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# KODO

## DRUMMERS OF JAPAN

IN CONCERT AT THE BURTON CUMMINGS THEATRE

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2005 8:00PM

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***Live performance of the legendary Japanese drum group featured in the soundtrack of the movie Hero!***

This concert, on February 18, 2005, is the first time KODO has ever appeared in Winnipeg, and is one of only two Canadian dates of KODO's North American *One Earth Tour*. One of the world's most celebrated and popular performing companies, KODO has electrified audiences and critics in more than 2000 performances in 30 countries since their first appearance in 1981.

Drawing from Japan's rich tradition of music and performance, KODO has created a vital sound and tradition of its own. Music resonates from drums of assorted shapes and sizes, dominating the spectacle. Their performances on the "taiko", the traditional Japanese drum, have become a modern phenomenon. KODO has been featured on various international projects including the movie extravaganza *Hero*, the FIFA 2002 World Cup™ World Anthem, and the Nobel Peace Prize 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Concert (2001). Most recently, the album "*Best of KODO*" was selected as one of Sony Music's "*Best Classic 100*" from the years 2000-2004.

"There are taiko groups, and then there is KODO," said Pam Okano, artistic director of Winnipeg's own Hinode Taiko, which is presenting the Winnipeg portion of the *One Earth Tour*. "Nothing you've ever seen can compare to the thrill of KODO playing live. If you know taiko, you know KODO; if you want to discover taiko, you should see KODO."

**IMPRESSIVE, MONSTROUS, ASTONISHING.** *LeMonde, Paris*

**INDEED, IF THERE IS SUCH A THING AS PERFECTION IN MUSIC,  
KODO COMES AS NEAR TO IT AS ANY GROUP IN THE WORLD.** *Boston Globe*

**AN EXHILARATING REVELATION OF THE EMOTIONAL AND SPIRITUAL POWER OF THE DRUM.**  
*The Guardian, London, UK*

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