

Even if not being able to talk well, even if not being able to move the fingers well, even if not being able to walk, everyone can enjoy music.

There are a lot of friends who love music.

We hope to be connected with many people through music.

Ribbon of the Sound

(“Oto no Ribbon”)

All of us participated in the International Piano Festival by People with Disabilities in Vancouver in 2009.

Each of us has some disabilities, but loves playing the piano.



Kanae Iwasaki

Kanae Iwasaki lives in Nerima-ku, Tokyo. She was born in 1993 prematurely.

For the prognostic symptoms, she has suffered from Cerebral Palsy. Influenced by her sister, she has been learning the piano since the 1st grade of elementary school. At first she played a duet with her sister, and now plays with her mother mainly with her right forefinger.

In 2007 she participated in the concert at United Nations and Carnegie Hall in New York. She played in Taiwan in 2012, and in Vienna in 2013. She received a JASRAC (Japanese Society for Rights of Authors, Composers and Publishers) Music Culture Award in November, 2014. Her dream is to let the people in the world know that “people with serious disabilities can enjoy playing the piano.”



Mayu Shimizu

Mayu Shimizu was born in 1993 and lives in Toda city, Saitama. She has Down's syndrome.

After she graduated from Kunitachi Music Academy, she works for a jewelry company.

She started learning the piano at the age of 5. She participated in the concert at United Nations and Carnegie Hall in New York in 2007.

She acquired 5 class of Trinity College Piano Grade while she was a student of Kunitachi Music Academy. She is good at knitting.



Saki Goi

Saki Goi was born in 1995 and lives in Yokohama, Kanagawa. She has a speech limitation and autistic tendencies. In terms of developmental disorder, it is difficult for her to interact with others. After she graduated from a school for the disabled students, she engaged in making candies and baking bread at a job training center, and now works for a bakery in Tokyo.

She started learning the piano at the age of 6. She has recently formed a new group with her sister, a percussionist, and an accordion player. They are going to do music activity as friends to communicate through music, even if not being able to communicate through words. She is also good at playing the recorder.



Takuto Koyanagi

Takuto Koyanagi was born in 1994 and lives in Setagaya-ku, Tokyo. He has autism. After he graduated from a school for the disabled students, he does work of the PC data entry in a company. He began his piano studies when he was 5. From 2011 to 2012, he received Gold and Silver Medals in the International Piano Festival by People with Disabilities. In 2013, he won 1st prize at PyeongChang Music Festival Classic. He played in Taiwan in 2012, and in Korea in 2014. He began to play the flute at 12 at the wind instrument club in school. He played with the “Koba-Ken and Friends” orchestra. In 2014 he participated in U.S. Japan Friendship Special Music Concert in San Jose.

He performs 30 concert appearances a year. His talents have been broadcasted at welfare network NHK TV all over Japan.

We play the music familiar to you, from classical to popular, with piano.
We talk about the stories why we began to play the piano in spite of the disabilities.
We sing some songs together with the audience.
Let's share happy time with us!

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