

Dear Square Dance Enthusiast



Organized by Japan Square Dance Association

Mini-Lab JAPAN



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Date : JAN 10th (SAT) ~ 11th (SUN) 2026

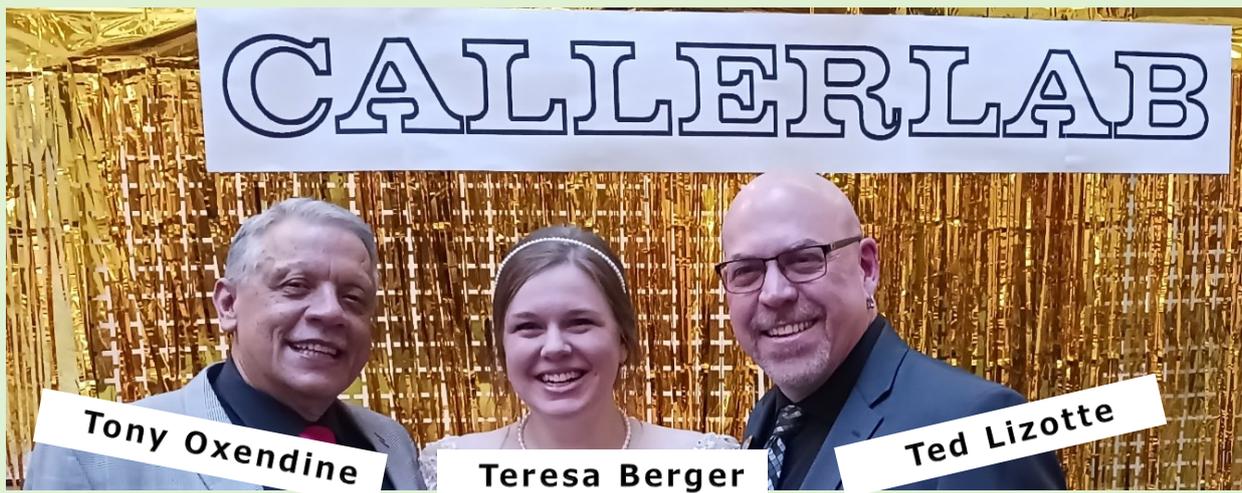
**Place : Tosei Hotel & Seminar Makuhari,
Chiba, Japan**

Address : 2-3-2 Akanehama, Narashino-shi, Chiba 275-0024

Tel : 047-452-0670

**Transportation : 2 minute walk from Shin Narashino Station on JR Keiyo Line
(Approximately 35 minutes from Tokyo Station to
Shin Narashino Station with JR Keiyo Line)**

<https://tosei-hotelseminar.co.jp/makuhari/>



Three CALLERLAB board members will come to Japan!

- Chairman: Mr. Ted Lizotte
- Executive Officer: Mr. Tony Oxendine
- Executive Director: Ms. Teresa Berger

Organized by : Japan Square Dance Association

Co-organized by : CALLERLAB (International Square Dance Callers Association)

Supported by : GSI (Grand Square International)

Mini-Lab Event Outline

Main purpose of the event:

The purpose of the Mini-Lab is to exchange opinions on issues in Square Dance world, to deepen knowledge of calling techniques, and to contribute to the improvement of caller skills and the promotion of Square Dance world.

Who can apply?:

JSDA members (callers and club leaders) and CALLERLAB members

Participation fee:

\$200

including hotel and meals (Jan/10th lunch and dinner, Jan/11th breakfast and lunch)

Capacity:

70 people (single occupancy)

Application Deadline:

September 20th, 2025 (Saturday)

*If the maximum number of participants is reached, the application will be closed before the deadline.

Application Method:

Please fill in the application form and send it to the address below.

As to participation fee, please ask Ms. Teresa (director@callerlab.org)

Notes:

Writing implements, and costume,

Dance shoes (SD shoes or rubber-soled athletic shoes only)

FYI, Face towel, bath towel, Casual Kimono (Japanese bathrobe), toothbrush, and slippers are prepared at the hotel.

For those who want to attend the call critic (advance registration required),

Please bring your own microphone, cables, and music you want to use.

