

ABOUT

Welcome to TOBIU ART FESTIVAL and TOBIU CAMP 2019!

TOBIU ART FESTIVAL and TOBIU CAMP is hosted every year at the artist community “TOBIU” in Shiraoi Town, and it is not only host to many performances, musical as well as theatrical highlights, but also a meeting point for the artist community in Hokkaido.

TOBIU ART FESTIVAL and TOBIU CAMP both are a magical trip into the deep forests of Hokkaido, where you are about to find out about the beautiful wonders this island has to offer on the last days of its best season!

The stage of this story is a small school building in the Shiraoi forest.

The Shiraoi area of Hokkaido is one of the most important holy places of the Ainu, the indigenous people of Hokkaido.

The little old school building there is continuing to host several artist studios for their creative activities for now more than 25 years long. Under the name “Forest of Creation”, the surrounding forest has become a part of the creative projects, as many artists come together every year since 2011 to continue creating new shapes, paths and art works.

TOBIU offers a mysterious atmosphere and space for the festival:

A big bonfire is lit up in the front of the old wooden school building, traditional Ainu songs called Upopo are swaying through the air, encapsulated by the darkness of the night. Feel the pureness of a dark sky full of twinkling stars surrounding the forest, the sound of a deer's cry, mysterious lights flashing....

Be inspired by TOBIU's atmosphere as it takes you through the various stages and landscapes, showcasing contemporary art, music performances, indigenous dances and songs, puppet shows, shadow paintings, contemporary dance, creative workshops and so much more.

On these days, you'll become a part of this story, and this experience is shared by everyone.

Come along and enjoy this unique Hokkaido experience!

- EVENT INFORMATION -

TOBIU ART FESTIVAL 2019

*Date: September 7 (Sat) to September 15 (Sun), 2019

*Opening Times: 10:00 to 16:00

*Venue: TOBIU Art Community School Building and the nearby forest
(Hokkaido, Shiraoi gun, Shiraoi Cho, Takeura 520)

*Access: <https://tobiu.com/access-camp/>

*Entrance fee:

Please donate – share&give: you decide the amount. Free for high school students and under.

TOBIU CAMP 2019

*Date: September 7 (Sat) to 8 (Sun), 2019

*Time: 12:00 on September 7 to 14:00 on September 8

*Access: <https://tobiu.com/access-camp/>

*Entrance fee/Ticket:

- 4,500 JPY (advance ticket price - on sale starting July 5, 2019)
- Tickets sold in any ticket sale spots in Shiraoi town will cost only 4,000 JPY.
- 5,500 JPY on the day of the event.
- 3,000 JPY for university students (you will need to show your student card)
- Free for high school students and under.

Bring your tent and some blankets, food is available at the local stands!

See you in the forest & let's celebrate Hokkaido together!

IMPORTANT NOTICES – PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

- 1) Event will be held regardless the weather (except for natural disasters, such as typhoons, earthquakes, government-warned heavy rain or flood, lightning, etc. Please understand that in this case no refunds can be made.) Please purchase your ticket with acknowledgment of the above.
- 2) There is no accommodation at the venue. All guests must bring their own tent and bedding.
- 3) Bringing your own food and drinks is not allowed. Please make use of our extensive food and beverage stands inside the venue. (Exception: Meals for infants and young children can be brought in.)
- 4) Open fires such as barbecues, explosives such as fireworks, or generators at the camp site are not permitted.
- 5) If you parked outside the designated parking lot, please understand that police will be notified and your car will be towed.
- 6) As it is an early autumn outdoor camp, it may get cold in the middle of the night and in the morning, so please prepare enough clothing and such equipment to keep warm. We also recommend to bring an insect repellent spray, rain gear and boots.
- 7) Please walk slowly inside the venue and follow the instructions of the security staff, signboards, etc. Not all paths are fully equipped with lights, especially at night please be careful to not bump into each other and cause any accidents.
- 8) Please note that the organizer will not be liable for any accidents, injuries or theft inside the venue or in the parking lot.

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