

MIKI WATANABE(Violinist) –PROFILE

From film music to standard jazz, bossa nova, pop music, tango, and Japanese music, Miki Watanabe is a violinist who loves to play these beautiful melodies with great sensitivity. Many fans are fascinated by her spontaneous comforting sound.

Miki studied under jazz pianist Yusuke Hirado (leader of quasimode).

2003 to August 2010: Played every month at Manhattan bleu (Ootemachi, Tokyo)

October 2005: Selected music and arranged songs for Sanma's special TV show, as a concert master of a small sized orchestra. Miki has played in various TV shows in the past such as, commercial for Panasonic, "Takeshi no genki ga deru TV", "CS Dempa shonen", and "Music Station" as a back chorus for Kinki kids.

April 13th-14th, 2006: Played with Yuki Koyanagi at Motion Blue Yokohama in a quartet.

June 23rd 2006: Played at Sweet Basil Roppongi in a quartet.

July 2009: Collaborated with Aya Kurosawa at Jz Brat with her own trio.

August 2009: Appear in an AU commercial with Jun Matsumoto as a concert master of an orchestra.

September 2009: Started her own band, "Miki & Honeybee" with very talented musicians, Koufuu Suwa on Banjo, Taku Yamamoto on piano, as Akira Horikoshi on drums. This band plays old style jazz, Chanson, Dixieland, and standards. The resulting sound is bright and cheerful.

March 2011: Started the trio, "French Romance" with Bruno Dimino on vocal and guitar, and Frederick Viennot on arranging and keyboard. This group mainly plays originally arranged Chanson.

End of April 2011: Played for Akira Yamaoka's album "Play For Japan" on Nobuko Toda's tune. Akira Yamaoka is famous worldwide for his game music, and he was also the music director for the movie "Silent hill." It is currently available on iTunes.

August 2011: Performed in a theater live called “Rose - a life of a woman - ” with eight female artists with different genres such as dance, Jiuta-mai, vocal, film, etc. It was a huge success, and they are currently planning their next live.

October 2011: Appeared in Fuyumi Sakamoto’s cough drop commercial.

November 28th, 2011: Appeared in channel BS11’s (20:00) “Queen’s pad” with accordionist Yuichi Ootsuka.

Other achievements:

- Her annual cherry blossom live at Fumotobo of Mt. Minobu that started in 2006, is covered every year by local newspaper.
- Her live in 2008 counted 140 customers within two days, and her live in 2009 counted as many as 270 customers in two days.

From 2012, Miki has started expressing herself with violin and vocal. She also enjoys playing with accordion, banjo, wash boards. She has a great reputation setting up music events such as parties, shows, and recordings. She is a wonderfully balanced musician.