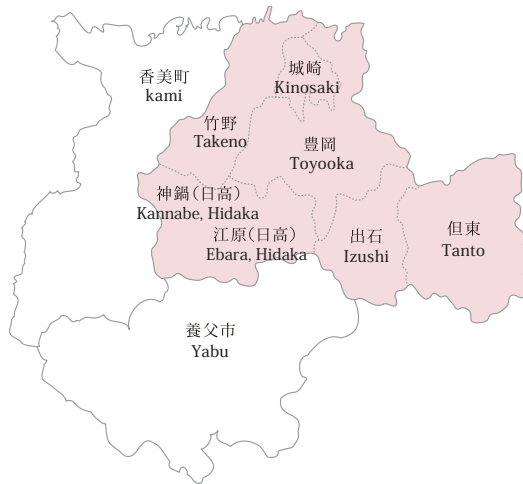
Takeno Uimachi Market

Venue area

Attractive Area

On April 1st, 2005, one city and five towns - Toyooka, Kinosaki, Takeno, Hidaka, Izushi and Tanto - were merged together, making Toyooka the city with the largest area in Hyogo Prefecture.

Beyond the six distinctive areas of Toyooka City - from its modern downtown area, to the hot spring town of Kinosaki - the neighboring Yabu City and Kami Town are also venues for the theater festival. At the Toyooka Theater Festival, the audience comes into contact with a diversity of stage expressions while visiting areas that are full of individuality.



Toyooka — Downtown Area of Toyooka City

There are many modern buildings that were rebuilt after the 1925 earthquake in the center of Toyooka City. By crossing the Maruyama River, the countryside spreads out, and you can see wild Oriental White Storks, the symbol of the area. The Professional College of Arts and Tourism (CAT), which opened in 2021, is also used as a Toyooka Theater Festival venue.



©igaki photo studio

Kinosaki — Hot Spring Town

A famous hot spring destination for over a millennium. The sight of tourists wearing yukata (light cotton kimono) and clacking geta (traditional wooden sandals) as they walk through the city has been shared on social media, attracting attention both domestically and internationally.

Artist-in-residence facilities specializing in performing arts at the Kinosaki International Arts Center (KIAC) and local ryokan (Japanese-style hotels) serve as venues for the Toyooka Theater Festival. There are many sightseeing spots such as the Genbudo Caves and Kinosaki Ropeway.



Takeno — One of the Best Beaches

Takeno Beach, which faces the Sea of Japan, has been selected as one of Japan's Top 100 Beaches, and is known for its beautiful sandy landscape and crystal clear waters.

The streets facing the sea are lined with intricate alleys and houses made of burnt cedar boards from the Meiji Period (1868-1912), and you will also see a fishing port and boathouses near the Takeno River. At the Toyooka Theater Festival, the venue will be a place where you can feel close to the sea and the port town.



©igaki photo studio

Ebara, Hidaka — Crossroads of Tajima

Ebara is known as the "crossroads of Tajima", which has developed along the Tajima Highway on the left bank of the Maruyama River.

The area is the key to local transportation. Built in 1935, the former Hidaka town hall was rebuilt as the "Ebara Riverside Theatre" (ERST) in 2020 and is equipped with a theater and studio which are used as a venue for the Toyooka Theater Festival.



Kannabe, Hidaka — Popular Resort

Kannabe is a resort area in Kansai (Western Japan) with villas and ski slopes. It is a hilly area where you can enjoy activities such as paragliding, grass skiing, and mountaineering. There are many lodging facilities such as guesthouses, so it is also recommended as a place to stay during the Toyooka Theater Festival.



photo by bozzo

Izushi — Castle Town

Izushi is a quaint area with many old buildings. It flourished as a castle town in the Edo period (1603-1868).

Eirakukan, the oldest theater in Kansai, and the Izushi Castle Ruins overlooking the cityscape are the venues of the Toyooka Theater Festival.



Tanto — Village Surrounded by Nature

Tanto is dotted with many shrines in its farming fields. In the precincts of shrines in this area, many rural stages were built for performances by troupes of traveling entertainers and farmers themselves, and even today, nearly 20 of these stages still exist.

About Toyooka City

Toyooka City is located in the northern part of Hyogo Prefecture.

It takes 3 hours by plane from Tokyo, 2.5 hours by train from Kyoto. Also, it is easy to access by car or bus from Kyoto City, Osaka City, Kobe, and Himeji.

Area: 697.55 km²

Population: 78,348 (as of March 2022)



Toyooka Theater Festival Linked with Community Development

The Toyooka Theater Festival will collaborate with all businesses and organizations, such as experiments of mobility service, local currency service, universities, and advancement of original ticket applications to promote community development that utilizes the power of theater.

Toyooka City, which aims to become a "Local and Global City," believes that tourism equals great communication. Theaters and the festival night market create opportunities and spaces for dialogue among diverse people as places where local residents, tourists who visit theaters, and performers interact with each other.



Mobility Service



University Interns



Ticket Application



Collaboration with Tourism

Past Results

1st :
September 9th (Wed) to September 22nd (Tue / holiday), 2020
2nd (Canceled due to a state of emergency) :
September 9th (Thu) to September 20th (Mon / Holiday), 2021
3rd :
September 15th (Thu) to September 25th (Sun), 2022

Number of Programs and Attendees in 2022

Participating Organizations / Programs

Official program : 17 groups / 18 programs * One program was canceled due to a typhoon
Fringe Program : 60 groups / 61 programs
Collaborative programs : 18 programs
Total : 97 programs * One program was canceled due to a typhoon

Official program : 4,980 people
Fringe program : 8,399 people
Cooperative program : 4,871 people
Total : 18,250 people

豊岡演劇祭
Toyooka Theater Festival

Credit : Organized by 豊岡演劇祭実行委員会
Toyooka Theater Festival Executive Committee
Website : <https://toyooka-theaterfestival.jp/>
Inquiry : toyooka.theaterfestival@gmail.com



Website



Facebook



Instagram



Twitter