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[One of Asia's Largest Theater Festivals! Toyooka Theater Festival](#)

The 2025 Toyooka Theater Festival, located in Toyooka City just north of Osaka and Kyoto, is scheduled to be held from September 11th to 23rd.

The Toyooka Theater Festival is an enchanting event full of fun for all! Enjoy paid and free performances while soaking up the theatrical ambiance of the city.

In 2024, 132 programs from 7 different countries were presented at various venues throughout Toyooka City, and a total audience of 36,225 guests visited the festival. [Check out the events](#) you can enjoy during your stay in Toyooka City, including street performances in Kinosaki Onsen and the festival night market.



Kinosaki Onsen and Takeno Beach in Toyooka City, both venues for the Toyooka Theater Festival



Fringe Street

Kinosaki's historical townscape and the old-fashioned streets in Downtown Toyooka turn into a stage! Experience this exclusive occasion and enjoy acts by street performers under the sky. You might see a juggler at a shrine or a miming clown in the traditional streets!

Festival Night Market

Festivals are never complete without food! Toyooka City, famous for its local specialties such as Snow Crab and Tajima Beef, offers plenty of options for food at the Festival Night Market. Taste local dishes and drinks in a comfortable seating area while watching evening performances!



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All the Town's a Stage

The Toyooka Theater Festival makes art accessibility a mission priority. Public Fringe Programs are spread throughout Toyooka City and other nearby rural towns and cities. Coupled with the natural and dramatic beauty of locations like Takeno Beach, Eirakukan Kabuki Theater, and the tattoo-friendly hot spring town of Kinosaki Onsen, visitors experience an assortment of performances ranging

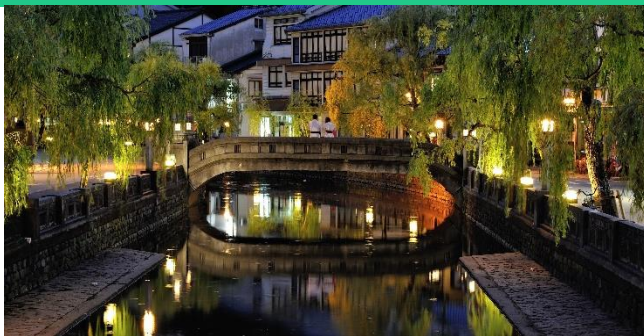
from international collaborative works, traditional folklore, and street shows.

Experience Local Narratives

The Toyooka Theater Festival is not only a chance for artists to present their performances, but also a place where they create and develop their works during a stay in Toyooka City. There are always new ideas born here while researching local narratives and created with local people, like Tanto Sai Sai, a stage show performed by residents based on traditional folklore performances carried down through generations in Tanto Farming Village.



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[Toyooka](#) is home to the Oriental White Stork, a national natural treasure that was revived from extinction in this very city. Toyooka's efforts restored the Oriental White Stork population, and now over 400 fly the skies of Japan. Toyooka is also known as one of Japan's largest producers of handbags.



[Kannabe](#) is a mountainous area with outdoor activities year-round and a perfect destination for adventure travelers. In the winter, visitors go skiing, snowboarding, snowshoeing, and sledding, and during the green season, hiking, paragliding, fishing, and tree climbing are popular pastimes.



[Tanto](#) is a quiet countryside town with magnificent nature including a giant field of tulips in the spring, brilliant red-leaved trees in the fall, and waterfall meditation.



[Kinosaki Onsen](#) is a town of time-honored tradition dating back 1300 years ago. It is home to seven tattoo-friendly public hot springs, all within walking distance. Guests wear yukata and geta, stroll through the town, and enjoy onsen-hopping.



[Izushi](#) is a residential castle town, popular for its nostalgic atmosphere of samurai-era Japan. It is home to many interesting attractions such as castle ruins, a samurai house, a kabuki theater, and a Japanese-style clock tower. The town's specialty is Izushi Sara Soba, buckwheat noodles served in small portions on five plates.



[Takeno](#) is a quaint fishing and beach town with landscapes part of the UNESCO San'in Kaigan Geopark. Takeno beach has clear, blue waters while the surrounding mountains offer great hiking opportunities. Visitors stroll through the peaceful town, discovering small shops and traditional cedar wood homes.

