

FINAL AND LARGEST 60TH ANNIVERSARY EVENT

Yoshida Brothers

Tsugaru Shamisen Concert Tour 2018

Dublin – Wed. 21 March, 19.30

Galway – Fri. 23 March, 19.30

Waterford – Sun. 25 March, 19.00



As the closing event of the celebration of the 60th Anniversary of the Establishment of Diplomatic Relations between Japan and Ireland, the Embassy of Japan in Ireland is proud to present a series of concerts by the renowned tsugaru shamisen players from Japan, the Yoshida Brothers.



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Wed. 21 March | DUBLIN

7.30 – 8.30 pm

St Ann's Church

Dawson Street, Dublin 2

Admission: FREE

Booking required. Contact

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Fri. 23 March | GALWAY

7.30 – 8.30 pm

Nun's Island Theatre

23 Nun's Island, Galway

Admission: FREE

Booking required: 091 565886

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Sun. 25 March | WATERFORD

7.00 – 8.00 pm

Garner Lane Arts Centre

O'Connell Street, Waterford

Admission: FREE

Booking required: 051 855038

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Profile

The Yoshida Brothers were born and bred in Noboribetsu, Hokkaido. Each picked up the shamisen at the tender age of five, and began studying tsugaru shamisen under Takashi Sasaki I in 1990.

The shamisen is a traditional Japanese instrument about one metre long which has three strings played using a large pick called a bachi.

The tsugaru shamisen was developed in the Tsugaru district in Aomori Prefecture, on the northernmost tip of Honshu, the main island of Japan. The tsugaru shamisen has a unique style of play that gives performers room to improvise.

After sweeping prizes at national tsugaru shamisen conventions, **the Yoshida Brothers** made their major debut in 1999. Their debut album sold over 100,000 copies, an extraordinary figure for a traditional folk music release. They won the "Traditional Japanese Music Album of The Year" category of the 15th annual Japan Gold Disc Award, as well as the "30th Anniversary of Normalization of Japan-China Diplomatic Relations Commemorative Special Prize" of the 17th Annual Japan Gold Disc Award.

As an artistic group whose scope of activities goes way beyond that of traditional Japanese music, **the Yoshida Brothers** continue to make not only Japan but also the US, Europe, and Asia their stage. It is a great pleasure to welcome them on their first visit to Ireland.

