

Music Bell Live Streaming Concert

Date: Sunday, November 14th, 2021

at 13:30~15:00

Place: Sumida Triphony Hall

Performed by: Mori no Tonttu Tachi

Piano, Arrangement, Moderator: Fujie Sugata

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Limelight.....C. Chaplin

Angel's Serenade.....G. Braga

Sing !.....J. Raposo

Paprika.....Kenshi Yonezu

Ruri Iro No Chikyuu.....Natsumi Hirai

Furusato.....youth case

~ Intermission ~

Karjalan kunnailla (Mid hills of Karelia)Finnish folk song

En etsi valtaa loistoa.....J. Sibelius

Still, still, still.....German folk song

The Water Is Wide.....Scottish folk song

Far Away.....Takatsugu Muramatsu

Inochi No Uta.....Takatsugu Muramatsu

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~~~~~Performers' Profile~~~~~

Bell Ensemble “Mori no Tonttu Tachi” (Music Bell)

1995: Formed a group of children (mainly elementary school students) and performed a hospital bell concert to present “Christmas gift of Music,” which is the predecessor of their current “Mori no Tonttu Tachi.”

2005: Performed at the opening ceremony of Sibelius Festival in JAPAN.

Won the first gold medal in All Japan Music Bell Contest in 2001 in the elementary junior high school category. Since then, received 23 awards in total.

2019: Won the gold medal in the high school general category, receiving fabulous comments from judges; “We feel that this group is the only one that can express so much with only one instrument, the music bell. The melody was so well sung that we could imagine the lyrics even without knowing them. We sincerely hope that this performance will be passed on to the next generation as well.”

2020: Won 2 gold medals in the high school general category and the technical one.

Since 2011, they have been performing mainly Finnish songs with a variety of guests in their regular concert, “Oto no Tamatebako Series.”

Until now, a music book publisher, Saber Inc. published their 3 sheet music books, “Bell's Message Songs,” “Bell and Piano Ensemble Selection: Mori no Tonttu Tachi ~Spring/Summer ver.~ and ~Autumn /Winter ver.~” accompanied by CDs of their bell performance. (NOW FOR SALE!)

[Current Members]

Yudai Kitano, Haruna Kikuchi, Kouhei Takizawa, Akiho Kikuchi, Kazuto Morii, Noriko Okada, Takako Kitano

Piano / Arrangement Fujie Sugata

She graduated from Ueno Gakuen University, Faculty of Music, Piano Course. Through her music life, she had many experiences domestically and internationally;【IN JAPAN】she studied under Yuko Hayashi, Miwako Suzuki, Haruyo Kubo, and Izumi Tateno. Also, she studied piano accompaniment method for songs under Naomichi Honzawa, composition and arrangement under Fumio Yasuda.【IN FINLAND】She participated in Kuhmo Chamber Music Festival, and studied under K. Bogino and L. Howard.

She has recorded with a world-famous chromatic harmonica player Joe Sakimoto, performed not only domestically but also internationally, presented new compositions for piano duo to the public, accompanied in chamber music concerts, vocal recitals and various competitions, and appeared in NHK/FM Masterpiece Recital.

In 2009, she was awarded “Japan Harmonica Award (Certificate of Appreciation)” by All Japan Harmonica Federation. She is also the leader of the Bell Ensemble “Mori no Tonttu Tachi,” which has won 23 awards in competitions until 2020. Since 2013, she has also been arranging sheet music books for bell and piano ensembles and recording the attached CDs.

