

# Hawaii Buddhist Council

# BUDDHA DAY SERVICE 2023

“Hanamatsuri” - Celebrating the Birth of Shakyamuni Buddha

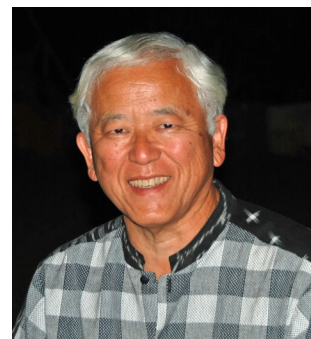


Date: Sunday, April 2, 2023  
9:30 am (HST)  
Place: Jodo Mission of Hawaii  
1429 Makiki Street, HNL  
Phone: (808)949-3995  
Message: Dr. George Tanabe  
“Why We Tell Stories?”

Feature Show: JATAKA TALES @10:45am  
by Jeff Gere with Lesley Kline  
(co-sponsored by BDK Hawai'i)  
Hospitality of Tea & Refreshments  
Chado Urasenke Tankokai Hawaii Association & Jodo Mission

## Dr. George Tanabe Biography

Born and raised in Waialua, **George Tanabe** graduated from Willamette University (B.A.), Union Theological Seminary (M.Div.), and Columbia University (M.A. and Ph.D.). From 1977 to 2006, he taught in the Department of Religion at the University of Hawaii and retired as Professor Emeritus. He currently serves as president of BDK (Bukkyō Dendō Kyōkai) Hawai'i and BDK America (Berkeley). His books about Japanese religions are published by university presses at Harvard, Princeton, and Columbia, and include *Japanese Buddhist Temples of Hawai'i* (UH Press). In 2012, the Japanese government honored him with the Imperial Order of the Rising Sun. He still lives in Waialua.

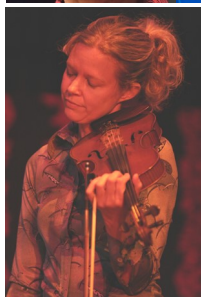


## Special Presentation of JATAKA TALES by Jeff Gere with a violinist Lesley Kline

**Jataka Tales** are Buddhist Teaching Tales in which the Buddha appears as an animal with life lessons. In this delightful family-friendly performance, popular Oahu storyteller **JEFF GERE** tells these simple profound tales in his animated dramatic style, and with shadow puppets. Innovative violin wizard **LESLEY KLINE** adds her rich musical textures.



**Jeff Gere** is among Hawaii's top storytellers. He created and produced Talk Story Festival, Hawaii's largest storytelling celebration for 27 years, a Story TV Series and Talk Story Radio. He constantly performs (for all ages) throughout the state & internationally, sometimes with shadow puppets. He will tour India in July (3rd trip.)



**LESLEY KLINE** is one of the finest violinists in Hawaii. She came to Oahu from Paris. She has performed in Hawaii's finest Irish & Appalachian bands, cutting edge drum & bass, and currently Martin & Kline, a swing era duet. Make a point to come hear her with Jeff.

## Free & Open to the Public

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