

Event Summary

Japan-US Chorus Festival at Carnegie **~ Let's Extend the Circle of Support to the Future ~**

The 9.11 Circle Wind Memorial Concert, a Non-Profit Organization under 501(c)(3), will celebrate its 10th annual concert titled **“Japan-US Chorus Festival ; Let's Extend the Circle of Support to the Future”**.

The Circle Wind Concert was originally started to commemorate those who lost their lives during 9.11 tragedy, and since 2011 it was added the commemoration of 3.11 victims of the earthquake and tsunami in Japan as well as the support to rebuilding effort from the devastation. It is a milestone of the 10th anniversary this year and the concert enters into a new era to those who still suffer from the unforgettable disasters both in the US and Japan. We will give a special theme to this year's Chorus Festival of passing down the supporting spirits onto next generation who will be learning the healing power of music as well as the supporting power of continuation to be succeeded to the future.

The concert will raise the fund for young people and families among the 911 and 311 victims who are seeking for higher education. Coincidentally, the year 2017 marks the 16th anniversary of 911 incident, and children who were born then are reaching the age of college education. The Great East Japan Earthquake in 2011 also became a considerable obstacle for young victims looking for continuous or higher education. Under the new theme of **“Let's Extend the Circle of Support to the Future”** we now enter into scholarship activities to keep supporting such young people struggling for continuing education.

Performers:

Tohoku University Male Chorus Club and **Tohoku University Mixed Chorus Club** are acclaimed choirs from Sendai, Miyagi, Japan with long history. They will join this concert representing the choral groups who have survived the earthquake/tsunami devastation and are experiencing the difficult period of rebuilding. They may be the ideal candidates of the next generation who will lead the concert's philosophy of “passing down the spirit of support to next generation through the power of music”.

Also, invited is **Coro Dabar** from Coria Del Rio, Spain, where hundreds of Samurai descendants, “Japons” live. In 1613, the first lord of Sendai clan, Masamune Date, dispatched a diplomatic mission to Spain, and some stayed in the region and became the ancestors of “Japons”, who to this date, maintain their surname derived from where they hail from. Japons have been heavily involved in rebuilding programs of 3.11 disaster, through various activities such as visiting Ishinomaki and Sendai, and reading haikus for the people of Ishinomaki in a spirit of goodwill between Japan and Spain.

Alexandria Harmonizers established in 1948, is considered one of the most premiere barbershop style chorus groups in the east coast. This will be the Harmonizer's second participation to a concert sponsored by 9.11 Circle Wind Concert, and they are quite cooperative on charity activities of the NPO. Over 80 members will be performing on the Carnegie stage to entertain audience with their bright and powerful sound and choreography..

Japan Choral Harmony (JCH) “TOMO” , who has been a host for Circle Wind Concert for the

last few years, just returned from its second Spain/Italy goodwill tour, and is ready for its 3rd performance on the atage of Carnegie Stern Auditorium. JCH's sister choir, Circle Wind Boys and Girls Choir has been busy this year as well, participating "Together for 3.11" charity concert in last March, and it will co-host the concert with JCH.

When : September 17, 2017 (Sun)
5:00pm (Doors open 4:30pm)

Where: Carnegie Hall, Stern Auditorium/Perelman Stage
881 Seventh Ave. (57th Street), New York, NY 10016

MC: Kaoriko Kuge

Sponsored by: 9.11 Circle Wind Memorial Concert (NPO)

Co-sponsored by: New York Tohoku University Alumni Association "Shuyukai"

Ticket: \$10

Tickets are available at the box office of Carnegie Hall or can be ordered from CarnegieCharge by phone at 212-247-7800. You may acquire the ticket from the designated website, or members of Shuyukai or Japan Choral Harmony "TOMO".

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