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Re: **SUNSET VIGIL**
- Memorial of HOPE for Tohoku, Japan -

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In tribute to the first year anniversary of the **3.11.11 Earthquake and Tsunami** disaster in Tohoku, Japan, **Artists for Japan**, Seattle invites the public to a **SUNSET VIGIL - Memorial of HOPE for Tohoku, Japan** - at Golden Gardens Park Beach.

EVENT: SUNSET VIGIL
- Memorial of HOPE for Tohoku, Japan -

DATE: Saturday, March 10, 2012
5pm - 6:30pm
Rain or Shine

PLACE: Golden Gardens Park Beach
8498 Seaview PI NW, Seattle, WA 98117

TIMELINE:
5:00 - 5:30pm Gather around Fire Pits at Golden Gardens Park Beach
5:30 - 6:00pm Water Blessing and Prelude to Silent Prayers: Seattle Kokon Taiko will lead the procession with Japanese Taiko drums & flute music as we gather along the shoreline for the Silent Prayers at Sunset.
6:00pm SUNSET VIGIL - Silent Prayers for the people of Tohoku, Japan
6:30pm Sunset Vigil Concludes

NOTE: Please wear warm clothing, comfortable shoes, bring a flashlight, and rain gear as needed.

TRIBUTE:

- As the sun sets in Seattle on March 10, 2012 and the sun rises in Japan on the anniversary of the earthquake and tsunami, March 11, 2012, we gather in support for the people of Tohoku, Japan.



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- The ocean connects us; therefore, we bless the water and pay tribute to both the people lost and the survivors, with sacred music, silent prayers, and the formation of a "human chain" facing Japan. We send love and hope to the people of Japan.
- This is not only a memorial, but also an opportunity to work together to rebuild Japan and move forward.
- We will not be accepting donations on site at the sunset vigil. We will provide information on Japanese nonprofit organizations that are making a difference in rebuilding lives and communities in Tohoku and Japan, for people to contribute online to the organization of their choice.
- We encourage people to take a moment to light a candle or give prayer at 9:46pm on March 10th, and synchronize with the exact time of the earthquake, 2:46pm in Japan on March 11th.

This event is organized by:

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Seattle Kokon Taiko <http://www.seattlekokontaiko.org/>

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DIRECTIONS TO:

Golden Gardens Park, 8498 Seaview PI NW, Seattle, WA 98117

BY BUS:

[Plan a trip to Golden Gardens Park](#)

<http://tripplanner.kingcounty.gov/>

BY CAR:

I-5 Northbound or Southbound:

- Take exit to 85th St and head west.
- Follow 85th West to 32nd Ave. NW
- Take a left onto 32nd Ave. NW
- Travel south until NW 54th St
- Take a right onto NW 54th St
- Follow NW 54th St which turns into Seaview Ave NW to the entrance of the park

PARKING:

Large parking lot along beach & park with overflow parking lot east of park. Plenty of handicapped spots are available.