Seasonal Event Information June 2016

★ Event schedules are subject to change. Please contact event organizers before you go.



Events Held in Hiroshima City

Every Wednesday until December 28, 2016 © June 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29; July 6, 13 20 & 27

TIME: 7:00pm – 8:45pm (The venue will open at 6:00pm.)

PLACE: *Hiroshima Kenmin Bunka Center*, Ote-machi, Naka-ku (located near *Hondori* Shopping Street) **ACCESS:** From Kamiya-cho-nishi or Hondori Streetcar Stops, walking time to destination is 3 minutes.

♦ Tickets will be sold from 5:00pm on the performance date at the center.

There are no advance tickets.

INQUIRIES: Hiroshima Kenmin Bunka Center 082-245-2311

Sun., June 5 & 19

Hiroshima Minato Marché ひろしまみなとマルシェ

TIME: 9:00am - 3:00pm

PLACE: Open Space between East and West Terminal of Hiroshima Port, Minami-ku

ACCESS: Take the No. 1, 3 or 5 streetcar bound for Hiroshima Port and get off at the last stop, Hiroshima

Port.

INQUIRIES: Hiroshima Minato Marché Office 082-255-6646

■ You can buy and taste locally-grown fresh vegetables and other food products at the marché.

Fri., June 3 - Sun., June 5

<u>Tokasan Festival</u> とうかさん

TIME: Noon – 11:00pm on Jun. 3 & 4 / Noon – 10:00pm on Jun. 5 **PLACE:** Enryuji Temple and around *Chuo-dori* Street, Naka-ku

ACCESS: From Hatchobori Streetcar Stop, walking time to destination is 5 minutes.

INQUIRIES: Enryuji Temple 082-241-7420

■ *Tokasan* is one of the biggest summer festivals in Hiroshima. Many people in yukata (summer kimono) can be seen during the festival. Various venders will be set up.

Sun., June 5

Shobu (Iris-viewing) **Tea Ceremony** しょうぶ茶会

TIME: 9:30am – 3:00pm PLACE: Shukkeien Garden

ACCESS: Take a streetcar on the Hiroden Hakushima Line and get off at Shukkeien-mae. Walking time to

destination: 5 minutes **FEE:** ¥1,200 for the tea ceremony

♦ Admission fee for the garden (below) is also required.

Adults-¥260, University & High school students-¥150 Junior high & Elementary school students- ¥100

INQUIRIES: Shukkeien Garden 082-221-3620

Please feel free to contact the International Exchange Lounge at 082-247-9715. E-mail: golounge@pcf.city.hiroshima.jp

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Sun., June 12

Rice-Planting Festival & Tea Ceremony

たう まっ ちゃかい 田植え祭り(茶会)

TIME: ◆ Tea ceremony → 10:00am – 3:00pm

- ◆ Rice-planting demonstration → 1:00pm 1:30pm
- Hayashi-da performance → 1:35pm 1:55pm
- Nanjo dance performance → 2:15pm 2:45pm

PLACE: Shukkeien Garden

ACCESS: Take a streetcar on the Hiroden Hakushima Line and get off at Shukkeien-mae. Walking time to

destination: 5 minutes

FEE: ¥700 for tea ceremony

♦ Admission fee for the garden (below) is also required.

Adults - ¥260, University & High school students - ¥150

Junior high & Elementary school students - ¥100

INQUIRIES: Shukkeien Garden 082-221-3620

Sun., June 12

The 21st Streetcar Festival 第21回路面電車まつり

TIME: 10:00am - 4:00pm

PLACE: Around Hiroshima Dentetsu, Senda Shako (train depot), Higashi Senda-machi, Naka-ku

ACCESS: Take a streetcar (no. 1, 3 or 7) and get off at Hiroden Honsha-mae. **INQUIRIES:** Executive Committee (*Hiroshima Dentetsu*) 082-242-3551

Sun., June 19 – Thurs., July 7

Ajisai (Hydrangea) Festival at Kannon-ji Temple 観音寺あじさい祭り

PLACE: Kannon-ji Temple, Saeki-ku

ACCESS: Get on a bus bound for Higashi-kannondai Danchi from Itsukaichi Streetcar Stop or JR Itsukaichi Station (JR Sanyo Line) south exit and get off at Kannondai Iriguchi. Walking time to destination: 5 minutes

INQUIRIES: Kannon-ji Temple 082-924-1340

■ 5,000 hydrangeas of 350 varieties will bloom from the middle of June to the beginning of July at Kannon-ii Temple.

