



Soh Daiko Drum Troupe will give a workshop at 2 pm and a performance at 4 pm on October 16, 2010, on the Forman House front porch, followed by a buffet and celebration. Both are open to the public. Taiko is the Japanese word for drum, and Soh Daiko is a critically acclaimed New York City based group whose current membership numbers about 12, with diverse backgrounds and professions. The group's varied repertoire includes traditional compositions from the Shinto music tradition, pieces adapted from existing taiko compositions and original compositions/arrangements by members of Soh Daiko. In addition to drums, the group uses instruments such as the bamboo flute, brass bells, conch shells, gongs, African *shekere*, and Tahitian *toere* (wooden slit drum). Much more than mere percussion, Soh Daiko's presentation also features the visual element of movement and choreography, requiring physical strength, endurance and energy, that makes taiko such an exciting performance experience.