

# Chiba Cultural Groups & Live Performances



## Introduction to some cultural groups and live performances











## Chosi Hane Taiko

# Performers: 10 adults / 6 children Performance Duration: Approximately 25 minutes Performance Fee: from 100,000 yen

On the 15th day 6<sup>th</sup> month of the lunar calendar known as the day of the highest tidal variation in the year, the Oshio Festival, a celebration of gratitude for the blessings of the sea takes place at the Kawaguchi Shrine in the city of Choshi. Leading the way during this event is the "Hanedaiko," a unique traditional performance where two drummers lift and play the drums, bouncing and twirling as they strike them. At the venue, you can experience a powerful and spirited performance that is both thrilling and awe-inspiring.

## **Baka-men Masked Dance**

#### Performers: 10 adults / 5 children Performance Duration: Approximately 20 minutes Performance Fee: from 50,000 yen

The Bakamen Odori in Funabashi is a ritual originating from the fishing town of Funabashi, performed to ward off misfortune and pray for safety and a bountiful catch. It is influenced by dances from Tokyo's Kasai and Saginuma in Nara. In the latter part of the dance, don traditional masks such as Okame or Hyottoko and join the performers in dancing, adding to the enjoyment of the event.

## Urayasu Musical Accompaniment

## Performers: 8 adults Performance Duration: Approximately 20 minutes Performance Fee: from 100,000 yen

Shortly after the end of World War II In the 21st year of the Showa period (1946), a cultural group known as the 'Kasai Hayashi' from the neighboring town of Edogawa Ward in Kasai area performed during a festival held in Urayasu City. Five fishermen who were captivated by its charm learned and inherited it from a local tradition-bearer in the Kajibone district of the same ward. Sato Kagura and lion dances accompany the performance, energizing the participants as they move around the venue.

## Chiba Lotte Marienes Cheerleaders "M ☆ Splash!!"

Performers: 8 adults Performance Duration: Approximately 25 minutes Performance Fee: from 330,000 yen

"M☆Splash!!" serves as the official cheer performers for the Chiba Lotte Marines, a professional baseball team from Chiba, energizing the stadium with their performances and welcoming the visiting fans. They hope to promote the team and uplift Chiba Prefecture through dancing and by engaging with the spectators. Their dance and performances are designed to bring excitement to the participants.

## The Chiba Symphony Orchestra

Performers: 4adults Performance Duration: Approximately 25 minutes Performance Fee: from 275,000 yen

The Chiba Symphony Orchestra, established as a public interest incorporated foundation in 1985, is the only professional orchestra in Chiba Prefecture. They continue their artistic endeavors, such as chamber music performances such as string quartets, which take place in various locales. Enjoy their performances, which include various repertoire from well-known classical music to popular songs, film scores, and music art works related to Chiba and Japan.

 $\ast$  Green room, and other equipment needed in the performance such as microphones, etc. must be provided.



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