■ On June 19, there will be an opening to public of *nehanzu* (a picture of Buddha entering Nirvana), serving of *amacha* tea and gifting of flower seeds to the first 200 visitors. *Matcha* tea will be served during the event period. *Fūrin*, a wind-bell festiva,I will also be held.

Wed., June 29

TIME: ◆ Ceremony: From 6:00pm onward

• Oyutate Ritual: From 7:30pm onward

Fireworks: From 8:00pm onward

PLACE: Sorasaya Inao Shrine, Naka-ku

ACCESS: Get off at Honkawa or Teramachi Streetcar Stops. Walking time to destination: 5 minutes

INQUIRIES: Sorasaya Inao Shrine 082-231-4476

■ This is a festival to pray for good health during the summer.







Thurs., June 30

Nagoshi-no-Oharae at Hiroshima Gokoku Shrine 広島護国

広島護国神社 夏越大祓

TIME: From 4:00pm onward

PLACE: Hiroshima Gokoku Shrine, Moto-machi, Naka-ku

ACCESS: From Kamiya-cho Higashi Streetcar Stop, walking time to destination is 10 minutes. It is located

near Hiroshima Castle.

INQUIRIES: Hiroshima Gokoku Shrine 082-221-5590 HP: http://www.h-gokoku.or.jp/

■ This is a ritual to purify sins which one has unknowingly committed which stain one's mind and body and which may have built up since the beginning of the year 2016. Visitors may purify their mind and body by placing a paper doll with their name and age written on it on their body.

Sat., July 2 - Sun., Sept. 25

Kinoshita Circus in Hiroshima 木下サーカス広島公園

PLACE: Special Venue at *Hiroshima Nishi Hikojo Atochi* (the site of Hiroshima Nishi Airport), Kanon Shinmachi, Nishi-ku

ACCESS: Take the No. 3 bus bound for Kanon Marina Hop and get off at Kanon Marina Hop. Walking time to destination: 3 minutes

TICKETS FOR NON-RESERVED SEATS

• Advance: High school students and up - ¥2,800

3 years old – Junior high school students - ¥1,800

◆ At the door: High school students and up - ¥3,200

3 years old - Junior high school students - ¥2,200

- ♦ Advance tickets are available at Ticket PIA, Lawson, Seven-Eleven, e+, Rakuten Ticket, etc.
- ♦ Reserved seats are also sold. Please check the official homepage (see below) for more information.

SCHEDULE:

| | Mon., Tue. & Wed. | Fri. & Jul. 2 | Sat. | Sun. & National holidays |
|---------|-------------------|---------------|------|--------------------------------|
| 10:20am | _ | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| 11:00am | 0 | _ | 0 | _ |
| 1:00pm | _ | 0 | _ | 0 |
| 1:40pm | 0 | _ | 0 | _ |
| 3:40pm | _ | 0 | - | 0 |



CLOSED: Every Thursday (except Aug. 11 & Sept. 22), July 6, Aug. 3, 10 & Sept. 7, 21

INQUIRIES: Kinoshita Circus Hiroshima Office

082-234-0045 URL: http://www.kinoshita-circus.co.jp/

Sun., July 3

Tanabata (star festival) Tea Ceremony 七夕茶会

TIME: Not finalized

PLACE: Shukkeien Garden

ACCESS: Take a streetcar on the Hiroden Hakushima Line and get off at Shukkeien-mae. Walking time to

destination: 5 minutes

FEE: ¥700 for the tea ceremony

♦ Admission fee for the garden (below) is also required.
 Adults-¥260, University & High school students-¥150
 Junior high & Elementary school students- ¥100

INQUIRIES: Shukkeien Garden 082-221-3620

■ Tanabata is a star festival usually held on July 7 each year.



