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**HOTEL NIKKO SAN FRANCISCO'S
RESTAURANT ANZU AND KANPAI LOUNGE
ANNOUNCE NEW EVENTS FOR 2015**

**Events to include ANZU Food Truck, Easter Sunday Brunch,
Cherry Blossom Kickoff with Reigen Fujii, Sake & Sound, and
Taiko Drum Ceremony**

SAN FRANCISCO (March 23, 2015) – Today, **Hotel Nikko San Francisco's Restaurant ANZU**, one of San Francisco's most acclaimed dining experiences, and **Kanpai Lounge** announced new featured events for 2015.

Restaurant ANZU's critically acclaimed **Chef Philippe Striffeler** will be showcasing his chic Asian-infused American prime cuisine this Spring and Summer with plans to pop-up around San Francisco in a state of the art food truck, "ANZU TO YOU". The ANZU Food Truck will feature many of Chef Striffeler's favorite hybrid international dishes with a twist that true food truck lovers are sure to love.

Restaurant ANZU will also be featuring a special Easter Sunday Brunch menu on **Sunday, April 5, 2015 from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.** The featured dishes will include brunch classics such as made-to-order omelets and buttermilk pancakes to brand-new custom plates from Chef Striffeler including Coffee Rubbed Pork Tenderloin and Prosciutto Crusted Chicken Breast Scaloppini. For the Easter Sunday Brunch full menu, please visit www.hotelnikkosf.com/Easter-Brunch-2015, and for more information on Restaurant ANZU, please visit www.hotelnikkosf.com/RestaurantAnzu.

Hotel Nikko San Francisco's **Kanpai Lounge** will be celebrating its **Cherry Blossom Kickoff** event on **Saturday, April, 11, 2015 at 8:45pm** and will feature Japanese Banjo Artist **Reigen Fujii** and Santa Cruz's own critically-acclaimed multi-instrumentalist artist **Kyle Abbott**.

For the first time ever, 22 year-old Tsugaru Shamisen prodigy **Reigen Fujii** will be coming to California to share his unique music and skills that has made him so well known in Japan. Fujii is not only a master player of traditional Tsugaru Shamisen, but he is also a flawless Jazz player on shamisen known for playing sold-out houses in both traditional music events and jazz clubs throughout Japan. Joining Reigen Fujii will be Kyle Abbott. A critically-acclaimed multi-instrumentalist from Santa Cruz, Abbott is one of the premiere Shamisen artists in the United States and author of an English language book on the Shamisen, entitled, *Shamisen of Japan*.

This Spring, Kanpai Lounge will also introduce San Francisco to its fresh new twist on the deep house lounge scene known as **Saké & Sound**. Happening weekly and located inside Kanpai at the award-winning Hotel Nikko San Francisco, guests of *Saké & Sound* can enjoy premium table service, order a variety of Saké options or specialty cocktails and enjoy sounds from the Bay Area's finest deep house DJ's from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. every Friday and Saturday night. For more information on *Saké & Sound*, please visit www.sakeandsound.com.



Kanpai Lounge will also be featuring Maikaze Daiko's newest production **Taiko Drum Ceremony** showcasing local and international talent from the Traditional Japanese music scene every Friday in the lobby of the Hotel Nikko San Francisco at 5 p.m. with free admission to the general public and signature cocktails available inside Kanpai Lounge. Performances range from duets to trios and occasional quartets and have included special guest appearances such prominent artists as Shakuhachi Master Artist, Riley Lee (Australia) and Taiko Master Artist, Kenny Endo (Hawaii).

For more information on Kanpai Lounge, please visit www.hotelnikkosf.com/kanpai

For additional information on Hotel Nikko, please visit www.hotelnikkosf.com and for Feinstein's at the Nikko, please visit: www.feinsteinsf.com.

About Hotel Nikko San Francisco

The United States flagship of Nikko Hotels International, Hotel Nikko San Francisco features 532 stylish guest rooms and suites, Restaurant ANZU, Feinstein's at the Nikko nightclub; Kanpai Lounge; 10,000 square foot Club Nikko with its sky-lit pool, and 22,000-square feet of meeting and banquet space in the heart of Union Square. The hotel is located at 222 Mason Street. For reservations or more information, please visit www.hotelnikkosf.com or call 1-866-NIKKO-SF.

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