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**News Release**

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**Japanese Fall Festival Weekend Schedule Released**



A full schedule of events is now available for the 16th annual Japanese Fall Festival in Springfield, Mo. on Friday, Sept. 9 through Sunday, Sept. 11 at <http://bit.ly/JapaneseFallFest2011>.

The Springfield Sister Cities Association, with support from the Springfield-Greene County Park Board, will host the event at the Mizumoto Japanese Stroll Garden at Nathanael Greene/Close Memorial Park, 2400 S. Scenic Ave.

Special performances by a world champion sumo wrestler; traditional Japanese candy artist, regularly seen at Disney's Epcot theme park; taiko drumming group; and a traditional top spinner highlight this year's festival.

**Media resources**

- World Champion Sumo Wrestler, Byamba ([www.sumobyamba.com](http://www.sumobyamba.com));
- Traditional Japanese candy artist, Miyuki ([www.candymiyuki.com](http://www.candymiyuki.com));
- Taiko drumming group Osuwa Taiko, from St. Louis ([www.stltaiko.com](http://www.stltaiko.com));
- Springfield Sister Cities Association ([www.PeaceThroughPeople.org](http://www.PeaceThroughPeople.org))

The three-day festival runs from 5:30 – 10 p.m., Friday night; 11 a.m. – 10 p.m., Saturday; and 11 a.m. – 6 p.m., Sunday. Admission is \$5 for adults; \$3 for kids 12 and younger; and toddlers two years of age and under are free.

The event is supported in part by the Missouri Association of Community Arts Agencies (MACAA) and Musgrave Foundation.

For more information, visit [www.PeaceThroughPeople.org](http://www.PeaceThroughPeople.org) or call 417-891-1191.

**Media Only**

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