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“One of the top Jazz performers in the US and the world.”

- Gino Morati, Artistic Director at Kitano New York

“A truly gifted and talented performer”

-Sal Riggii, Executive Director, Cape May Jazz Festival

TAEKO's Biography

Born and raised on the outskirts of Kyoto, Japan, TAEKO was inspired early on by the traditional Japanese music her father and grandfather played and has been singing as long as she could remember. TAEKO's interest in American music was piqued while still in Japan. Her early influences are various legendary African American singers such as Ella Fitzgerald, Sam Cook, and Aretha Franklin. In 1998, she moved to New York City to dig deeper and follow her dream. Traditional jazz, modern American music, and Eastern music heritage shape her contemporary vocal style to this day. Russ Musto of All About Jazz-New York describes TAEKO as **"A singer of uncommon originality with a voice all her own."**

TAEKO regularly performs in New York City between tour dates. A finalist in the 2008 NYC Jazzmobile Jazz Vocal Competition. she tours Japan twice yearly to perform for her broadening fan base there.

Discography

-As Leader-

Wonderland (2013, Flat Nine Records)

Produced by Mark Ruffin and TaekoFukao

Taeko Fukao – Vocal. Doug Carn –Piano, Lonnie Plaxico – Bass, Victor Jones – Drums Guests: Giacomo Gates – Vocal, Stacy Dillard – Tenor Sax, Kevin McNeal- Guitar

Voice (2010, Flat Nine Records)

One Love (2007, Flat Nine Records)

-Participated in-

Time for Class (2013, Artistfan) by Victor Jones

Performed at

US: Blue Note, New York City
Yoshi's San Francisco, CA
Cape May Jazz Festival, NJ
North East Florida Jazz Festival, FL
United Philadelphia Jazz Festival, PA
Japan Day at Rumsey Playfield, Central Park, NY
Monday Night Concert at Bushnell Park, Hartford, CT
Chickenbone Beach Jazz Series, Atlantic City, NJ
Gainesville Florida Friends of Jazz Concert, Gainesville, FL
The Nighttown. Cleveland, OH
Women in Jazz Festival, Int'l Women in Jazz, Inc, New York City
The Kitano, New York City
Zinc Bar, New York City

Japan: Biwako Jazz Festival (Shiga), Otsu Jazz Festival(Shiga), Okazaki Jazz Street (Aichi)
Akiba Tokyo TUC (Tokyo), Shinjuku J (Tokyo), Satin Doll (Tokyo), Satin Doll (Kobe),
Mister Kelly's (Osaka), Start Eyes(Nagoya), Dolphy (Yokohama). Riverside(Fukuoka)

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