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Taiko drummers to perform at Cabrillo Family event to also host martial arts demonstrations

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The Cabrillo College Theatre Arts Department will present its fourth annual "Evening of World Theatre" with Watsonville Taiko, in collaboration with Shinsho-Mugen Daiko and LightSpeed Martial Arts Academy, on Saturday at 8 p.m. at the Crocker Theater.

The performance will offer the thunderous experience of roaring Taiko drumming, a traditional Japanese drumming form that incorporates martial

arts, folklore, mythology and symbolism. As folk art, Taiko is emphasized because it places value on joining with other to keep traditions alive.

Watsonville Taiko, founded by Jim Hooker in 1991, is a drumming community of performers and supporters.

Shinsho-Mugen Daiko, founded in 1999 by Ikuyo Conant, is a group that studies the art of Japanese drumming.

Joining Watsonville Taiko will be LightSpeed Martial Arts

Academy, a family focused academy in Scotts Valley, where adults and children can take personalized training to getting fit or become a black belt in Tae Kwon Do.

The theater is located at Cabrillo College, 6500 Soquel Drive in Aptos.

Tickets are \$15 general, \$12 for seniors and students, and \$10 with student activity card. They can be purchased at the door or online at www.ticketguys.com.