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Matsuri Celebrates Obon

When: August 27 : 5:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

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Chef Tadashi Ono leads his kitchen in this one-night salute to the Japanese festival that celebrates family and ancestors..

For those unfamiliar, Obon is a Japanese [festival](#) similar to the Day of the Dead celebrations held in Mexico: a time to remember family members who have passed on by tiding up their resting places, revisiting their altars and then indulging in The Feast of Lanterns—where paper lamps are lit and guests enjoy a multitude of special dishes. To mark the occasion, this year chef Tadashi Ono will be offering a number of \$8–\$9 *sakana* (small plates) that will be joined by [cocktails](#) that will range about \$3–\$7 in price. Seating starts at 5:30 p.m. and reservations are recommended, as there's also a sake tasting session from 7 to 8 p.m. and live [music](#) from Taiko Masala, a group who specialize in wild, visually stunning traditional

Japanese drumming.