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Dear Taiko Friends and Supporters,

Aloha! It is that time of year again, when Taiko Center of the Pacific is preparing for its 23rd Annual **Bonenkai**, or end-of-year celebration!

Taiko Arts Center (TAC) will be hosting the Silent Auction at **Bonenkai** on Saturday, December 10, 2016 and needs your support! We humbly ask for donation items for the silent auction or by making a monetary contribution. Funds raised by the Silent Auction help fund programs such as taiko scholarships, drum and equipment repair, educational outreach and workshops. By donating, you will be joining Taiko Arts Center's journey to spread the powerful voice of taiko.

Bonenkai is an opportunity for Taiko Center of the Pacific students to share their love for taiko with the community and its supporters by performing pieces which they have practiced for weeks prior to this celebration. Family and friends will gather for this one night to enjoy taiko performances from all classes, a silent auction, pot luck dinner, gift exchange, and more.

Taiko Arts Center was established in 2002 to expand the appreciation for the Japanese cultural art of taiko (Japanese drumming) through education, collaboration, innovation, and active perpetuation of the art form. In 2015-2016, TAC has been involved in such projects as "Developing the Next Generation of Taiko Artists" which provided high level instruction from top taiko professionals for the youth group and Kenny Endo's 40th Anniversary Celebration Concert Tour. TAC also awarded three taiko scholarships to Chung Wan Choi (Hong Kong), Sean Shibata (New York) and Audrey Bergeron-Morin (Montreal).

Donations will be collected until **Thursday, December 8, 2016** and can be collected through TCP Class Instructors, via mail, or arranging for a pick up with Tiffanie Masutani, Silent Auction Co-Coordinator. Please see the attached Silent Auction Donor Form for more information or contact Tiffanie Masutani at (808) 295-2135 or info@taikoartscenter.com

We thank you for your continued support in 2016 and hope you will consider supporting the growth of taiko in Hawaii and throughout the world. We wish you the best during the holiday season!

Happy Holidays!

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