

## Garden of Japanese delights

A spectacular celebration of Japanese culture gets underway at the Wellington Town Hall on Friday July 10 and Saturday July 11.



The inaugural Japan Festival of Wellington is organised by Wellington City Council with support from the Embassy of Japan and Asia New Zealand Foundation.

Bring along family or friends and relax in the tranquil ambience of the age-old Japanese tea ceremony, try your hand at writing a haiku poem or take part in a challenge to roll New Zealand's longest sushi.

International performers include the amazing Clown Loto!!, puppeteers Darumamori and Eriko, and hip hop Japanese-style from Sydney's famous Dancekool.

Renowned classical musicians from Japan will give two free concerts at the Hlott Theatre during the festival, one on Friday July 10 at 7pm and the second on Saturday July 11 at 7pm.

There'll also be food stalls, Japanese traditional and street fashion, children's entertainment and language competition.

This exciting free festival celebrates the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Japan Society of Wellington and the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the sister city relationship between Wellington and Sakai.

For more information, go to Asia:NZ Online at <http://www.asianz.org.nz/our-work/arts-and-community/-limelight/japan-festival-wellington>



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