

Okinawa Music

Weeks 9 & 10_ Ryukyu Music and History (琉球音楽と歴史)



Okinawa



Okinawa Prefecture
沖縄県

Okinawa Islands
沖縄諸島



Miyako Islands
宮古諸島

Yaeyama Islands
八重山諸島



Ryukyu court music uzagaku/御座楽



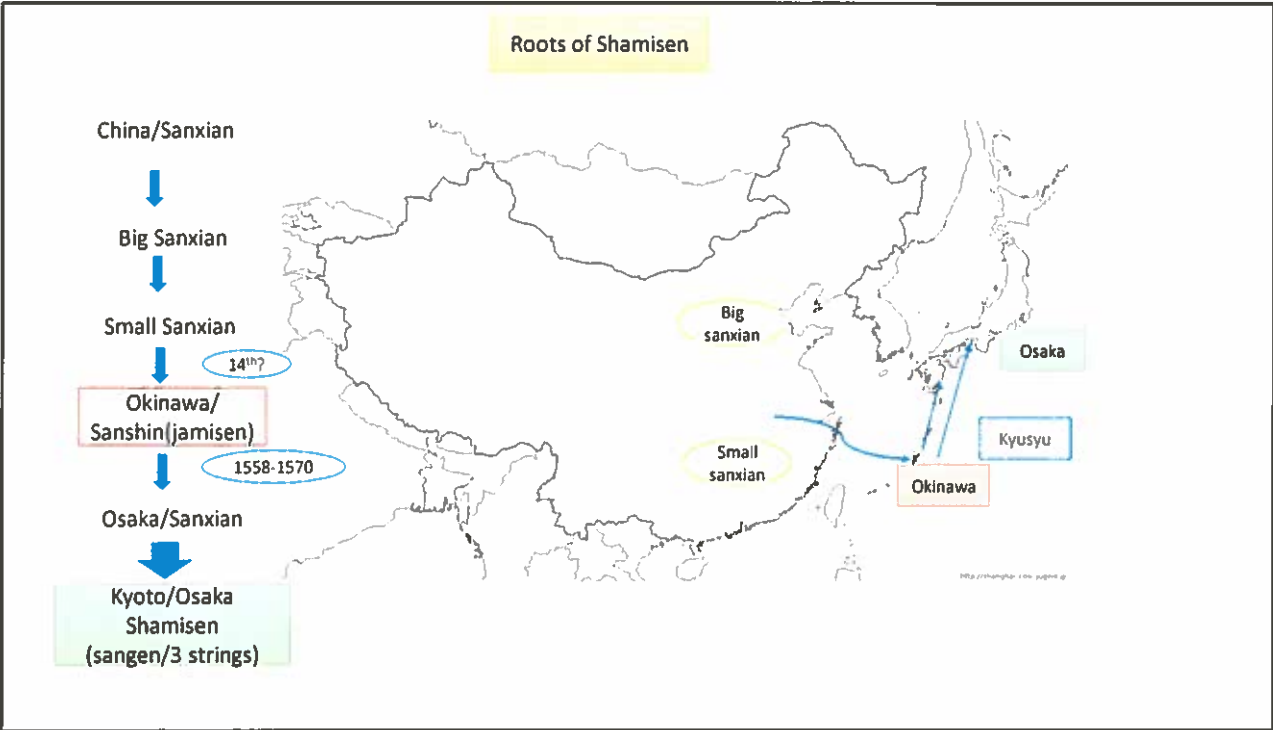
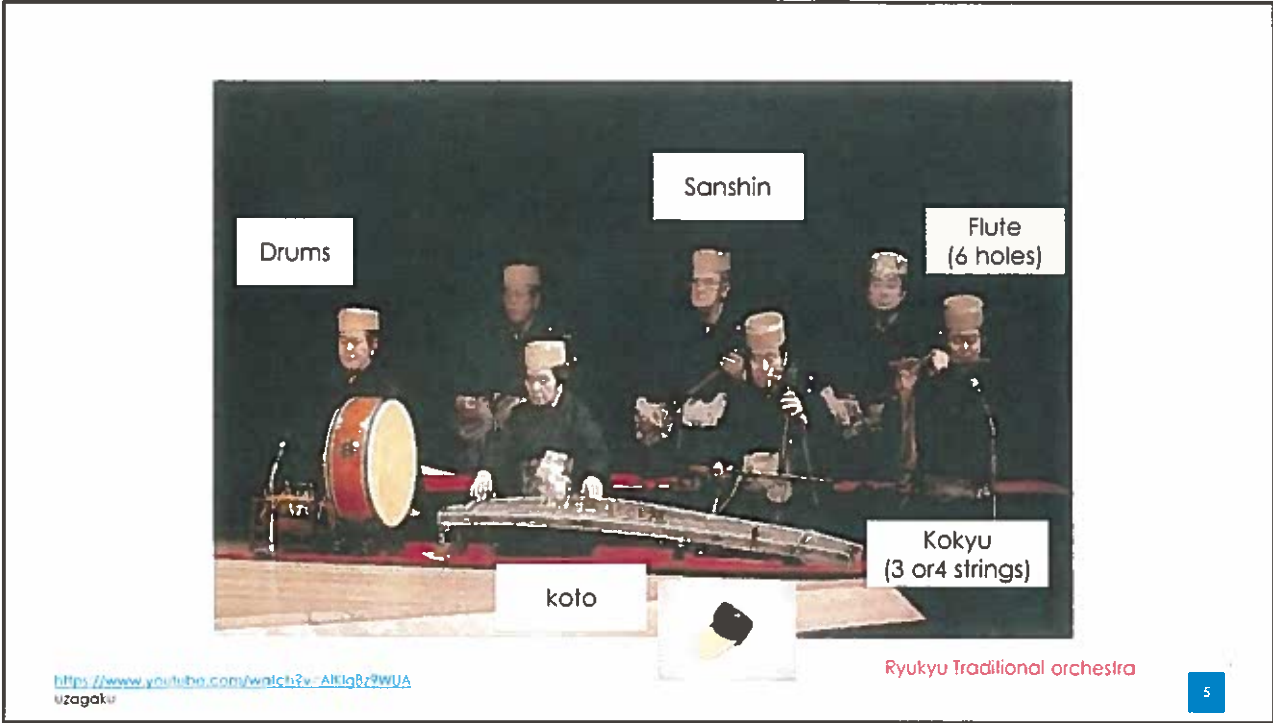
- Traditional Okinawan court music that was lost after the collapse of the Ryukyu Kingdom.
- Classical music form originally descended from China, “uzagaku” features both Chinese singing and instrumental pieces.
- Unfortunately many of the traditional instruments were destroyed during the Battle of Okinawa.

