

Social Contributions

Support of Music Culture through the Nippon Steel Arts Foundation

Ever since its foundation, Nippon Steel Corporation has made a major contribution not only to the development of Japan's economy but also to the progress of art and culture. Specifically, it has extended continuous support to the field of music through the inauguration of its "Nippon Steel Concerts" and the "Nippon Steel Music Awards". The Nippon Steel Arts Foundation, organized by Nippon Steel as a body for the operation of its "Kioi Hall" in November 1994, offers opportunities for promising young artists, organizes concerts, and supports outstanding music performances. In addition, in September 2010, the foundation was authorized as a public service corporation. Thus, Nippon Steel is active in the support of music.

Foundation's Objectives and Activities

1. Fostering talented musicians
2. Sponsoring concerts and other musical performances
3. Supporting distinguished musical activities
4. Administration and Building operations of concert halls (Kioi Hall)
5. Other activities deemed necessary to achieve the purpose of the foundation

Ex. A resident chamber orchestra "Kioi Sinfonietta Tokyo" performs classical music concert. Japanese traditional music, such as Nagauta and Gidayu are also performed.

▪ Kioi Hall

To commemorate the 20th anniversary of the founding of Nippon Steel in 1990, the Kioi Hall was constructed as part of Nippon Steel's philanthropic activities. As a high quality, carefully designed concert hall, it has garnered a high reputation among domestic and foreign musicians and enthusiasts alike.

Outline

Location	6-5 Kioicho, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 102-0094 Tel: 03-5276-4500
Building outline	Site: 3,120m ² Total floor area: 12,626m ² 7 stories and two basements
Accommodation	Kioi Hall 800 seats Full-scale hall for exclusive use for classical music Kioi Small Hall 250 seats Small-scale hall for Japanese traditional music
Opening	April 2, 1995
Ticket center	Tel: 03-3237-0061
Website	http://www.kioi-hall.or.jp

▪ Kioi Sinfonietta Tokyo

Kioi Sinfonietta Tokyo was created as the resident chamber orchestra of Kioi Hall on April 2, 1995 to coincide with the opening of Kioi hall. Its 46 members are all world-class soloists and chamber musicians. Characteristically, they often rehearse in the hall to develop the full potential of both hall and orchestra and to refine the resident orchestra's innovative sound.

Kioi Sinfonietta Tokyo has presented concerts in many cities outside of Tokyo. They have also carried out overseas concert tours in Europe and Korea. In 2012, the Orchestra made its first tour to America to celebrate the Japan - U.S. Cherry Blossom Centennial and to show appreciation to the United States for their support to the Tohoku Earthquake.

▪ Nippon Steel Music Awards

Nippon Steel Music Awards are presented once a year to promising young classical music performers and to those who have made contributions to the development of classical music. The awards were established in 1990.

Years (Times)	Promising New Artist Prize (¥3 million)		Special Prize (¥1 million)	
1st 1990	Akiko Suwanai	Violin	Miwako Matsumoto	Soprano
2nd 1991	Yoko Hasegawa	Cello	Takao Miyazaki	Stage manager
3rd 1992	Joji Hattori	Violin	Kiyoko Tanaka	Piano
4th 1993	Kyoko Tabe	Piano	Kaoru Chiba	Horn
5th 1994	Tetsuji Honna	Conductor	Eiko Morishima	Piano, Korrepetitor (opera singer's rehearsal pianist)
6th 1995	Emiko Suga	Soprano	Naoyuki Miura	Representative, Music from Japan
7th 1996	Yoshiko Kawamoto	Viola	Akihiro Tsuruta	Piano tuner
8th 1997	Daishin Kashimoto	Violin	Takashi Ogawa	Research on music materials and documents
9th 1998	Yukio Yokoyama	Piano	Saneyuki Yoshii	Secretary-General, Sendai Philharmonic Orchestra
10th 1999	Mieko Sato	Soprano	Jun Taki	Arts Manager
11th 2000	Dai Kimura	Guitar	Minoru Nagata	Acoustic designer
12th 2001	Ayako Takagi	Flute	Kyoko Ito	Producer of music festival Argerich's Meeting Point in Beppu
13th 2002	Yu Kosuge	Piano	Norikazu Sugi	Representative, New Opera Production
14th 2003	Akie Amo	Soprano	Hiroshi Isaka	Music Producer
15th 2004	Riyo Uemura	Violin	Masayoshi Kuriyama	Director
16th 2005	Mihoko Kinoshita	Soprano	Juro Aoki	Cello
17th 2006	Tatsuya Shimono	Conductor	Teruhisa Murakami	Piano tuner
18th 2007	Ayako Uehara	Piano	Akira Kinoshita	Photographer
19th 2008	Quartet Excelsior	Quartet	Shigeto Kanayama	Executive Adviser, Tokyo Symphony Orchestra
20th 2009	Hisako Kawamura	Piano	Kenji Aoki	President, Miyazaki Prefectural Arts Center
21st 2010	Kota Nagahara	Violin	Koji Toyoda	Violin, Artistic Director of Talent Education Research Institute Corp.
22nd 2011	Mami Hagiwara	Piano	Mayako Muroi	Piano