Every May brings a performance of the Ō no mai, a traditional dance featuring a man dressed as a tengu (a common character in Japanese folklore) is performed at Mimi Shrine in Mihama-cho’s Miyashiro district. It is said that this dance’s origins lie with the imperial family, and several shrines throughout Wakasa hold performances of it.

The dance is also performed on April 8th at Wakasa-cho’s Uwase Shrine (located in the Kiyama district), in order to give thanks for bountiful harvests and pray for bumper crops.

The form and purpose of Ō no Mai varies from region to region, and is an indelible part of spring ritual in the Wakasa area.