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Asao Music Festival

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The Asao Music Festival will be held again at the Asao Shiminkan starting from June 12th. On June 12th you can enjoy a "Schools Concert" for FREE and without making reservations, just come along on the day straight to the Shiminkan. Chorus groups, string orchestras, brass bands etc. from elementary, junior high and senior high schools from Asao Ward will perform to the public. The School Concert will open at 11:00 am on June 12th.



On the following day, June 13th, chorus-lovers groups also in within Asao Ward will have a choral get-together. This choral get-together starts at 2:00pm on June 13th.



In addition, on June 19th a musical instrument-lovers group will have an ensemble get-together. Instruments such as the ocarina and the guitar will be performed. This performance takes place at 2:00pm June 19th. For the above-mentioned concerts you do not have to apply for the free tickets: merely show up directly to the performance hall at the Asao Shiminkan on the day of the concert.

The following two concerts are also free of charge, however, require that you apply for order seating coupons in advance. These order seating coupons will be distributed at 10:00am on May 30th on the second floor lobby of the Asao Ward office on a first-come-first-served basis and only two tickets can be taken per person.

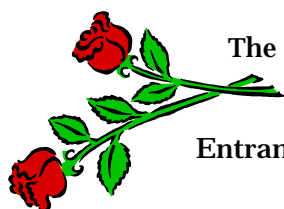


The first concert is the "Family Concert" by the Asao Philharmonic Orchestra is on June 20th at 3:00pm. The "Family Concert" includes Mozart's "Die Zauberflute" (The Magic Flute), Laputa: The Castle in the Sky, and Harry

Potter.

The second concert is a musical performed by the Showa School for Performing Arts to be held on July 3rd from 5:00pm. They will perform "The Great Gilly Hopkins". Once again it is necessary to get order seating coupons for these two concerts.

Rose Garden



The Rose Garden at the Ikuta Ryokuchi Park is open to public until May 30th from 10:00am to 4:30pm on weekdays and on weekends from 9:00am to 4:30pm. It is closed on Mondays. Entrance is free.

Anniversary Concert

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A concert to celebrate the 80th anniversary of Kawasaki City will be held in the Nakahara Ward Office. This will be an ensemble concert by musicians whose main members are of the Tokyo Symphony Orchestra. (Kawasaki City has a franchise contract with the Tokyo Symphony Orchestra). The concert will be held on Tuesday, the 8th of June at the Meeting Room on the 5th floor of the Nakahara Ward office. The master of ceremonies will be Ozawa Mikio, the brother of the World famous conductor, Ozawa Seiji. Only Mozart will be performed this time such as " a flute concert ", "a horn concert" and so on. If you would like to listen, please come along on June the 8th to the Nakahara Ward office.

Ajisai(Hydrangeas)Flowers

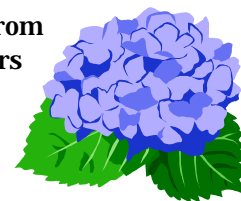


The ajisai flowers (hydrangeas) will be blooming soon. Here in Kawasaki there are various places that are famous for their ajisai. One of the famous places is Myorakuji Temple where Ajisai Festival will be held on June 20th. On this day there will be 300 potted flowers given to visitors on a first-come-first-served basis. Within the grounds of the temple on this day there will be Haiku poetry readings and Ikebana flower arranging displays.



Also local people will be selling vegetables. The Myorakuji Ajisai Festival will start at 10:00am and finish at 3:00pm on June 20th. To get to the Myorakuji Temple, take the bus at Mukogaoka-yuen bound for Futako-tamagawa and get off at Nagao. Or alternatively, you can walk to Myorakuji Temple from Shukugawara Station on the JR Nambu-sen Line and just follow the "Nagao no Sato" walking trail, the temple is halfway along this trail.

Another temple famous for its ajisai is the Joukeiji temple that is a 7-minute walk from Kakio Station on the Odakyu Line. Within the temple there is an area of 5300 sq meters and it contains over 3000 ajisai flowers.



Ward Office Concerts

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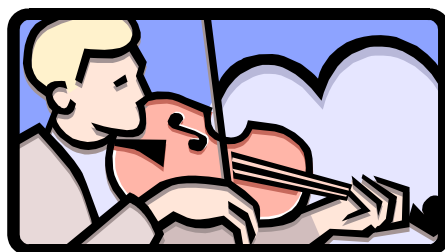
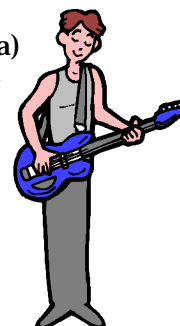
On June 17th at the Saiwai ward office there will be a concert titled the "City Inauguration-80 Years of Administration: the Dream Concert". The concert will be held on the first floor lobby of the Saiwai Ward Office from 12:10 to 12:45. A Brass Quartette, "Ensemble Burasshimo" will perform

Also a continuation of the dream concert will be held on July 15th at the Hiyoshi Godo-chosha complex on the 1st floor. This will be a performance by a solo flutist who is a member of the Tokyo Symphony Orchestra.

The Miyamae Lobby Concert will be held from 12:20 to 1:00 on June 25th on the 2nd floor of the Miyamae Ward Office. Performances will be on the harmonica and piano. The performer is Ms. Yuko Yanagawa. She is a renowned harmonica player who has won the top prize in Ensembles sections of the world and All-Japan harmonica contests.



Continuing on, on the first floor of the Takatsu Ward Office, the "Flower (hana) Concert" will be held on June 22nd from 12:10 to 12:50. Five students from the Senzoku Gakuen school will perform on guitars and violins. The pieces they will play include "Forbidden Game" and "Alhambra".



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