

## Announcements from the Consulate

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The Japan Currents is the official monthly newsletter of the Consulate General of Japan in Atlanta, bringing you events and information about Japan and its presence in Alabama, Georgia, North Carolina, and South Carolina. If you are on mobile, please rotate your screen for the best viewing experience!

### Office Closure:

Monday, May 25th: Memorial Day

*If you would like your Japanese cultural event shown in the Japan Currents,  
please contact [info@aa.mofa.go.jp](mailto:info@aa.mofa.go.jp) with details.*

## Upcoming Events



### JASG Young Professionals Ladies Movie Time

May 2

2:00 PM (Eastern)

Near Georgia Tech (Address provided  
after registration)

JASG Young Professionals is excited to host a special Ladies Movie Time! Join us for a relaxing afternoon where we'll watch a Japanese movie together (movie selection will be announced soon). We'll have donuts, snacks, and drinks ready for you—feel free to bring your favorite treats to share as well!

## Get Involved!



NC JAPAN CENTER  
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## Ongoing Events

[JF Digital Library \(Free\)](#)

[Isamu Noguchi: "I am not a designer"](#)

- August 2, 2026

## Atlanta United AAPI Heritage Night

May 2

7:30 PM (Eastern)

**Mercedes Benz Stadium**

1 AMB Dr NW

Atlanta, GA 30313

Celebrate AAPI Heritage Month and show your support for Japanese player Cayman Togashi as Atlanta United takes on CF Montréal on Saturday, May 2, 2026

at 7:30 PM at Mercedes-Benz Stadium! In addition to exclusive discounted seating, each ticket purchased through the link will include an Atlanta United Senu Fan. The festive AAPI Heritage Night will also feature pregame Asian cultural performances near Mercedes Benz Stadium's large Falcon statue and special AAPI Heritage merchandise. See you there!



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Video Topic of the Month



Learn more about Japan

**KIZUNA** Linking Japan and the World



## Japanese Spring Festival (Huntsville)

May 3

12:30 PM - 4:30 PM (Central)

**Japanese Garden - Monte Sano State Park**

5150-5174 SE Nolen Ave

Huntsville, AL 35801

This at the Huntsville Botanical Garden (North Alabama Japanese

Garden), this event features a traditional Japanese garden setting with tea ceremonies, traditional music, and dance.

See you there!

## **Atlanta Symphony Concert + Meet & Greet Reception**

May 9

8:00 PM (Eastern)

**Atlanta Symphony Hall**

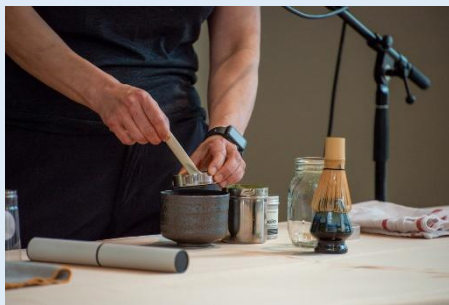
1280 Peachtree Street NE

Atlanta, Georgia 30309



Join us for a special post-concert Meet &

Greet Reception at PNC Place following the performance on May 9th. This exclusive gathering offers a unique opportunity to connect with the evening's featured artists and members of Atlanta's vibrant musical community. We are delighted to welcome local musicians, including Kelly Kanai, Noriko Clift, and Kenn Wagner. Guests will have the chance to meet the performers, enjoy light refreshments, and celebrate another wonderful night of music and cultural exchange.



## **Tour of Tea: Every Sip Tells a Story**

May 14

4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (Eastern)

**Columbia Museum of Art**

1515 Main St

Columbia, SC 29201

In observance of Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Heritage Month, join Tour of Tea SC and the CMA for a delightful journey of tea tasting and cultural discovery. Head to Boyd Plaza for this third annual community event celebrating the rich traditions of AAPI cultures and countries — Korea, China, Japan, Vietnam, Thailand, India, and more — through an exploration of the history, flavors, and cultural significance of tea. Enjoy a variety of Asian teas paired with authentic snacks while experiencing vibrant performances including singing, dancing, and demonstrations.

Tour of Tea activities and samples are free. Food is available for purchase from local vendors. Gallery entry is free with membership or admission.

## ***Kimono Unfolded: Learn to Dress Yourself***

May 16

10:30 AM – 12:00 PM (Eastern)

**NC Japan Center @ Spring Hill House**

705 Barbour Dr

Raleigh, NC 27603



Join us for an engaging and informative session where you can practice the traditional techniques of kimono dressing. This is a great opportunity to immerse yourself in Japanese culture! Club leaders and partners will demonstrate how to put on a yukata, practicing different obi knots and seasonal variations at each practice session.



## ***2026 Charlotte JAPAN FEST***

May 16 & 17

12:00 PM – 9:00 PM (Eastern)

**Urban District Market**

2315 N Davidson St

Charlotte, NC 28205

Join our third annual JAPAN FEST celebration! Hosted by Urban District Market, Seoul Food Meat Co, and the Japanese Association in Charlotte. JAPAN FEST is dedicated to offer the ever growing city of Charlotte an immersive experience of diverse traditions, arts and cuisines of Japan through engaging activities, captivating performances and cultural displays.

The festival will feature matsuri games, raffle prizes, live music, martial arts performances, Japanese food and drinks, and more!

**Film Screening "Poupelle of Chimney Town" (2020)**

May 17

2:30 PM – 6:30 PM (Eastern)

**Witherspoon Campus Cinema**

2810 Cates Ave

Raleigh, NC 27606



This is an evening to connect, unwind, and be inspired. Join in and enjoy a curated film screening of the original "Poupelle of Chimney Town" (2020) and a warm, welcoming community atmosphere.



**Animazement**

May 22 – 24

**Raleigh Convention Center**

500 S Salisbury St.

Raleigh, NC 27601

Animazement is Raleigh's premier Japanese animation and culture convention! Enjoy concerts, cultural and unique panels, artwork and more!

Get ready for 2026 and Animazement Twenty Seven!

**JELE: Japanese-English Language Exchange Dinner**

May 28

5:00 PM – 8:00 PM (Eastern)

**Katsubō**

4628 Spruill Avenue # 101

North Charleston, SC 29405



Japanese-English Language Exchange dinner at Katsubō. Meet new friends, practice language, and enjoy ramen, gyoza, and matcha.

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