

### ***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 team may 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.