Sun., July 17 & Mon., July 18

Sumiyoshisan Festival すみよしさん

TIME: There is no specific starting time. Most people come in the evening.

PLACE: Sumiyoshi Shrine, Sumiyoshi-cho, Naka-ku

ACCESS: ① Take the No. 24 bus and get off at Sumiyoshi-cho. Walking time to destination: 5 minutes

② Take the No. 3, 6, or 10 bus and get off at Kako-machi. Walking time to destination: 3 minutes

INQUIRIES: Sumiyoshi Shrine 082-241-0104

■ Fireworks will be set off from 8:00pm on both days. Rowing a boat of an ancient style in the river and kagura performances will also be held.

Thurs., August 18 - Mon., August 21

The 16th International Animation Festival Hiroshima 2016

だい かいひろしまこくさい 第1<u>6回広島国際アニメーションフェスティバル</u>

VENUE: JMS Aster Plaza, Kako-machi, Naka-ku

ACCESS: Take the No. 24 bus and get off at Kako-machi. Walking time to destination: 2 minutes

TICKETS: © Free admission for elementary school students and under.

| Div | ision | Advance | At the Door | |
|--------------------|---|--------------|-------------|--|
| | Adults | ¥1,000 | ¥1,200 | |
| One Program Ticket | University students | ¥800 | ¥1,000 | |
| | Senior high & Junior high school students | ¥600 | ¥700 | |
| | Adults | ¥2,500 | ¥3,000 | |
| One Day Pass | University students | ¥2,000 | ¥2,400 | |
| | Senior high & Junior high school students | ¥1,500 | ¥1,800 | |
| | Adults | ¥10,000 | ¥12,000 | |
| All Program Pass | University students | ¥8,000 | ¥10,000 | |
| | Senior high & Junior high school students | ¥6,000 | ¥7,000 | |
| Group Discount | (Over 15 tickets) | 10% discount | | |

<NOTES>

- ♦ "University students" includes university (college) students, junior college students and special technical school students who are 18 years old and up.
- ♦ Elementary school students and under will be free of charge but should be accompanied by their guardians.
- ♦ Children who are 2 years old and under cannot enter the competition program.
- ♦ Advance tickets are available at major ticket offices in Hiroshima city:

EDION Hiroshima Honten, Fukuya Department Store (Hiroshima Station Square Store), Alpark Tenmaya, Chuo Shoten Bookstore (inside SUNMALL), Hiroshima Yume Plaza, Movie Theaters (Hatchoza, Salon Cinema & Cine Twin), JMS Aster Plaza, every Kumin Bunka Center (Ward Community Cultural Center), Hiroshima-jo (Hiroshima Castle), Kyodo Shiryo Kan (Hiroshima City Museum of History and Traditional Crafts), Kodomo Bunka Kagaku Kan (Children's Museum of Culture and Science), Ebayama Kisho Kan (Hiroshima City Ebayama Museum of Meteorology),

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Eizo Bunka Library (Hiroshima City Cinematographic and Audio-Visual Library) & Hiroshima-shi Gendai Bijutsu Kan (Hiroshima City Museum of Contemporary Art)

INQUIRIES: International Animation Festival Organizing Committee (inside Aster Plaza)

082-245-0245 URL: http://hiroanim.org/

Events Held on Miyajima

Wed., June 15

Kobo-Daishi Birth Anniversary Festival 弘法大師降誕いろは祭

TIME: From 11:00am onward

PLACE: Daishoin Temple, Miyajima

ACCESS: Get off at Miyajima-guchi Station (JR Sanyo Line) or get off at the Hiroden Miyajima Stop

(Streetcar Miyajima line), then take a ferry to Miyajima.

INQUIRIES: Daishoin Temple 0829-44-0111

■ Kobo-Daishi (774 A.D. – 835 A.D.), also known as Kukai, is a famous Japanese monk, scholar and calligrapher. He is the founder of the Shingon sect of Buddhism.

■ Amacha tea will be served.

Fri., June 17

| Itsukushima Benzaiten Festival | 最島弁財

TIME: 10:00am – 4:00pm

PLACE: Daiganji Temple, Miyajima

ACCESS: Get off at JR Miyajima-guchi Station (JR Sanyo Line) or the Miyajima Streetcar Stop (Hiroden

Streetcar Miyajima Line), then take a ferry to Miyajima.