Inquiries

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■ Program

January 10th 2026 (SAT) 【Day 1】		January 11th 2026 (SUN) 【Day 2】	
9:30am	Registration	9:00am	Call Techniques ③: Singing Calls How to select songs, Singing techniques, Harmony, Points when collaborating with multiple callers, etc.
10:00am	Opening Session: Purpose of Mini-Lab, etc.	10:30am	Break
10:30am	What is CALLERLAB? History, Current status, Activities of each committee, etc.	10:45am	Questions to CALLERLAB from Japanese callers: Based on opinion collected beforehand from callers registered in the JSDA database, Advice for female callers, etc.
11:00am	New Entry Program Overview Part 1: Program details, background of new entry program, future plans, etc.	12:00am	Lunch
12:00am	Lunch	1:00pm	Caller Critic ② (held in two places)
1:00pm	New Entry Program Overview Part 2: Discussion considering current situation in Japan (Current level of Japanese beginner class, DOSADO parties for beginner graduates, unique experiential (Taiken) programs, Community 25, etc.)	2:00pm	Break
2:30pm	Break	2:15pm	Future of Square Dance: Content of CALLERLAB's Caller Training Program Short-term training methods for elder beginner callers What do caller coaches do on usual class? Sharing information of both Japanese and U.S. callers' schools
2:45pm	Call Techniques ①: Techniques to entertain dancers, Showmanship, etc.	3:30pm	Closing Session (end at 4:00pm)
3:45pm	Break		
4:00pm	Call Techniques ②: Patter (Hash) Calls Introduction of techniques used by Ted, Tony, and Teresa What makes patter call enjoyable for dancers? Efforts to enhance dancers' enjoyment of dance		
5:30pm	Dinner		
6:30pm	Caller Critic ① (held in two places)		
8:00pm	Let's dance all together! (end at 8:30pm)		

☑ Application Form (Please fill in the form below and send it by e-mail or fax)

Name		Gender	Male · Female
Club Affiliation		Age(*1)	(as of January 2026)
Address			
Phone		Cell phone	
E-mail			
Call Critic (*2)	Preferred/Not Preferred	Call Experience	Years

*1 Please indicate your age (as of January 2026) to ensure that all participants are insured. (Insurance fee is included in the registration fee.)

*2 If you would like to take a caller critic, please mark the box with a circle and indicate your call history. Due to schedule, if there are many applicants, we will select participants by lottery

Send to: E-mail: skyo-minilab@ace.ocn.ne.jp FAX: 03-6240-6561
You can also apply from the QR code or URL below.

<https://x.gd/EIA0U>



❓What does CALLERLAB do?

CALLERLAB was founded in 1971.

For a long time, square dances were being called in different regions and by different callers.

There used to be a problem; the movements being called differ from region to region and from caller to caller. Therefore, CALLERLAB started activities with the following three objectives

We started our activities with the following three goals in mind

- To make square dancing more enjoyable as a form of dance
- Standardize the calling behavior so that it can be enjoyed in the same way anywhere.
- To provide callers with sufficient training by compiling necessary information and skills.

Today, we all appreciate the actions of CALLERLAB that we have established the definition of dance movement and square dance is enjoyed around the world. There are approximately 1,000 members, mainly in North America, and 25 members in Japan.

CALLERLAB holds a convention every year in the U.S., where members meet, exchange ideas about square dancing, and share knowledge about calling techniques, among many other topics.

Mini-Lab offers an opportunity for those in the area who do not have the opportunity to attend conventions in North America to participate in CALLERLAB Convention,

In June 2025, CALLERLAB announced a new program policy.

The new program policy is currently being prepared for application beginning in September 2026.

This MINI-LAB is a very valuable opportunity to hear a detailed explanation of this new program policy.

★ *At the same time of Mini-Lab, Dance parties will also be held!*

◆ **P&A Party**

Date : January 9th 2026 (Friday) 2:00pm – 7:00pm

Place: Culttz Kawasaki (Kanagawa, Japan)

Participation Fee: 3,000yen (Cash only)

◆ **MS-P Party**

Date : January 12th, 2026 (Monday, holiday) 10:00am~4:00pm

Place: Culttz Kawasaki (Kanagawa, Japan)

Participation Fee: 3,000yen (Cash only)

Please see the flyer for details.

For more information, please contact below.

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