

Japanese Choral Society of Washington

Directed by Kimiko Shimada, Since 2001

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Since 2001, under the directorship of Kimiko Shimada, the Japanese Choral Society of Washington (JCSW) has made frequent appearances that introduce Japanese choral music to audiences at various cultural venues in the nation's capital. These include performances at the National Cherry Blossom Festival, the Kennedy Center Millennium Stage, and the National Theatre Helen Hayes Gallery.

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Kimiko Shimada received a B.A. in Ochanomizu Women's University, and an M.A. for Opera Studies from Tokyo University of the Arts. She further studied at the National Verdi Conservatory in Milan, Italy, where she received the highest score. As a member of the Niki-Kai Opera Company, she has performed with many orchestras. Shimada has performed on numerous occasions in the U.S., including the Kennedy Center and the National Cathedral for "A Prayer for Japan". One of her performances of the National Cherry Blossom Festival was featured on CNN headline news. (www.kimikoshimada.com)



Dr. Maiko Chiba is JCSW's resident composer, arranger and accompanist. Maiko Chiba received her B.A. in composition from the Tokyo University of the Arts. She received her doctoral degree in composition from the University of Maryland's School of Music. Dr. Chiba has composed and arranged many pieces for JCSW; her newest arrangement is Antonin Dvorak's "Going Home." Her awards include: the Washington Award by the S&R foundation, a first prize from the Walsum competition from the University of Maryland's School of Music, a Special Commendation from the Vienna Modern Masters Orchestral Recording Award (Austria), the Ataka award from the Tokyo University of the Arts (Japan). Her first original CD is entitled "Maiko Chiba: Chamber Music." (www.MaikoChiba.com)

MEMBERSHIP:

Everyone is welcome.
Open to all ages and nationalities.
No auditions

JAPANESE LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY:

Some speaking and reading skills preferable and rehearsals are conducted in Japanese.



Practice in Rockville, Maryland.

SATURDAYS: 2-3 times a month: 1:00-3:00 pm

TUESDAYS: Every week excluding summer
10:30 am-12:30 pm