



INTERNATIONAL
MUSIC FESTIVAL
NIPPON

The 3rd

International Music Festival NIPPON

2014 Oct.15 – Dec.13

Nagoya & Yokohama & Koriyama

The International Music Festival NIPPON is held in the city center under the wish to add a joy of listening to the classical music to people's daily life. We have built the "Four Pillars" to bring pleasures to wide range of people who have various classical music experiences.

Top Quality

Akiko Suwanai, the artist director and performer, creates each concert going through intensive discussions and dialogues with top class artists.

Introduction & Education

"Commission to Composers of Our Time"

As an active musician of this time, Akiko Suwanai commissions a new work to a contemporary composer and introduces the attraction.

"Master Class"

This master class provides rich contents reflecting Suwanai's own experience that high level instruction in early age helps you acquire "world class skills".

"Concert for Infants"

By offering the opportunity to infants to listen to a classical music concert with their parents, the International Music Festival NIPPON hopes that as they grow up, these children will come to consider classical music as an everyday entertainment. The festival will deliver music to all generation.

Collaboration with the Arts

By giving concerts in venues such as museums or noh theatres, the International Music Festival NIPPON aims to erase the boundaries between the different genres (fine arts, theatre, cinema, music, etc.) and attract art lovers of every kind.

Charity & Heart

The International Music Festival NIPPON holds a Charity Concert with the hope that music would become a source of vitality for all those who were affected by the Great East Japan Earthquake. Through the concert, the festival aims to offer tranquil time and energy for tomorrow to the audience.



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Akiko Suwanai, Violin

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She won the International Tchaikovsky Competition as the youngest winner in 1990. She has performed with the Boston Symphony Orchestra, the Orchestre de Paris, the New York Philharmonic, and the Philadelphia Orchestra. She also participated in Japan tours of foreign orchestras such as the North German



Radio Symphony Orchestra and the Orchestre de Paris. She gave the world premiere of the Peter Eötvös' Violin Concerto "Seven" at the Lucerne Festival in September 2007. Since then, she has performed the premiere all over the world. On top of that, she participated in Berliner Festwochen, made her debut in the Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra, and performed under conductors like Charles Dutoit, Pierre Boulez, Vladimir Ashkenazy, and Paavo Järvi.

For the Future of Music - Let us weave our dreams -

It is my great honor that the 3rd International Music Festival "NIPPON" will be held in Nagoya, Yokohama, and Koriyama. Since receiving the 1st prize of the International Tchaikovsky Competition in 1990, my artistic career was enriched by numerous chances of performance with orchestras and artists around the world, and it also brought many people into my life. The four pillars of the festival concept are "Top Quality", "Introduction & Education", "Collaboration with the Arts", and "Charity & Heart". Through the festival in which I am aiming to introduce new pieces by composers of our time and to share my experience and knowledge that I have cultivated in my life path, I would like to contribute to the development of the art and music culture hoping young people to take over my dreams.

Please look forward to the International Music Festival NIPPON stepping forward to the next dimension.

Akiko Suwanai

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Concerts

(1) Orchestre Symphonique de Montréal Charity Concert conductor : Kent Nagano

Wed, October 15 at 6:30 p.m.

Koriyama Women's University & College Anniversary Hall of Performing Arts

(2) Akiko Suwanai & Enrico Pace Duo Recital

Sun, November 30 at 3:00 p.m.

Yokohama Minato Mirai Hall

This Yokohama venue opening concert will see the first collaboration between Akiko Suwanai and Enrico Pace.

(3)(4) Die Deutsche Kammerphilharmonie Bremen

conductor : Paavo Järvi / Violin : Akiko Suwanai

Sun, December 7 at 3:00 p.m.

Yokohama Minato Mirai Hall

This concert will among others present the first performance of multi-talented French composer Karol Beffa's latest work, performed by Akiko Suwanai and the Deutsche Kammerphilharmonie Bremen under the baton of Maestro Paavo Järvi.

Mon, December 8 at 6:45 p.m

Aichi Prefectural Arts Theater Concert Hall

(5) Hospital Concert *closed concert

Wed, December 10 at 3:00 p.m.

Nagoya City University Hospital

Music director Akiko Suwanai has regularly been giving concerts at the Nagoya City University Hospital. She will be playing with French violinist Pierre Amoyal.

(6) Pieter Wispelwey Cello Recital

Wed, December 10 at 6:45 p.m.

Nagoya Noh Theater

Solo recital of Pieter Wispelwey, whom the festival already had the pleasure to invite for its first edition. This concert of western classical music will be held at the Nagoya Noh Theater, which is characterized by its traditional Japanese architecture.

(7) Concert for KIDS

Thu, December 11 at 1:00 p.m.

TOYOTA Commemorative Museum of Industry and Technology, Entrance Lobby

This concert aims to give small children and infants the opportunity to enjoy a classical music. From the octagonal shape of the stage to the projection of videos, everything has been planned in order to make this concert attracting and enjoyable even for very young children.



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(8) Akiko Suwanai & Pierre Amoyal

Toyota Commemorative Museum of Industry and Technology concert

Thu, December 11 at 6:45 p.m.

TOYOTA Commemorative Museum of Industry and Technology

For this concert held at the TOYOTA Commemorative Museum of Industry and Technology, Akiko Suwanai and Pierre Amoyal will perform on a stage especially built for the occasion, in front of the museum's textile spinning machine which symbolizes the company.

(9) Yokohama Museum Concert I

Yokohama Museum of Art, Grand Gallery

Fri, December 12 at 3:30&5:00 p.m. (30 min. each)

Artists : VOCES 8 (vocal ensemble)

This will be the first appearance of the vocal group at the festival. The performance will be held at the Yokohama Museum of Arts, in collaboration with the exhibition of paintings of 19th century American artist James Abbott McNeill Whistler.

(10) Yokohama Museum Concert II

Yokohama Museum of Art, Grand Gallery

Sat, December 13 at 3:30&5:00 p.m. (30 min. each)

Artists : Pierre Amoyal (vn.), Students with the best results from the festival's master classes (vn., vc.), Hiroko Komoriya (pf.)

This concert will be the second of the two concerts held at the Yokohama Museum of Arts. In this chamber music concert, Pierre Amoyal will play with Japanese pianist Hiroko Komoriya, as well as the two students who performed best during the festival master classes.

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Master Classes

These lessons will be the opportunity for young musicians aiming to become professional musicians to deepen their understanding of music and improve their skills through the advice based on the personal experience of world-class musicians.

-Venue

Denki Bunka Kaikan (Nagoya)

Yokohama Minato Mirai Hall [Small Hall / Reception Room / Rehearsal Room] (Yokohama)

-Teachers

Akiko Suwanai (violin)

Pierre Amoyal (violin)

Pieter Wispelwey (cello)

Enrico Pace (piano)

-Number of participants

2 elementary school pupils / instrument (except cello)

3 adults *per venue (cello at the Yokohama venue only)