

“From Kobe to the Future” Kobe Bunka Hall 50th Anniversary Gala Concert

The year 2023 marks the 50th anniversary of Kobe Bunka Hall. In celebration of this anniversary, we present a gala concert featuring two beloved performing groups from Kobe City. Conducted by world-renowned maestro Kazuki Yamada, the special program will focus on works by Japanese composers.

Among the works to be performed are: a rare piece written in secret in Kobe in 1944 by Hisato Osawa, a modernist composer in whom Yamada has long shown an interest, and a brand-new work by Kobe-born composer Mari Kamimoto. The program also features masterpieces by Toru Takemitsu performed with a young local narrator, as well as the energetic voices of a children’s chorus assembled especially for the occasion to bring to you a truly celebratory event.

Friday, May 19 18:30 (Doors open at 17:45) Venue: Kobe Bunka Hall, Main Hall

Program

◆Toru Takemitsu: “Family Tree” – Musical Verses for Young People

(Arranged by Hiroyuki Iwaki for chamber orchestra)

Tomomi Ota, Accordion Kotone Uda, Narration:

Kobe City Chamber Orchestra

◆Hisao Osawa: Benedictus con Fantasia (1944) *World Premiere

Kazuhiro Takagi, Violin

Kobe City Chamber Orchestra

Kobe City Philharmonic Chorus

◆Toru Takemitsu: Songs (excerpts)

Kobe City Philharmonic Chorus

◆Mari Kamimoto: à Paube, la tapisserie... *World Premiere, commissioned by KOBE Cultural Foundation

Kobe City Chamber Orchestra

◆Naozumi Yamamoto: Ensoku (Lyrics by Hiroo Sakata)

Kobe City Chamber Orchestra

Kobe Bunka Hall 50th Anniversary Children’s Chorus

Conductor : Kazuki Yamada

Kobe City Chamber Orchestra Kobe City Philharmonic Chorus

Ticket Information

S ¥ 5,000 A ¥ 2,000 U25 (for ages 25 and under) ¥1,000

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Kobe Bunka Hall Tel.078-351-3349

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