

Profile Kaori Kobayashi



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Saxophonist and flutist

Musical composition and arrangement / producing

Kaori Kobayashi was born in October of 1981 in Kanagawa Prefecture. She grew up in Tokyo and is a graduate of Senzokugakuen Music University's Jazz Course.

She has released eight albums, one Greatest Hits album, one DVD of her live performance, as well as a collection of her own sheet music. She performs at music venues and at jazz festivals all over Japan, and makes appearances on many TV and radio programs. She has also released her CDs and has performed in Taiwan, South Korea, China and Thailand.

She became a household name after her YouTube video "Nothing's Gonna Change My Love for You" gained more than 5 million views and was widely picked up by newspapers and TV.

2005 February: Released her debut album "Solar" from JVC

2011 August: Fan clubs were created in both Thailand and Taiwan. A meet-and-greet she held at a music venue in Taiwan was so crowded many fans could not get inside.

2011 February: Released her self-produced album "SEVENTh", which included works she had composed and arranged herself in Japan, Taiwan, South Korea, Singapore, and Hong Kong.

The album topped the Jazz Charts for two weeks in a row in Taiwan. She also toured around North East Japan, visiting Ishinomaki and other affected sites of the Great East Japan Earthquake of 2011.

2012 January: Received "Most Beautiful Saxophonist in Asia" from the Thailand Sax Society.

2012 November: Held a successful solo concert in Hong Kong's STAR HALL

2013 February: Released the R&B themed "Urban Stream", her eighth studio album in Japan, Taiwan, Hong Kong, and Singapore.

Placed #1 in the Taiwanese Jazz Charts for the third year in a row.

2013 March: Performed at the Java Jazz Festival, the biggest jazz festival in Asia, held in Jakarta, Indonesia.

There, her performance was met with high praise and she made the front page of the local newspaper, alongside musicians such as Basia.

2013 October: Performed at the Taichung Jazz Festival, held in Taichung, Taiwan, and received a standing ovation from a crowd of 60,000.

2014 March: Invited by the Japanese Embassy to the National Cherry Blossom Festival in Washington DC.

The next day, she performed at Blues Alley in front a full audience, her first show in the USA.

2014 May: Released the 9th Self-produced J-pop themed album "SPIRIT" in Japan, Taiwan, Hong Kong, and Singapore.

2015 June: Released the 10th Anniversary album "STORY" in Japan and Asia. which includes 3 music numbers produced by Jamie Odell of the SHAKTAK Family. July perform in SAPPORO CITY JAZZ. September perform in TOKYO JAZZ.

2016 August: Released the 11th album "Melody", covering the well known popular songs.

Kaori is also participating as a sax player in the band of such singers as Shigeru Izumiya and Yukihide Takekawa, the artists representing Japan.

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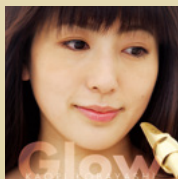
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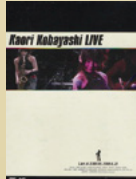
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'05/2/3



2nd Album FINE
'06/3/3



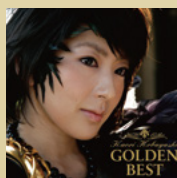
3rd Album GLOW
'07/3/16



LIVE DVD Kaori Kobayashi Live
'06/10/25



4th Album SHINY
'08/6/25



Best Album GOLDEN BEST
'09/3/4



5th Album LUV SAX
'09/12/16



6th Album PRECIOUS
'11/2/23



7th Album SEVENTh
'12/2/1



8th Album Urban Stream
'13/2/20



9th Album SPIRIT
'14/5/21



10th Album STORY
'15/6/24



11th Album MELODY
'16/8/24