INQUIRIES: Daiganji Temple 0829-44-0179

■ Benzaiten is the deity of water and music. Daiganji Temple's Benzaiten is one of the three major Benzaiten statues in Japan and is only open to the public once a year on this festival day.

Thurs., July 7

Seven Gods of Fortune Festival 七福神授福祭

TIME: From 11:00am onward

PLACE: Daishoin Temple, Miyajima

ACCESS: Get off at JR Miyajima-guchi Station (JR Sanyo Line) or the Miyajima Streetcar Stop (Hiroden

Streetcar Miyajima Line), then take a ferry to Miyajima.

INQUIRIES: Daishoin Temple 0829-44-0111

■ Buddhist music service in dedication to *Shichifukujin* (Seven Gods of Fortune) will be held.

Fri., July 8

<u>Ichitate-sai</u> 市立祭

PLACE: Itsukushima Shrine, Miyajima

ACCESS: Get off at JR Miyajima-guchi Station (JR Sanyo Line) or the Miyajima Streetcar Stop (Hiroden

Streetcar Miyajima Line), then take a ferry to Miyajima.

FEE: Admission fee for Itsukushima Shrine

Adults & University students-¥300 High school students-¥200

Junior high & Elementary school students-¥100

INQUIRIES: Itsukushima Shrine 0829-44-2020

■ After the ritual ceremony, bugaku (traditional Japanese imperial court dance music) will be performed.

Events Held Outside of Hiroshima City

Sat., Sun. & national holidays

Sake Brewery Opening ようこそ 醸 華町 西 条

PLACE: Sake Breweries, Higashihiroshima City

ACCESS: Get off at JR Saijo Station (JR Sanyo Line).

FEE: Free

INQUIRIES: Saijo Sakagura-dori Kanko Annai-jo

Tel. & Fax 082-421-2511 (10:00am - 4:00pm, closed on Mondays)

■ Some sake breweries open to the public on Sat., Sun. & national holidays. Signboards with the words "ようこそ 醸 華町西条" ("Yokoso Jokamachi Saijo") will be placed in front of the opened breweries.



Cormorant Fishing in Miyoshi 三次の鵜飼

TIME: 7:45pm – 8:45pm (Cruising will be canceled if it rains heavily.)

PLACE: Tokaichi Shinsui Koen (Park), Miyoshi City

ACCESS: From JR Miyoshi Station (JR Geibi Line), walking time to destination is 15 minutes.

PASSENGER FARE: ♦ Please note that reservations are required.
 Sunday – Thursday: Junior high school students and up-¥2,500

Elementary school students-¥1,250

♦ Passenger fare will be different on Friday and Saturday. Please ask the tourist association below for more information.

RESERVATIONS & INQUIRIES: Miyoshi City Kanko Kyokai (Tourist Association) 0824-63-9268

■ Fishermen start out at night with lanterns and cormorants on small wooden boats. The birds are trained to catch *Ayu* (sweetfish). Very unique white-colored cormorants (a type of water fowl, usually with black feathers) were donated by Yaan in Szechuan, China, Miyoshi's friendship city, and can be seen only in Miyoshi.

Sat., June 4

The 37th Chugoku Region *Kagura* Performance 第37回中国地方選抜神楽競演大会

TIME: From noon onward (the venue will open at 10:00am.)

♦ Numbered tickets to enter the venue will be distributed from 8:30am.

PLACE: Togouchi Fureai Center, Akiota-cho

ACCESS: ① From Hiroshima Bus Center (*Sogo* Hiroshima Department Store, 3F), take a bus bound for Sandankyo and get off at Akiota-cho Yakuba. Walking time to destination: 2 minutes

② From Togouchi I.C. on the Chugoku Expressway, time to destination by car is 5 minutes...

TICKETS: Advance: Adults-¥2,100 Senior high, junior high & elementary school students-¥500

At the door: Adults-¥2,600 Senior high, junior high & elementary school students-¥500

♦ Advance tickets are sold at Lawson (convenience store), Hiroshima Yume Plaza on Hondori Shopping Street and Alpark Tenmaya.

