***Sensumochi* conductor**

The *sensumochi* (float conductor, literally “fan-holder”) is positioned at the front of a Nebuta float. The conductor uses different whistle tones and fan motions to tell the *hikite* (float-pulling team) what to do. The teammay be instructed to move forward or stop, to dip the float or to twirl it. The whistle is important because half of the *hikite* are behind the float and cannot see the fan. Only one *sensumochi* leads a Nebuta float at any time, but conductors may take turns.