

Sunday June 1st, 2008

Japan Day is an event designed by the Japanese community of New York to promote deeper understanding of Japanese culture and, to say "Thank you, New York!" The inaugural Japan Day was held in Central Park, Rumsey Playfield, June 3rd, 2007. Over 14,000 New Yorkers enjoyed the stage show, free Japanese food and activity tents featuring video games, robots, origami, calligraphy traditional toys and games.

Japan Day 2008 is held in a green oasis in New York City, Central Park's East Meadow. Once again, the heart of Manhattan will be transformed into a Japanese Summer Festival. We will feature the best of traditional and contemporary Japan with a wide range of family-friendly activities and powerful stage performances throughout the day.

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Part One: Japan Run

Reiko Tosa, Japan's Beijing Olympics Women's Marathon runner, will join a field of 3,000 runners.

8:00am Japan Run: 4 Mile Race followed by Award Ceremony and Raffle
Pre-Race Performance: Lion Dance by Soh Daiko

9:30am Kid's Races

*This is a New York Road Runners sponsored event.
Please visit www.nyrr.org for registration.*

Part Two: Japan Day Festival

**10:00am to 5:00pm @ East Meadow, Central Park
Main Entrance at 99th St. & 5th Ave.**

Taste of Japan

<Sample>

Curry
Gyoza Dumpling
Gyudon Over Rice
Mabo Tofu Don
Sanuki Udon Noodle
Tea

Food Samplings will be served from 11:00am while supplies last.

Activities

<Traditional>

Calligraphy
Go / Shogi (Board Games)
Kimono & Hello Kitty
Origami

<Contemporary>

Real Humanoid Robot, Actroid
Robot Battle

<Family Friendly>

Kabuki Face Painting
Kendama
Kids' ISO 14000
Yo-Yo Scooping
Wellness Check

Performances

Performance Schedule Subject to Change

Hosted by Sandra Endo, CNN Reporter

10:30am ACT ONE – TRADITIONAL JAPAN 1

- Soh Daiko
- Reiko Tosa Introduction
- Yosakoi Kids Project
(Collaboration between North East Council of Teachers of Japanese and YOSAKOI DANCE PROJECT 10tecomai)
- Samurai Sword Soul

12:30pm ACT TWO – COOL JAPAN 1

- Cobu
- Kenichi Ebina
- How to "CosPlay"

2:00pm ACT THREE – TRADITIONAL JAPAN 2

- International Karate Organization Kyokushinkaikan
- Leonard Eto & Manolo Badrena
- Mikoshi Parade

3:15 pm ACT FOUR – COOL JAPAN 2

- Gaijin A Go-Go
- HAPPYFUNSMILE
- HALCALI
- Shota Shimizu

Please visit www.japandaynyc.org for more information.

