



Uminari Taiko

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2024 was a very busy and positive year for Uminari Taiko. We had a successful performance season, sold out our education courses, and we increased the size of the group significantly.

Our performance season started out quite slowly this year. We had a couple of gigs early in the year—the Mochitsuki Shinnen Kai (Japanese New Year celebration) in January and a performance at the Welcome Celebration for new Canadians in early March. Normally, we would be busy in the early spring and summer, but in 2024 we did not have any gigs until Japan Fest on July 20.

Fortunately, things turned around and in August and September we had a lot of requests, sometimes two or three in a weekend. In August, we had the Hiroshima-Nagasaki Peace Event, the VNCS Cultural Fair, and Greekfest. In September, we were at the Malahat Skywalk, Beacon Hill Park, the Saanich Autumn Lantern Festival, and the Colwood Insight Festival. But it didn't end there. In November, we were honoured to play at the VNCS 30th Anniversary luncheon. We finished up the year at Winterfest, outdoors at the Royal BC Museum.

In mid-August, seven of us attended the North American Regional Taiko Conference in Seattle. The close proximity of the conference site led to the large UT contingent. For three of our group, this was the first time attending a taiko conference. We got to participate in a variety of workshops and discussion groups, see some awesome taiko performances, and connect (or reconnect) with our fellow taiko practitioners from around North America.

Part of our mission is to share taiko. This year we taught workshops in Nanaimo and Salt Spring Island, where they are starting their own groups.

We had four apprentices at the start of the year, Eri Hamel, Esme Friesen, Hiroko Griese, and Candy Poon. They progressed well and performed all summer and fall. They all became regular members in January 2025.

	Actual Jan. to Dec. 2024	Actual Jan. to Dec. 2023	Actual Jan. to Dec. 2022	Actual Jan. to Dec. 2021	Actual Jan. to Dec. 2020	Actual Jan. to Dec. 2019
Income:						
Gigs	\$5,150	\$11,457	\$9,800	\$1,350	\$575	\$8,956
Workshops/classes	\$8,136	\$5,007	\$6,519	\$853	\$734	\$3,505
Membership	\$2,600	\$2,250	\$2,700		\$2,500	\$2,066
Grant		\$500				
Sales	\$596	\$250	\$130	\$60	\$230	\$200
Interest	\$413	\$240	\$172		\$483	\$432
Petty Cash			\$79			
Total Income	\$16,895	\$19,704	\$19,400	\$2,263	\$4,522	\$15,159
Rent	\$7,329	\$7,248	\$5,594	\$1,726	\$3,000	\$6,600
Gig Expenses	\$1,207	\$3,644	\$2,050	\$171		\$3,557
Member Training		\$1,132				
Equipment	\$273	\$162	\$190	\$227	\$8	\$337
Web-site	\$215	\$134	\$134	\$80	\$169	\$361
Merchandise	\$804				\$473	
VNCS Membership	\$90	\$90	\$90	\$90	\$80	\$80
Other	\$843	\$112	\$628		\$94	\$171
Total	\$10,761	\$12,522	\$8,686	\$2,293	\$3,824	\$11,106
Surplus/Deficit	\$6,134	\$7,182	\$10,714	-\$30	\$698	\$4,053
Chequing Account	\$30,535	\$28,294	\$21,352	\$10,781	\$32,062	\$16,648
GIC	\$22,825	\$22,412	\$22,172	\$22,000		\$14,719
Petty Cash	\$14	\$26	\$28	\$70	\$70	\$67
Total Assets	\$53,374	\$50,732	\$43,552	\$32,851	\$32,132	\$31,434
Outstanding cheques				\$749		\$154
Outstanding deposit						
Net Assets	\$53,374	\$50,732	\$43,552	\$32,102	\$32,132	\$31,280

Notes: Term deposit \$22,825 interest \$413
Expenses : Other includes refunds + member dinner