

2011年8月22日 神戸ジャズヴォーカルQueenコンテスト
グランプリ受賞記念ライブ アメリカ合衆国シアトル「ジャズ・アレイ」にて(現地ポスター)

Special Live Event for the Seattle-Kobe Sister City Relationship

The 12th Annual Kobe Jazz Vocal Queen Contest
is proud to present the 2011 winning vocalist in her Seattle debut.



The 2011 Kobe Jazz Vocal Queen

Yuko Kobayashi



- **Date:** Monday, August 22, 2011
- **Show Time:** 7:30 pm (Doors open at 6:00 pm)
- **Place:** Dimitriou's Jazz Alley Restaurant & Nightclub

the West Coast's premiere jazz club 2033 6th Avenue, Seattle, WA 98121

Phone: (206) 441-9729 E-mail: jazzalley@jazzalley.com

- Suggested donation of \$10 adults and \$5 students/seniors supports our sister city jazz exchange
- All ages
- Restaurant opens at 6 pm
- Free secure covered parking available
- All non-smoking establishment
- Dinner and Cocktail reservations required

The City of Kobe is proud to present the best Jazz Vocalist of 2011



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Born in Aizuwakamatsu city, Fukushima Prefecture, Yuko studied music and voice at Koriyama Women's College. After graduation, she started singing in Fukushima, soon became eminent with her stable and colorful vocal technique and warm delivery.

From 2004, Yuko lived in Nashville, TN and Chicago, IL to brush up her English.

There she developed her deep understanding of jazz expression through her live performances at local jazz clubs.

In 2006, Yuko went back to Japan and began singing at jazz clubs in Tokyo.

In 2008 Yuko Kobayashi released her first album Mr. Wonderful.

With her natural, smooth English and articulate style, Yuko is now attracting large audiences in the metropolitan jazz scene.

More information at www.kobayashiyuko.com

"I did it, Dad!" I cried in my mind to my deceased father when I won the Grand Prix at the Kobe Jazz Vocal Queen Contest. At the same time, I was overwhelmed because I could sing for my hometown, Fukushima, and for the people who were severely struck by the great earthquake and tsunami on March 11. Music has power. If my songs reach those people, it can be a help to make them smile and give encouragement or hope.

Singing standard jazz in the U.S. is a challenging task for me.

But I am very much honored to have this wonderful opportunity.

I am sure it will be the great step for my career, too.

Please enjoy my songs at Jazz Alley and share my feelings for home.

---- Yuko