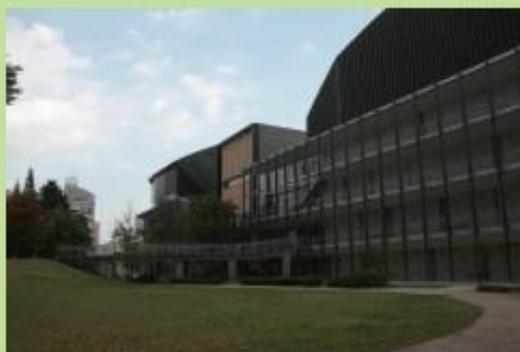


# Iwaki Performing Arts Centre Alios

Iwaki Vision visited the Iwaki Performing Arts Centre Alios, which neighbours the Iwaki City Hall, to learn more about this facility.

Alios was completed in May 2008, replacing the Taira Citizen's Centre. Alios is not just a place where you can see performing arts, but is a facility which everyone can enjoy in their own way, even if it is just to meet up with friends, study or relax in. That is why it can also be described as "a park with a roof".

Alios has a number of halls, theatres, rehearsal rooms and many other facilities.



## Main Hall

The Main Hall is an ideal venue for major national and international events such as orchestral concerts, theatrical and dance performances. It boasts 1705 seats and amazing acoustics that mean even the faintest of sounds can be heard equally across the entire four storey hall.

## Main Theatre

Although the Main Theatre is not as large as the Main Hall, it still has a capacity of up to 687 seats and is three storeys high. What's unique about this theatre is that the seats can be rearranged from a "podium", or centre stage, style to a "thrust" style which allows the stage to be brought out and viewed from three directions (also known as Hanamichi in Japanese). Apart from dances and performances, this versatile theatre hosts traditional noh, and kabuki performances as well as live music events such as the Machinaka Concert held every October.



## Small Theatre and Recital Hall

Alios has two other smaller venues for performances and they are both located in the Annex that once formed part of the Taira Citizen's Centre that existed before Alios was built. The Small Theatre has movable seats which means both dance performances and live music events can be held there. The Recital Hall was once a large rehearsal room redesigned specifically for musical performances. The Small Theatre and Recital Hall have 233 and 200 seats respectively.



## Rehearsal Rooms

Alios has a variety of rehearsal rooms and studios of different types and sizes where groups or individuals can rehearse and practice both musical and dance performances.



## Other facilities

Apart from performance related facilities, Alios also has a lounge and Cascade (lobby) area where people can casually interact. Students often study there and there is internet access in the lounge. The cafe is popular with people after rehearsal or practice.



There is also a Canteen area which hosts occasional craftwork activities for children, as well as the Kids Room daycare facility where young children can play and also enjoy short and interactive performances such as the "Kids Room Theatre" and "0 Years-and-up Concert".

Alios tries to cater for a variety of people and marks an important part of Iwaki's cultural district alongside the Iwaki Cultural Centre and Iwaki Art Gallery. Take the time to visit Alios, whether to view one of the many performances or even just to absorb some of the atmosphere.



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