INQUIRIES: Akiota-cho Shoko Kai, Togouchi & Tsutsuga Branch 0826-28-2504

■ You can take a video of the *kagura* performance for ¥3,000 from a designated location in the venue.

Sat., June 4

Yukata Festival at Honryu-ji Temple 本立寺 ゆかた祭

TIME: 5:30pm – 9:00pm

PLACE: Honryu-ji Temple, Takehara City

ACCESS: From JR Tadanoumi Station (JR Kure Line), walking time to destination is 5 minutes.

INQUIRIES: Executive Committee 0846-26-0808

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■ This is a 100-year-old festival in the Tadanomi area. Many people in "yukata" (summer kimono) can be seen during the festival.

Sun., June 5

TIME: ◆ Michi-yuki (parade) – From 11:00am onward

• Rice-planting - From 2:00pm onward

PLACE: • Michi-yuki (parade) - From Mibu Shopping Street to the special venue for rice-planting

Rice-planting – Special venue for rice-planting

ACCESS: Take an express bus bound for Miyoshi / Shobara from Hiroshima Bus Center (*Sogo* Hiroshima Department Store, 3F) and get off at Chiyoda I.C. Walking time to destination: 10 minutes

INQUIRIES: Kitahiroshima-cho Kanko Kyokai (Tourist Association) 0826-72-6908

Mibu-no Hanataue is a traditional rice-planting festival which has been designated as an Important Folk Cultural Property of Japan. Beautifully decorated cattle will cultivate the rice fields and women dressed in traditional costumes called Saotome will plant rice while Taiko drums are played.

UNESCO designated this festival as a "masterpiece of the oral and intangible heritage of humanity" in 2011.

June 4 (Sat.), 5 (Sun.), 11 (Sat.) & 12 (Sun.)

Annual Open House at Yoshimizuen Garden 吉水園一般公開

TIME: 9:00am - 5:00pm

PLACE: Yoshimizuen Garden, Kake, Akiota-cho

ACCESS: From Togouchi I.C. on the Chugoku Expressway, time to destination by car is 15 minutes.

ADMISSION FEE: 15 years old and up-¥200, 14 years old and under-Free **INQUIRIES:** *Akiota-cho Kanko Kyokai* (Tourist Association) 0826-28-1800

■ Various events such as kagura performances will also be held on June 4 & 5 in the Kake area.

Thurs., June 9

Goryo-e-sai 御陵衣祭(馬とばし)

PLACE: Jigozen Shrine, Hatsukaichi City

ACCESS: From Jigozen Streetcar Stop (Hiroden Miyajima Line), walking time to destination is 5 minutes.

INQUIRIES: Jigozen Shrine 0829-36-0795

Bugaku, traditional court dance and music and yabusame, the traditional art of shooting arrows while riding horseback, will be performed at this ceremony.

Fri., June 10

Sakagura Walking Tour (Free) 酒蔵のまち てくてくガイド

TIME: Tour will start on an as-needed basis between 10:00am and 11:00am.

MEETING PLACE: Saijo Sakagura-dori Kanko Annai-jo (Tourist Information Center), Higashihiroshima City **ACCESS:** Get off at JR Saijo Station (JR Sanyo Line).

FEE: Free

INQUIRIES: Saijo Sakagura-dori Kanko Annai-jo Tel. & Fax 082-421-2511

■ A volunteer guide will show you *Sakagura-dori* (*Sake* Brewery Street). During the tour you will be able to taste *sake* and the purified water that is used to make it.

■ A regular guided tour (fee-based) is also held every day except on the 10th. An English speaking guide is available. Please contact the *Saijo Sakagura-dori* Tourist Information Center in advance.

Mon., June 20

Hatsuka-no-ichi Market 世日の市

TIME: 8:30am - 10:30am

PLACE: Shingu Chuo Koen (Park), Hatsukaichi City

ACCESS: From Hatsukaichi Shiyakusho-mae (Hiroden Streetcar Miyajima Line), walking time to

destination is 3 minutes.

