



See Tamagawa Taiko drummers at the Cherry Blossom Festival

Philly Flora

Philly is in full bloom this month. April 1-26, the **Subaru Cherry Blossom Festival** (www.subarucherryblossom.org, 215.790.3810) celebrates the thousands of magnificent cherry trees that fill Fairmount Park. Attend events in and around the city, including the festival's centerpiece, Sakura Sunday (April 14). This all-day extravaganza honors Japanese culture, from food and art to dance and fashion. Round-trip shuttle service to the festival grounds (\$5) departs from Center City beginning at 9:30 am. April 12-14, the **International Orchid Show and Sale** arrives at the Academy of Natural Sciences of Drexel University (1900 Benjamin Franklin Parkway, 215.299.1000). Free with museum admission, this special exhibition showcases the many beautiful—and sometimes bizarre—varieties of orchids. Plus, vendors from around the world set up shop offering everything from plants to gifts. —AC