



Tsugaru Shamisen Oyama

YUTAKA OYAMA

Profile

Yutaka Oyama is a third generation Tsugaru shamisen player of the Oyama School, and started studying the shamisen at a very early age from his grandfather, the head master of Oyama shamisen school. He won at the National Folkloric Music Association's Tsugaru Shamisen Contest two years in a row in 2001 and 2002.

He formed Tsugaru shamisen duo "OYAMAxNITTA" (2010). He performed as OyamaxNitta at Canegie Hall (JAPAN NYC) on 25th March 2011, and be acclaimed by NY Times. In 2013, Oyama was invited to Mexico to join Festival Internacional Cervantino, the largest art and music festival in Latin America, where he performed as a unit and marked great success.

Oyama ventures out of the bounds of traditional shamisen music, collaborating with Japanese pop artists such as Arashi and Momoiro Clover Z, performing with 25 drones at Sky magic, joining the cast of Macbeth directed by Kyogen actor Mansai Nomura, and also performing in LA FOLLE JOURNÉE, and Fuji Rock Festival 2017.

In addition to live performances, he is also active in recording sounds and music for video games and TV commercials, performing on TV, producing and teaching, and continues to be active in diverse genres of music. Oyama continues his journey to convey the beauty of Tsugaru shamisen and Japanese folk music through carrying on tradition, and through creating new and original interpretations of the Tsugaru shamisen.

Band	Soothe / OYAMA x NITTA / YO / OYAMAKAI SEINENBU / NIPPON NOTE 2.0 / Oyama Yutaka meets Shima Yusuke / TAKiO Band by Takio Ito
Co-star (in random order)	Jay Chou / Momoiro Clover Z / Yamashita Yosuke / Shuichi "Ponta" Murakami / ARASHI / Yoshida Brothers / Mansai Nomura / Fujiwara Dozan / Emi Meyer / Satoshi Takebe / Saito Neko / Hideki Noda / Isso Yukihiro / Shuichi Hidano / Takahashi Getao / Kazumi Watanabe / Kitajima Saburou / Ayako Fuji / Sayuri Ishikawa / Yuriko Futaba / Takio Ito / Chiharu Matsuyama / Takako Matsu / Yoshie Nakano(EGO-WRAPPIN') / Sanae Jonouchi / Keisuke Kuwata / Naoto Inti Raymi / Tatsuya Ishii / SHONAN NO KAZE / etc
Recording	NieR:Automata (Alien Manifestation) / Fate (Ground Oder) / Tokyo Disneyland (Summer Festival 2013) / ARASHI (Japanism) / ARASHI (Untitled [Tsunagu]) / Movie (Mumon The Land of Stealth) / Chiharu Matsuyama (Kita no Utatachi) / Tatsuya Ishii (Hisho-Jump~) / SHONAN NO KAZE (PAN DE MIC) / LOL (sync) / Lead (medalist) / omnibus CD (TSUGARU4) / Okami (Goju no Onchou) / OYAMAKAI (Tsugaru Shamisen practice CD) / etc
Other	Tokyo Jazz Festival 2005 / Jay Chou World Tour 2008 in Japan / Nippon to Asobou 2008 / Suntory Hall Children's Day Concert with Japan Philharmonic Orchestra / World Judo Championships2010 Opening / Momoiro Clover Z Tojinsai 2014, 2015, 2016 / Suntory Hall 25th Anniversary Gala Concert / Tokyo Caravan / ART MIX JAPAN / etc
2000	Russia
2001	Ghana / Morocco
2002	France / Madagascar / Uganda / Qatar
2004	Greece (Herod Atticus Odeum)
2005	Singapore
2006	Ukraine / Lithuania
2008	China [Soothe] (7 cities tour)
2010	USA [OYAMA x NITTA] (NY, TN, GA) China (The Shang Hai Expo) USA [OYAMA x NITTA] (NY, KN, TN)
2011	USA [OYAMA x NITTA] (Japan NYC, Carnegie Zankel Hall, Abrons Art Center in NY) USA [OYAMA x NITTA] (TX) USA [OYAMA x NITTA] (73rd National Folk Festival in Nashville) Costa Rica / Trinidad and Tobago / Dominican Republic [OYAMA x NITTA + Special Members] (Central America Tour) England (St Patrick's Day)
2012	USA [OYAMA x NITTA] (TN, MS, KY) Mexico (Feria de San Marcos) China (40th anniversary of the normalization of diplomatic relations between Japan and China) Mexico [OYAMA x NITTA + Special Members] (Cervantino International Festival)
2013	USA [YO] El Salvador / Cuba / Panama [Oyama Yutaka Hogaku Trio]
2014	USA / Canada [YO]
2015	USA [YO]
2016	Mexico [YO] (Art mix japan in Mexico) Germany [OYAMA x NITTA]
2017	China (7th OCT - LOFT JAZZ FESTIVAL) Mozambique Taiwan [52pro!] (Stage drama SAN NO ITO)
2018	Vietnam [TAKiO Band] China (AMAN YANGYUN Opening Ceremony) China (World Music Festival in Shanghai)