

Yukari Kojeder-Sakai

Born in Iwaki-city, Fukushima Japan, Mrs. Yukari Sakai began playing piano at the age of 6 years. After high school, she attended the Kunitachi College of Music in Tokyo, where she studied and went on to earn both a Bachelor of Arts degree, as well as a Masters.

She herself also went on to teach music at two universities in Japan. Her accomplishments include giving solo recitals at the Tokyo Bunka Kaikan, receiving an award from the Japan Musician's Federation, making piano recordings for the NHK, and performing under conductor Kenichiro Kobayashi.

She decided to move to Europe in 1988 with the aim of perfecting her technique and studying classical and romantic music in their place of origin. Under the guidance of Professor Gerhard Oppitz at the Music University in Munich as well as Professors Medjimorec and Hruby at the Music University in Vienna, she matured as an artist and cultivated a deeper level of musical expression. She extended her studies to numerous master classes with Prof. Hans Graf, Professor Konrad Hansen and Prof. Andrej Jasinski.

Since her debut in the Gasteig in Munich in the year 1990, she maintains active concert activities in Europe and Japan as a soloist and is very appreciated due to her spirited expression for the audience. As a member of various Chamber music ensembles, she is always engaged.

Since September 2010, she has also become a piano professor at Vienna's Prayner Conservatory.