

Under Arts Midwest:

**Arts Midwest
in cooperation with the
Muskegon Area Intermediate
School District
Presents
Bamboo Orchestra from Japan
February 2005**



The last in the series of Midwest World Fest performances, Bamboo Orchestra comes to us from Tokyo, Japan. A characteristic feature of Japanese culture is harmony in coexistence between people and nature and between people themselves. The Bamboo Orchestra focuses on this elemental vision through their art form. Bamboo, which has been used to make instruments in many regions of the world since antiquity, provides defining tones to the music of many ethnic communities. The Bamboo Orchestra, led by Makato Yabuki, plays a unique palette of more than twenty bamboo instruments from Japan and Asia. According to the ensemble, bamboo music transcends ethnic identities, personalities, and musical genres, as each listener and musician humbly encounters the bamboo and its rich, resonating sound.

Performances:

- ✧ There will be two free performances for area students in grades 2-8, on Friday, February 25, 2005, at Mona Shores High School. **Both performances are full.**
- ✧ There will also be a public performance on Saturday, February 26, 2005, at 7:30 p.m. at Mona Shores High School Performing Arts Center, 1121 Seminole Rd., Muskegon.

Ticket prices are: Adults: \$10.00, and Seniors/Students: \$5.00
Tickets are available at Bird's Music, Meyer Music, First Evangelical Lutheran Church, Whitehall Road, or by calling (231) 780-4711 x8327.