



JANZ Society 2025 New Year's Party

You are cordially invited to attend JANZ Society's annual New Year's Party which will be held on Tuesday, 28 January at the New Zealand Ambassador's Residence. Celebrating its centenary in 2028, JANZ Society (Japan Australia New Zealand Society) is a well-established Public Interest Incorporated Association that promotes social and cross-cultural interactions, economic development, mutual understanding, and friendship between the three countries.

The 2025 New Year's Party will be graced by the New Zealand Ambassador to Japan, Mr. Hamish Cooper, and the Australian Ambassador to Japan, Mr. Justin Hayhurst. Other expected attendees include senior officials from both embassies as well as members of the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Shakuhachi player Seizan Ishigaki and bandoneon player Hitoshi will entertain us with their beautiful collaborative musical performance. The N.Z. embassy chef will serve delicious food and wine. So please come to our annual soiree and help us celebrate the new year's opening.

JANZ Society Inc, New Year's Party

Date : Tuesday, 28th January, 2025

Time : 6:00 pm ~ 8:00 pm (Registration commences at 5:30 pm)

Venue : New Zealand Embassy

20-40 Kamiyamacho, Shibuya, Tokyo

Fee : JPY 9,000

(JANZ members and family • ANZCCJ • NFJAS • NFJNZS • Tokyo-Australia-kai)

JPY 11,000 (Non-members)

Dress code : Business attire (kimonos and other national costumes welcomed)

Capacity : Capacity: Limited to 60 attendees (JANZ members and families will be prioritized)

RSVP : by 21st January, 2025

Sign-ups:

Sign-ups via E-mail or FAX:

Please send an application form (attached) by the due date
Transfer destination:

Resona Bank, Tamachi Branch
Ordinary savings, Account no. 4124993
Japan Australia New Zealand Society, Inc.

※Please transfer by 13 January (Friday) after applying



Online sign-ups via Peatix

<https://2025janz-newyear.peatix.com/>

※Please apply from Peatix if you would like to use a credit card

or

SHAKUHACHI

Performers SEIZAN ISHIGAKI



Ishigaki had been exposed to Japanese music as a child learning shakuhachi from his father, Seizan Ishigaki I. He further studied under the Living National Treasure, Yamamoto Hōzan.

He gained a good reputation after performing overseas in countries such as Australia, Argentina, and Poland. He passed the Tozan-ryū master's exam with the highest marks and inherited his father's name, Seizan.

Ishigaki performs as a soloist with numerous orchestras, such as the Tokyo Philharmonic Orchestra. He has also performed with many famous artists, including Tatsuya Ishii, Ayaka Hirahara, Yukihide Takekawa, Fuyumi Sakamoto, Yuki Koyanagi, Tsuyoshi Tsutsumi, and Yasuko Otani. He has performed in over 30 countries to date.

He graduated from the Tokyo University of the Arts, Faculty of Music, Department of Traditional Japanese Music, and the NHK School for the Training of Traditional Japanese Music Performers. He is a master teacher of the Tozan-ryū Shakuhachi Foundation. Member of Hogaku Onshinkai and JSPN. He is also a true gamer.

Major Awards and Career History

2007: Received first place and Japan Traditional Culture Promotion Foundation Award at the 4th Tokyo Japanese Music Competition

2010: Received the Grand Prize and Encouragement Award from the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology at the 16th Kumamoto National Japanese Music Competition - Hase Kengyo Memorial

2013: Received the Gold Prize and the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology Award at the 39th Tozan-ryu Honkyoku Competition (received the same award again in 2017 and 2019)

2015: Composed a song "In the Moonlight" for ethnic instruments from 8 ASEAN countries and Japan at "ONE ASIA Joint Concert" held in Laos

2016: Composed and provided the theme song "Ise-Shima" for the official PR video of the Ise-Shima Summit

2019: Performed with the Tokyo Philharmonic Orchestra as a soloist on NHK's "Symphonic Gamers 4"

2023: Held his first recital "Ishigaki Seizan Shakuhachi Recital" at Kioi Main Hall

BANDONEON

HITOSHI

Originally from Kyoto, Hitoshi is a bandoneon player, who also composes and arranges music. In 2018 and 2019 he received 2nd Prize at the "Che Bandoneon Competition" held in the United States.

Hitoshi's music goes beyond borders and music genres, making a global impact on music. His repertoire includes tango, classic, jazz, gypsy, Brazilian, folk songs, etc.

2019: Made his CD Released major debut by releasing "FELIX" from T-Toc Records.

2022, 2023: Staged with voice actors Hayami Sho and Shiina Hekiru at the Kasumigaseki Iino Hall as the director and performer for the recitation drama "Gento no Baku" and "Jiketsu suru Yogyo Eikyu Kikan".

The performance was based on the story written by the Japanese mystery and thriller author, Edogawa Ranpo.

2024: Conducted and performed for the ballet "Don Quixote" at Marinart Hall in Shimizu City. He is also involved in various projects as the video and live-streaming director.



Sign-up Sheet for 2025 JANZ Society New Year's Party (via Email or Fax)

E-Mail : info@janz.jp

FAX 03-6470-6909 (for sign-ups only)

Date of sign-up: _____

JANZ Membership no.	Other Organizations' membership(s)
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Please fill your name in lock letters as well as kanji (if applicable)

No.	Name	Name (Kanji, if applicable)	Status (circle the appropriate status)
1			A. JANZ member (incl. family) B. Member of other A · NZ organizations C. Non-member
	Telephone no.		
	Address		
2			A. JANZ member (incl. family) B. Member of other A · NZ organizations C. Non-member
	Telephone no.		
	Address		
3			A. JANZ member (incl. family) B. Member of other A · NZ organizations C. Non-member
	Telephone no.		
	Address		
4			A. JANZ member (incl. family) B. Member of other A · NZ organizations C. Non-member
	Telephone no.		
	Address		
A · B JPY9,000x person(s)		C JPY11,000x person(s)	Total JPY
※Please indicate name of the payer if not the one of the above attendees			

Sign-up Deadline: 21 January 2025 (deadline must be met)

We regret that cancellations made on/after 12 January cannot be refunded

Further Information:

- ※Please make sure to bring this form with you on the day
- ※No parking is available within the Embassy premises
- ※Please do not leave valuable belongings in the Cloakroom
- ※Security Check will be conducted. Please make sure to bring a photo ID for smooth access

Enquiries:

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※Office will be closed during 28 Dec. 2024 ~ 7 Jan. 2025