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History

600~	Ryukyu Kingdom appeared in the Chinese history book. “Ryukyu” meaning “glazed horn-dragon.”
700~	Chinese ship arrived in Okinawa
13~1875	Ryukyu Kingdom (about 450 years)
1609-1871	Satsuma domination(current Kagoshima prefecture)
1875	Ryukyu Kingdom was abolished and replaced by Okinawa prefecture (1879)
1879	Okinawa prefecture
1945	Battle of Okinawa
1972	Okinawa reunited with Japan

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X1ZZEa2UVEI>
Okinawa Taiko

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IGvCeoitp0o>
Traditional Dance from Okinawa/ Japan society

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=noNy_dAgNRw
Traditional Okinawa Music

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QTZ-nU_8MIM
Kumiodori/UNESCO

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Tanchame bushi たんちゃめぶし (谷茶前節)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4C2yqzMjC6s>

*This is a welcome song for the King of Ryukyu when he visited
Manzamo beach about 250 years ago.*

Lyrics:

Silver anchovies sweeping toward the shore of Tanchame.

No, they are herrings.

Men fish them and women sell them.

After selling the fish, women smell fishy but they are cute

♪ nancha mashi mashi dianga soi soi

ナンチャマシマシ ディアソイソイ



The sanshin flowers
sanshin no hana(三線の花)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dIDX2zUYcVI>



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Shima uta (Island song)
島唄

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8loQlu_yW70

Nada sou sou (Down come my tears)
涙 (なだ) そうそう

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QEk5OnLRhF4>

Instruments: Sanshin, Chinese Koto, and Piano



Rimi Natsukawa(夏川リミ)

Ainu musical instruments from the reading this week



Mouth harp
mukkuriムックリ

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AiXAFtmsydl>
Mukkuri/Ainu



Tonkori zither
Tonkoriトンコリ

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IN5tH9U4IWs>
Tonkori/Ainu

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Ne-ne-zu
ネーネーズ



Rinken Band
りんけんバンド



Coi-na
コイナ



The Boom



Chitose Hajime
元ちとせ



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Yotsudake 四つ竹

Yotsudake are:

- two sets of bamboo strips tied together
- clapped together on the strong beat
- used in Okinawan (Ryukyuan) classic music and "Eisa/エイサー" dancing (folk dance)



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Left
hand



Sanba 三板

- Sanba means three slabs/boards.
- ebony wood

♪ Song: "Hello, Mr." ハイサイおじさん



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Homework # 6 Okinawa Music (Due 4/11)

What did you learn about the music of Okinawa from lectures including today's workshop?
(one page paper)

