

1998 World Shakuhachi Festival: Photographs Of The Five Sensei

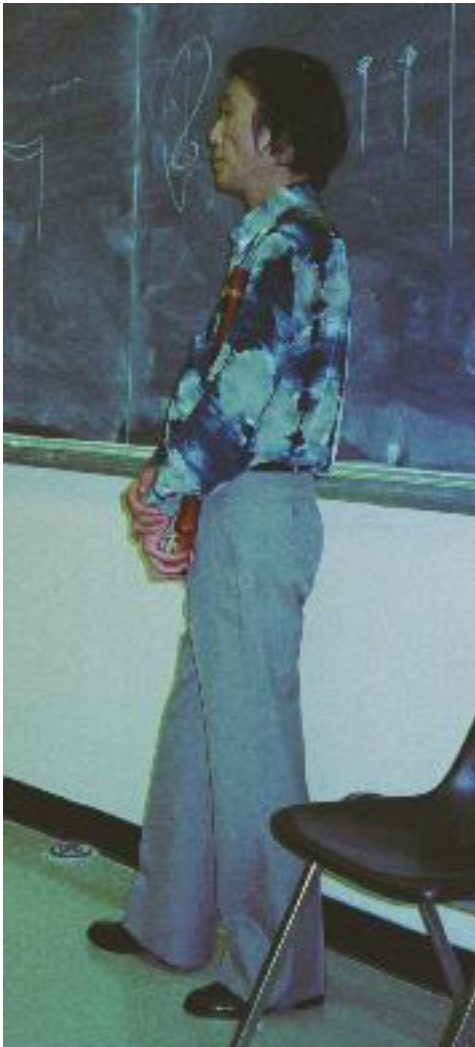
Here are some photos of the five Sensei that were the special invited guests of the festival (A sixth Sensei was invited, Junsuke Kawase III, the head of the Chikuyu-sha Shakuhachi Guild, but he could not make it due to health conditions). These men are the heads of five of the major shakuhachi guilds and one (Goro Yamaguchi) is a Living National Treasure of Japan (the highest honor that can be given to a Japanese artist or craftsman).



Here is Sensei Yokoyama graciously posing with me for a photo.



Master Reibo Aoki II, head of the Reibo-kai Shakuhachi Guild.



Master Hozan Yamamoto, head of the Hozan-kai Shakuhachi Guild



Master Kodo Araki V, head of the Kodo-kai Shakuhachi Guild.



Master Katsuya Yokoyama, head of the Chikushin-kai Shakuhachi Guild



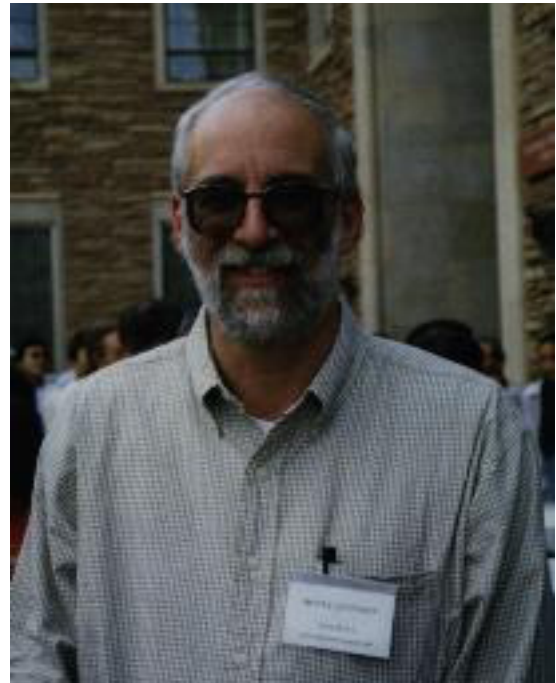
Ralph Samuelson with Master Goro Yamaguchi, head of the Chikumei-sha Shakuhachi Guild and a Living National Treasure of Japan

1998 World Shakuhachi Festival: Incidental Photographs Taken During The Week

Here are some incidental photos that were taken at the WSF98. Some were taken before the master classes, after the workshops, and during the opening and closing ceremonies.



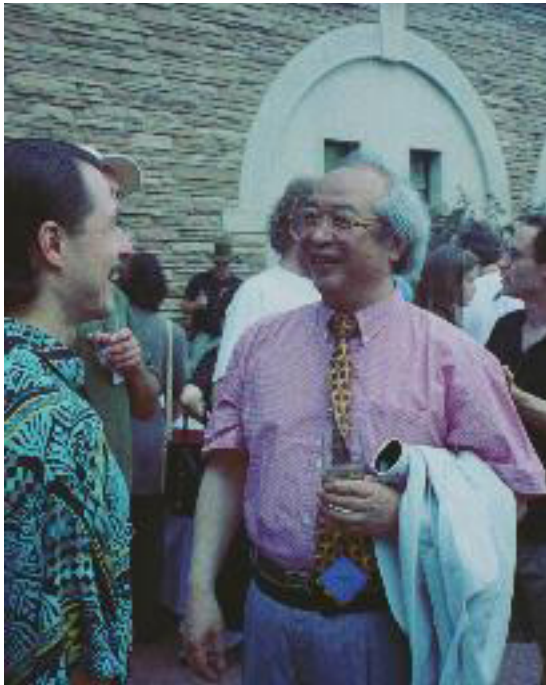
Ryudo Takahashi, business man and superb shakuhachi player, he gave great performances of Koku and Reibo.



Monty H. Levenson, the maker of my two flutes.



Two of the lady players, Debby Danbrook and Elizabeth Reian Bennett



Riley Lee talking with Katsuya Yokoyama at the opening ceremony.



Kaoru Kakizakai, one of Sensei Yokoyama's gang, a wonderful artist that made the intermediate and master classes a delight.



Kazushi Matama, another one of Sensei Yokoyama's gang, a great player and an inspiration in class and rehearsals.



Keizo Ito and Michael Gould, two former students of Sensei Yokoyama's and both excellent players.



One of the happiest guys at the festival, Teruo Furuya, who is also a wonderful player and teacher.



Shodo Sakai, a very impressive player who gave a stunning performance of Tsuru no Sugomori (in the Futaiken style)



Here is a photo taken during one of the master classes.

1998 World Shakuhachi Festival: Incidental photographs from the final ceremony

These are photos taken at the ceremony held on the final Friday evening.



Here is a goofy picture of Sara Romweber (the drummer for the rock band Clarissa and budding shakuhachi player), myself, and my wife Marilyn.



Stan Richardson and his wife.



Phil Gelb, Janet Knight Ledbetter, Monty Levenson, Clarence Ledbetter, and Kayo Levenson.



Here are two of the "Electronic" people at WSF98 (Richard Teitelbaum and Jim Franklin)



John Neptune and a friend in heavy conversation.