



- Silent Auction will close at 5:30. Winners need not be present.
- If you need help or have a question, volunteers are wearing black bandanas with the Children's Matsuri logo.
- Interested in buying fresh Dutch flowers for your garden? Stop by the Temecula Sister City Association booth for more information on how you can support our scholarship program. (You can insert a tulip picture to draw attention).
- Do you want a reminder sent to you for our 2009 Children's Matsuri? Stop by the "gift table," fill out a postcard and we'll send it to you.



Dear Community Members,

Welcome to the 6th Annual Children's Matsuri. We are truly excited about this growing celebration and thank you for spending your day with us. We have relocated the festivities to Old Town to accommodate larger crowds and more activities and entertainment. We hope you enjoy yourselves.

To give our youth a real hand-on experience we have a "Textiles, Textures and Tastes" theme this year. We showcase beautiful Japanese fabrics and paper crafts that kids can feel and touch; we have expanded our food items to please the palate. Children can pick up a "passport sheet" at the check-in table and visit several of our learning stations. They will receive stamps for their participation and at the end, they will receive a free gift.

Fabric products are woven throughout the event. We spotlight the long tradition of using the furoshiki, Japanese cloth, to wrap items to transport between places. This practical, reusable and environmentally friendly solution adds color and beauty to any surroundings. Children can learn how to fold and tie them around objects and adults can get ideas for gift wrapping and sprucing up the home. Some furoshiki will be on sale and you have the opportunity to make a furoshiki wreath.

We brought back several of the favorite paper crafts such as origami, paper fans and shodo, Japanese calligraphy. Gytaku, the very popular art form involving real fish to make a painted imprint onto paper, makes a return to the matsuri. Children squeal as they touch the texture of fish skin. This year we're introducing kirigami, the art of paper cutting and kane, a peace bell that jingles. The Anime Club of Chaparral High School will provide a look into the world of anime (Japanese character animation). Learn about how anime came to be, how it is being integrated into society, and how simple 'cartoons' could have an affect and change people's lives. The group will demonstrate how to draw manga (Japanese cartoons) and how to build up skills to the level of the well-known mangaka (manga artists) in Japan.



We have games too, which include Yo-Yo (water balloon), Wanage (ring toss), Koi Nobori (fishing) and Setsubun (bean toss). Have your fortunes told the Japanese way at the Omikuji stand by the water fountain and entrance to the theater. What does the future hold for you?

With our collaborative effort with the Children's Museum and the Old Town Temecula Community Theater, the possibilities are endless. Jake Shimabukuro, one of the world's most famous ukulele musicians and known for lightning-fast fingers and revolutionary playing techniques, will make his appearance as a ticketed event in the theater. His music defies label or category. Playing jazz, blues, funk, classical, bluegrass, folk, flamenco, and rock, Jake's mission is to show everyone that the ukulele is capable of so much more than only the traditional Hawaiian music many associate it. Following his performance, we have free performances. We are honored to bring back California Sumo Association and Miyagi Ryu Noshō Kai Okinawan Dance. We have demonstrations from Tenkobushi Temple School of Martial Arts and Yamashita Karate.



On our outdoor stage, Vista Buddhist Temple Shokenji Taiko (Japanese drums) will call out to everyone, with its thunderous beat, to come and see what is going on at the festival. We will host a karaoke session. Here's your chance to shine in front of a crowd and belt out your favorite tunes. We will announce our annual Children's Matsuri Haiku Contest winners. At the end of the day, this VBT Shokenji Taiko will perform bon odori so everyone can jump in and dance just like they do at the summer festivals in Japan. Jump in and have fun!

Inside the theater, in the dance studio, we have several furoshiki on display and a beautiful Japanese wedding kimono that you can purchase through our silent auction. For the first time we have a Japanese tea ceremony where you can watch the formality involved with making and serving tea, and sample the tea. The Southern California Koto Ensemble will be performing in the Dance Studio and we will have also have storytelling time for the kids. We're featuring the book, Kamishibai Man, by Caldecott Award winner Allen Say, that tells of a time in Japan when Kamishibai

(paper theater) men were important in children's lives. This story is a commemoration of the power of these memories.

Please visit the Children's Museum. It hosts an assortment of Japanese craft activities where kids can learn about the elaborate firefighters' uniforms from the Edo period, make some paper koi noboris (carp windsocks) to fly and practice more origami. Through the museum, we share our "Sweet Corn & Sushi" literacy program that encourages reading amongst our youth and to spark an interest in foreign languages, cultures, and world peace. The program centers on the bilingual book, Sweet Corn & Sushi, a story about a continuing friendship between the people of two nations once at war. These books have been distributed to all schools in the Temecula Valley Unified School Districts and our organization has a traveling program that incorporates the reading of this book, showing of a DVD that highlights Japan, the language and the people and doing an origami project with the students. Today at the museum, staff will share the book with parents and kids and show the DVD.

Don't forget Father's Day and graduation milestones! Visit our silent auction to get your gifts. Items include Magical Adventures balloon ride for two, Legoland, Magic Mountain, Aquarium of the Pacific passes, Sony digital cameras and media players, gift cards to Shogun and Cosi and much, much more!

A heart-felt "thank you" goes to our wonderful sponsors and donors, City of Temecula and our tireless volunteers. Without such support, today's celebration could not be possible.

With gratitude, Susan Osuna & Keri Vogtmann, Co-Chairs



Vista Buddhist Temple Shokenji Taiko