

- Raffle Tickets and Prizes
- **Uchiwa Fan Making**
- YoYo Balloon Fishing Game
- **Mystery Toy Fishing Game**
- Origami / Calligraphy
- **Chochin Lantern Making**
- **Face Painting**
- **Chopstick Candy Race**

# **VENDORS**

- **JAGP**
- **Shofuso Gift Shop**
- MintandApple
- Kate Iwaki
- Zenkaikon
- DJ / Karaoke Booth
- **Urasenke Tea**
- Stage and Dance Area
- Maido!
- Information



# Aki Matsuri Fall Festival!



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#### **AKI MATSURI**

Aki Matsuri (Fall Festival) are Shinto harvest festivals dating back to ancient agricultural practices, where thanks are given to the Kami (spirits) for a fruitful harvest, with rituals including music, dance, food, and prayers, sometimes incorporating the specific Imperial ceremony of Niinamesai to offer the year's first fruits to the deities. These traditional Japanese festivals evolved over centuries, with modern versions often blending these ancient traditions with a broader celebration of Japanese culture, featuring performances, demonstrations, and food stalls.

## **JAPAN AMERICA SOCIETY OF GREATER**

JASGP is a private nonprofit organization that has inspired mutual curiosity, understanding, and collaboration between Japan and Philadelphia for more than 30 years through art, business, and culture. We operate: Shofuso Japanese Cultural Center; produce the Subaru Cherry Blossom Festival; provide Japanese arts, cultural and educational programming for all ages; and present a US-Japan Business and Public Policy Series.

To learn more and see our full schedule of programs, visit us at japanphilly.org

## **MAIDO! A MARKETPLACE OF JAPAN**

Maido! was founded in 2003 by Seiko Dailey and is the only Japanese-owned grocery store in the Greater Philadelphia area. We opened our first store in Narberth, and we moved to Ardmore to expand our store. We focus on bringing you the experience of visiting Japan, from our eat-in lunch counter where we serve authentic okonomiyaki (savory pancake), yakisoba (fried noodles), and other Japanese meals, to our selection of Japanese toys, and fresh produce.

Our name comes from the greeting often heard in the Kansai region of western Japan (such as Osaka, Kyoto, and Kobe). "Maido!" could literally translate as "every time", but in the Kansai region, it is used as a friendly greeting to your best customers and more closely translates as "Nice to see you again!" When combined with the Osaka-dialect for thank you ("Maido okini"), it translates as "Thank you for your continued patronage".

Visit us at maidoardmore.com to learn more.

#### STAGE SCHEDULE

Time	Activity	Group / Speaker
4:00 - 4:20 PM	Music	MC
4:20 - 4:30 PM	Opening Remarks	Kazumi Teune, Executive Director, JASGP
4:30 - 5:00 PM	Taiko Drumming	Casual Fifth
5:10 - 5:40 PM	Cosplay Fashion Show	Zenkaikon
5:50 - 6:20 PM	Minyo Dancing	Seabrook Minyo Dancers
6:30 - 7:00 PM	Karaoke	MC
7:00 - 7:30 PM	Taiko Drumming	KyoDaiko
7:30 -8:00 PM	Minyo Dancing	Seabrook Minyo Dancers

#### **DIRECTIONS & PARKING**

Shauffele Plaza is located right on Lancaster Ave. in downtown Ardmore, within easy walking distance of many public parking lots. There is also a bus stop for SEPTA bus routes 103 and 105 right at the plaza.

Address: Shauffele Plaza, Lancaster Ave. &, Cricket Ave., Ardmore, PA 19003

One Ardmore Place Public Parking Cricket Avenue Lot, 24 Cricket Ave. Ardmore, PA 19003

Cricket Terrace Parking Lot 54 Cricket Terrace Ardmore, PA 19003

Ardmore West Parking Lot Ardmore, PA 19003

SP+ Parking 49 St Georges Rd Ardmore, PA 19003

Public Safety Building Parking Lot 69 E Lancaster Ave Ardmore, PA 19003

