

The UWWE Trip 2010 Invitation

This letter is to invite the University of Washington Wind Ensemble and Professor Timothy Salzman to Japan in March, 2010. The UWWE has been making a huge impact to Japanese music education for the last two concert tours to Japan in 2004 and 2007. Many music educators and students who came to the UWWE concerts and Professor Salzman's clinics not only learned value of American wind ensemble sound and new repertoire, but also began to understand importance of music education. Furthermore, the UWWE participated to a DVD project that a Japanese music company, Nihon Pals proposed to Professor Salzman. The two sets of the DVD, *Architecture of the Ensemble and Responsibilities for the Ensemble* have been purchased by music educators throughout Japan.

It is very important to note that the 2007 UWWE Japan trip received an invitation from Izumo Taisha Shrine to perform the first Western music inside of the shrine. Izumo Shrine is considered one of the oldest shrines in Japan. The 2010 UWWE Japan Trip has been offered to perform in Todaiji Temple in Nara Prefecture.

The last two UWWE trips to Japan have also made a significant life changing experience among students in Japan and the US. In fact two of the former UWWE students visited Japan for teaching, conducting and introducing their friends to Japanese music education world in 2008. Their musical and cultural exchange started because of the opportunity that they had at University of Washington and I believe that it will continue for a long time.

The Kansai Band Association would like to invite the UWWE and Professor Salzman to Osaka, Kyoto, Nara, Hyogo, Shiga and Wakayama in March, 2010. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions. I really appreciate the US, State of Washington, City of Seattle and University of Washington's understanding and support.

Sincerely,

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