



2nd Annual Greater Columbus Cherry Blossom Festival

April 1-9, 2023 – Citywide*

Join Central Ohio to celebrate the spectacular blossoms of more than 100 cherry trees in Franklin Park
(Inspired by the National Cherry Blossom Festival in Washington DC.)

Main Celebration - Saturday, April 8, 2023, 11 am – 7 pm

Franklin Park grounds & Adventure Center, 1755 E. Broad St., Columbus, OH 43203

Honorary Chairs: Former Ohio Governor Bob Taft and Mrs. Hope Taft

Master of Ceremonies: Angela An, WBNS 10TV

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS:

Call of Japanese Drums 11 am & 3 pm, Amphitheatre; Taiko Workshop, 11:30 am

Flag Raising and Welcome Ceremony- MC, Angela An, 12:30 pm, Adventure Center

Cultural displays, Entertainment, Interactive activities, 12 - 5:30 pm,

Bridges to Peace, 5:30 pm; 31st Peace Garden Anniversary & Closing Ceremony, 6 pm

ENTERTAINMENT: Taiko, Koto, Awaodori,

Okinawan Drum Dance, Games & more

CULTURAL DISPLAY/EXHIBITS: Ikebana,

Bonsai, Origami, Anime, Hina dolls, Japanese toys

, Calligraphy, Kite-making. Kimonos, Sushi demo,

Wishing tree & much more

FOOD TRUCKS: Japanese cuisine and others

For event details or to volunteer check out IVO

Greater Columbus Cherry Blossom Festival

Website: IVOColumbusoh.org and Facebook

page or email Marinda Iyer

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*Other Cherry Blossom Festival Events

April 1 - Virtual Opening;

Tree Planting Ceremony in Bexley

April 2 - Community Day @ Franklin Park Conservatory with

Worthington: FPC @ 1777 E. Broad St. Columbus 43203

April 3 - Upper Arlington Cherry Blossom Celebration,

5 pm @ UA Mallway Park 43221

April 9 - Spring Festival: 1-5 pm, @ The Ohio State University

Ohio Union: 1739 N, High St. Columbus 43210

HANAMI: "flower viewing" in Franklin Park (dawn to dusk)

