

In Japanese festivals, Mikoshis are indispensable!

Hot competition for the No. 1 Yagibushi singer in Japan!

# Mikoshi

(portable shrine)

[Honcho-dori Street, etc.]  
People carry deities on those Mikoshis through the towns. The Mikoshi parade is one of the essential events of the festival.



First round: Kiryu City Performing Arts Center Small Performance Hall,  
Final round: Honcho 5-chome Wide Stage  
The contestants sing Yagibushi with their trained voice to be the very best Yagibushi singer in Japan.

# All-Japan Yagibushi Competition

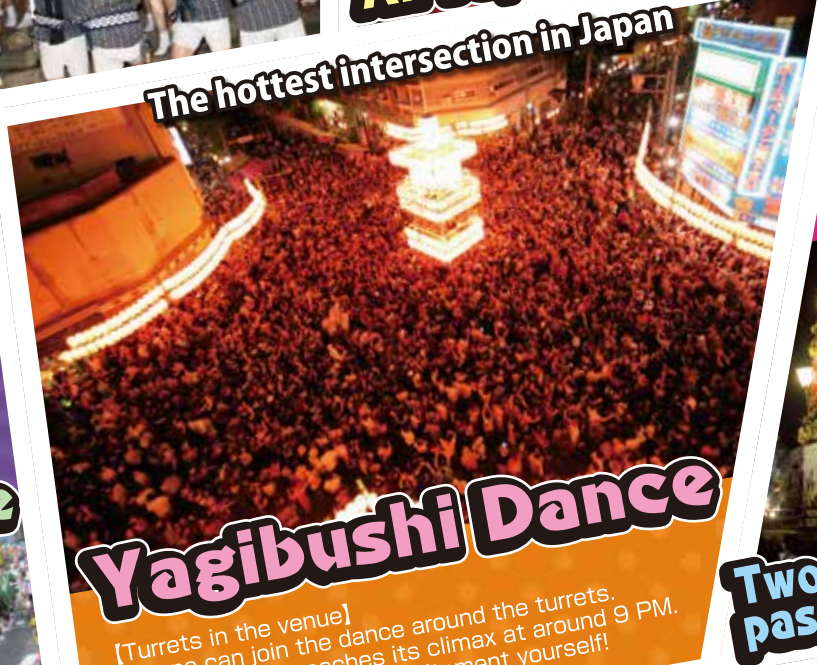
The competition of pride!

[Honcho 3-chome and 4-chome]  
The two huge Hoko floats compete against each other by playing festival music to win the right of way. This event is not held every year.

# The very popular costume parade!

[Honcho 3-chome to Nishikicho Crossroad]  
The modern version of traditional costume parade which has been one of the main events of Japanese festivals. It's fun to see the unique performance of various groups.

# Jumbo Parade



# Yagibushi Dance

[Turrets in the venue]  
Anyone can join the dance around the turrets. The excitement reaches its climax at around 9 PM. You must feel the air of excitement yourself!

# Two Hoko floats passing each other



# Children's Mikoshi Parade

Cute and heartwarming!

[Shinkawa Park, etc.]  
Nursery school and kindergarten kids carry their handmade Mikoshis, and people cheer on them from the roadside.



# Dance performance on the stage!



[Shinkawa Park]  
Each team practice hard for this event and they show their spectacular dance performance on the stage.

# Dance Yagibushi

1 h 40 min from Tokyo without any transfers!!



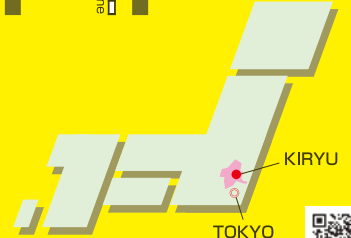
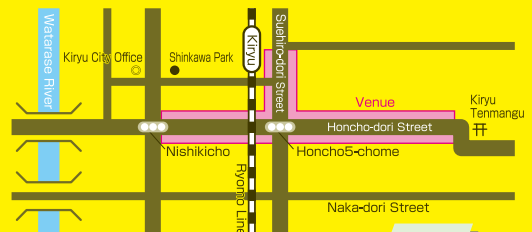
## Access

### [By Train]

- To bu Railway (Shin-Kiryu Station)  
Approx. 1 hour 40 minutes from Asakusa or Kita-Senju by the Limited Express Ryomo
- JR-East (Kiryu Station)  
Approx. 2 hours 30 minutes from Ueno by the Tohoku Main Line or Takasaki Line and Ryomo line (transfer at Oyama or Takasaki Station)
- Approx. 1 hour 40 minutes from Tokyo by the bullet train (Tohoku, Joetsu, or Hokuriku Shinkansen Line) (transfer at Oyama or Takasaki Station)

### [By Car]

Take the Kita-Kanto Expressway from the Tohoku or Kan-Etsu Expressway. To the central area of Kiryu:  
Approx. 20-minute drive on Route 50 from the Ota-Kiryu Exit  
Approx. 20-minute drive on Prefectural Route 68 (Kiryu-Isesaki Line) from the Ota-Yabuzuka Exit



Organizer: Kiryu Yagibushi Festival Supporters' Association  
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