

TAEKO

Jazz Vocalist

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"Taeko is an amazing and exiting songbird from Japan with a great command of her clean voice and keen musicianship to blend jazz and urban soul. She is one of the best of her generation."

- Juanita Fleming, *Jazz & Gospel Singer/Actress*

Private Studies with:

Juanita Fleming – Gospel and Jazz Singer, Actress, Voice Trainer

Marion Cowings - Jazz Singer, Lyricist, Actor,

The first disciple of legendary jazz singer, Jon Hendricks

Sheila Jordan - Jazz Singer

Mark Murphy - Jazz Singer

Barry Harris - Legendary Jazz Pianist

Footsteps:

Taeko, born and raised on the outskirts of Kyoto, Japan, was inspired by her father's and grandfather's traditional Japanese music and has been singing as long as she can remember.

In 1998, Taeko came to New York City with dreams of expanding her singing career and took a strong liking to Jazz. The intense jazz study, coupled with her naturally appealing voice and musical ideas, have earned her performances in some of New York City's best known Jazz and R&B clubs, including Blue Note, Ashford & Simpson's Sugar Bar, Lenox Lounge, and Zinc Bar. Her musical talent is also bought to Japan every spring and fall. Taeko performs with great jazz giants today such as Onaje Allan Gumb, Harry Whitaker, Donald Smith, George Colligan, Kenny Davis, Dwayne Burno, Jim Cammack, Marcus McLaurine, Essiet Essiet, Vic Juris, Yoshiaki Masuo, Mark Johnson, to name a few.

Taeko's most recent CD *One Love* (2007, Flat Nine Records) has been receiving extremely favorable reviews from the jazz critics in the US, Europe and Japan. "What a wonderful gift that has crossed the aquatic separations of Mother Earth to offer her gifts of musical appeal" said Karl Stober at jazzreviews.com.

