

## **Masumi Timson and Noriko Dozono Japanese Koto Players**



Masumi Timson brings back the traditional and contemporary Japanese Koto music at the Oregon Asian Celebration on February 22, 2004. Masumi Timson began her study of the koto music in 1975, and holds a teaching certificate from one of the most prestigious koto schools (Seiha koto school) in Japan. She plays both classical and contemporary koto music, sometimes collaborating with western musical instruments. (Photos courtesy of Masumi Timson and Noriko Dozono)



Noriko Dozono received her Koto teaching certificate from Seiha Koto School in Tokyo, Japan in 1998 and has taught for a couple of years. She has performed with Masumi at the Portland Art Museum, the Oregon Historical Society, the Roseburg Japan Festival, the annual Tanabata Festival at the Japanese Garden and most recently at the State Capital holiday program last December. Prior to the Asian Celebration, Noriko will be traveling to Nepal and India.