



Festival #08  
Tradition



## Mitaka Awa Odori

Area **Mitaka**

Sharp movements, flashy costumes, unique tones of a myriad instruments entice crowds to join the wily rhythm. Local performing arts have been danced and danced through the ages never losing their luster.



A fool to dance?  
Foolish not to.

# A picture book of traditional DANCE

Passing through Tama  
spreading throughout the  
archipelago. Dance. Dance.  
Know the  
meaning of it.  
See it. Do it. Pass  
it on down!



## Yosakoi

YOSAKOI fans increase in number domestically and overseas. Hailing from Kochi, this colorful and energetic dance utilizes distinctive duel hand held clappers for percussive effect.



## Awa Odori

Bon dance originated in Tokushima some 400 years hence. A troupe divided into male and female dances. Employing their own rhythm in accompaniment to Japanese musical instruments.



## Eisa

A Bon dance from Okinawa with drums and sanshin done to memorialize the ancestors. In the 20th century it took on new significance as Okinawa's people assert their cultural distinction.



Tradition that is meant to be more than felt. It is meant to move you. Surrender your care. Live through the moves.



Mitaka Chamber of  
Commerce and Industry  
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# DanceEvent calendar

Early May/Eisa



Machida  
**Festa Machida  
Machida Eisa Festival**

Around Odakyu  
Machida Station

The whole city becomes one big stage full of Eisa, such as the Okinawan style parade called "Michi-junee" and dance performances on a special stage.

Mid August /Yosakoi



Tama  
**Tama Center  
Summer Festival**

Tama Center  
Parthenon Street

Every single dance group joins in the grandest of finales. Then there are the fairs and places to enjoy the comforting cool breeze of summer. A masterpiece ever in the making.

Mid August/Awa Odori



Higashimurayama  
**Higashimurayama  
Kumegawa  
Awa Odori Contest**

Around Kumegawa  
Station South Exit

More than 10 groups of dancers from in and outside the city, centered on the local Kumegawa Ren, will live up the area in front of Kumegawa Station.

Late August/Awa Odori



Mitaka  
**Mitaka Awa Odori**

Mitaka Station  
South Exit  
Shopping Street

The ecstatic dancers unite the gorgeous shopping district. Audiences along the road complete the sanctified unity. This is the kind of passion that is magnetic.

Late August /Yosakoi



Fuchu  
**Keyaki Festa  
Yosakoi in Fuchu**

Around  
Fuchu Station

More than 70 teams dance in various places in the city, including Babadaimon Zekova Trees.

Early September/Awa Odori



Inagi  
**Inagi Awa Odori**

Around Keio  
Yomiuri-Land Station

Dance from Land Station North Street to Benten Street. A night when the town of Inagi comes to life.