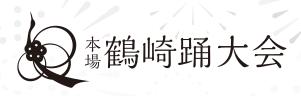
TSURUSAKI DANCE FESTIVAL







INFORMATION ON THE TSURUSAKI DANCE FESTIVAL

SCHEDULE FOR THE DAY	August 24th, 2024 (Sat) 19:15~21:30 To be cancelled in case of rain
18:00 ~	Beginning of traffic restrictions
19:15 ~ 19:25	Opening ceremony
19:25 ~ 19:55	Dance (Sarumarudayu, 20 min Saemon, 10 min)
19:55 ~ 20:10	Interval
20:10 ~ 20:40	Dance (Sarumarudayu, 20 min Saemon, 10 min)
20:40 ~ 20:50	Closing ceremony
21:00 ~ 21:30	Fireworks
22:00	Lifting of traffic restrictions

What is the Tsurusaki Dance?

Tsurusaki Dance is a traditional dance representing Oita Prefecture with a history of approximately 460 years. Its origins date back to around 1560 during the era of Sorin Otomo, the then-lord of Bungo Province, when his chief retainer invited dancers from Kyoto to perform. Today, Tsurusaki Dance is not only recognized by the city and prefecture but has also been designated as an intangible folk cultural property by the nation. There are two types of Tsurusaki Dance: the graceful and elegant "Sarumarudayu" and the lively "Saemon."

What is the Tsurusaki Dance Preservation Society?

In 1923, Tsurusaki Dance gained nationwide recognition when it was performed for the Imperial Family as a representative traditional performing art of Oita Prefecture. The following year, inspired by this event, the Tsurusaki Dance Preservation Society was established to further develop the dance. This year marks the 100th anniversary of its founding. The society currently conducts dance workshops to promote Tsurusaki Dance and participates in various events to showcase its charm.

What is the Tsurusaki Dance Festival?

The Tsurusaki Dance Festival features approximately a thousand dancers from neighborhood associations, companies, and various organizations. These dancers, dressed in elaborate and unique costumes, form a circle and dance to the sounds of flutes, kokyu (a traditional string instrument), and rhythmic chants.