INQUIRIES: Hatsukaichi Kanko Kyokai (Tourist Association) 0829-31-5656

Sat., June 25

Onomichi *Gion* Festival 祗園祭

TIME: 6:00pm - 9:00pm

PLACE: Watashiba-dori Street, Tsuchido, Onomichi City

ACCESS: From JR Onomichi Station (JR Sanyo Line), walking time to destination is 10 minutes.

INQUIRIES: Sanyo Nichi Nichi Shimbun Sha 0848-37-2615

■ Men will carry three *mikoshi*, portable *shinto* shrines.

Sat., July 2

Takehara Tanabata Festival (Star Festival) たけはら七夕まつり

PLACE: Around the shopping street in front of JR Takehara Station, Takehara City

ACCESS: Get off at JR Takehara Station (JR Kure Line).

INQUIRIES: Takehara Ekimae Shotengai Shinko Kumiai 0846-22-5542

■ Tanabata is a star festival usually held on July 7 each year. Stage performances, food kiosks, etc. will be held

Sun., July 3

Green Green Music Festival '16 グリーングリーンミュージックフェスティバル'16

PLACE: Koushin-ji Temple, Jinseki Kogen-cho

ACCESS: ① From Fukuyama I.C. on the Sanyo Expressway, drive time to destination is 40 minutes.

♦ A free shuttle bus will be available from the parking lot to the temple.

② From JR Fukuyama Station (JR Sanyo Line), take a free shuttle bus to *Koushin-ji no Yu "Yukkura"*, a spa facility located next to Koushin-ji Temple.

INQUIRIES: Koushin-ji Temple 0847-85-2368

Executive Committee E-mail: bestwishes2000@mail.goo.ne.jp URL: http://greenx2fes.web.fc2.com/

Events Held in Yamaguchi Prefecture

Wed., June 1 – Sat., September 10

Cormorant Fishing in Iwakuni 錦帯橋の鵜飼

TIME: 7:00pm – 9:00pm

PLACE: Nishiki-gawa River & Kintaikyo Bridge, Iwakuni City

ACCESS: Get off at JR Iwakuni Station (JR Sanyo Line) and take a bus bound for Kintaikyo Bridge. Get off at Kintaikyo (a 20 min. bus ride).



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PASSENGER FARE: Adults-¥2,000 Children-¥1,000

♦ The fare will be temporarily changed on August 6, the day of the fireworks festival.

RESERVATIONS & INQUIRIES: Kintaikyo Ukai Office 0827-28-2877

■ Originating about 400 years ago, cormorant fishing under lit lanterns is a summer tradition in Iwakuni.

Sat., June 11 & Sun., June 12

Kintaikyo Iris Festival 錦帯橋花菖蒲まつり

TIME: 10:00am - 4:00pm

PLACE: Kikko Koen (park), Iwakuni City

ACCESS: Get off at JR Iwakuni Station (JR Sanyo Line) and take a bus bound for Kintaikyo Bridge and get

off at Kintaikyo (a 20 min. bus ride). Walking time to destination: 10 minutes

INQUIRIES: Kanko Shinko Ka, Iwakuni City Hall 0827-29-5116

■ Various events such as traditional Japanese performing arts will be held on stage.

Other Event

Setouchi Triennale 2016

せとうちこくさいげいじゅつさい 瀬戸内国際芸 術祭2016

PERIOD: **O** Spring: Sun., March 20 — Sun., April 17

Finished

② Summer: Mon., July 18 − Sun., September 4 **③ Autumn:** Sat., October 8 − Sun., November 6

PLACE: Around the 12 Islands of the Seto Inland Sea (below), Takamatsu and Uno Naoshima

Teshima, Megijima, Ogijima, Shodoshima, Oshima, Inujima, Shamijima (spring only),

Honjima (autumn only), Takamijima (autumn only), Awashima (autumn only),

Ibukijima (autumn only), Takamatsu & Uno Port

OFFICIAL URL: http://setouchi-artfest.jp/en/

♦ Please see this official homepage for more information such as ticket information and access to each island.

■ This year is also the triennial international art festival. Please take this opportunity to enjoy art and the small islands of the Seto Inland Sea.



