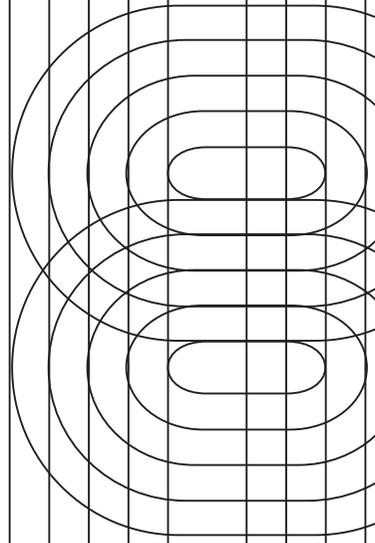
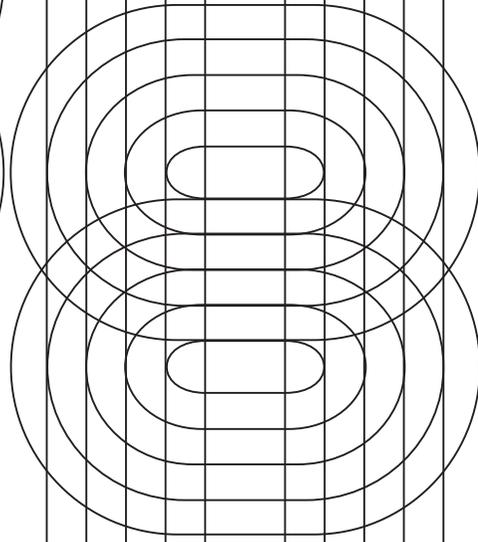
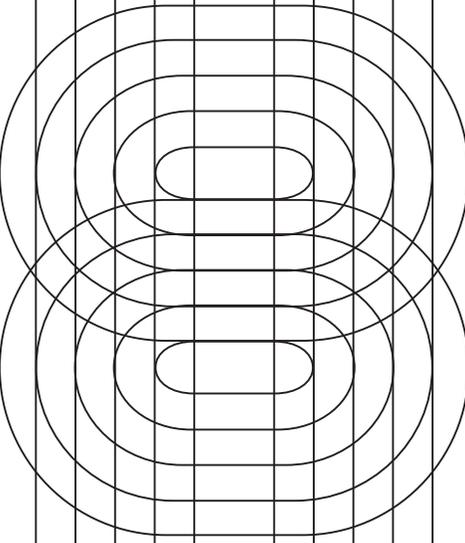
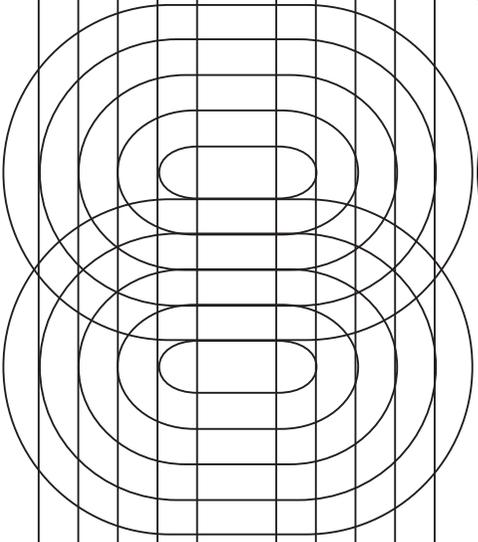
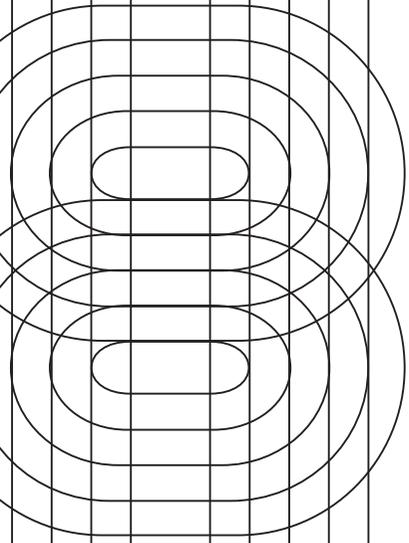
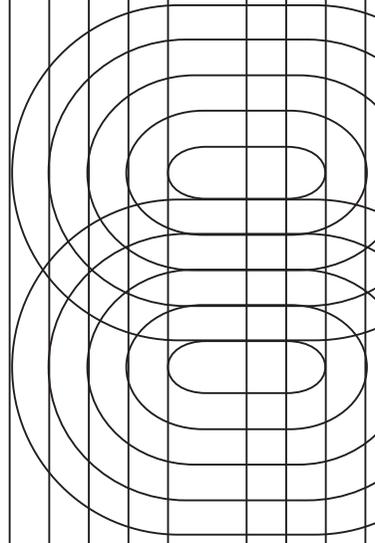
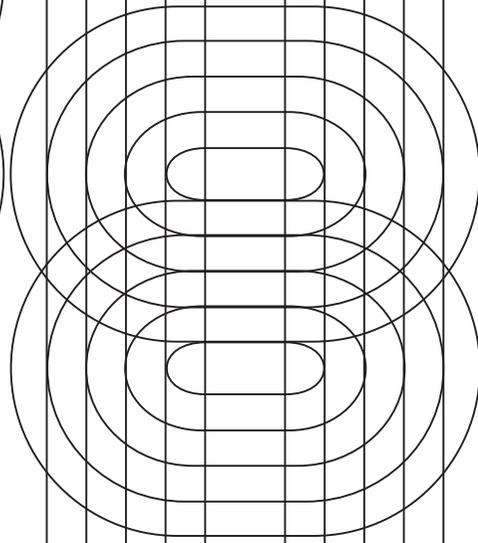
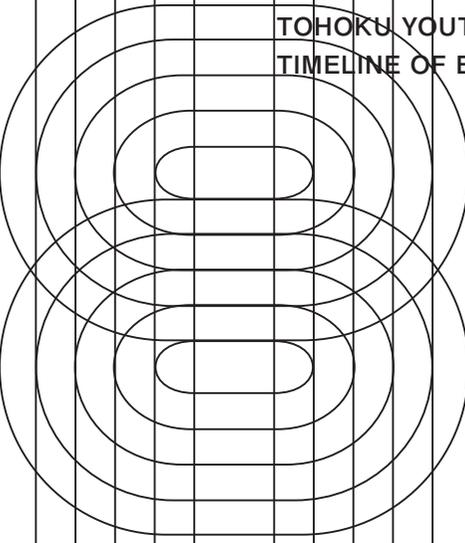
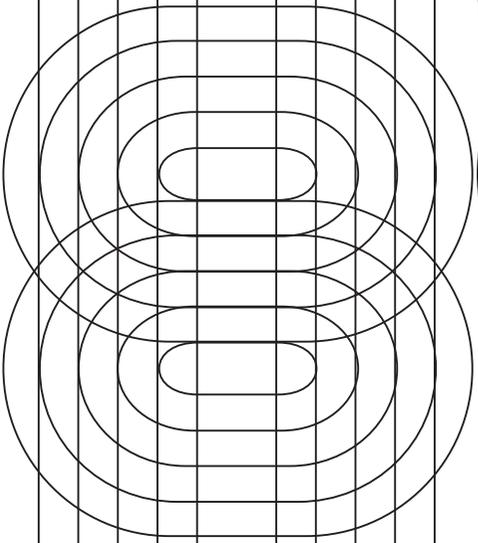
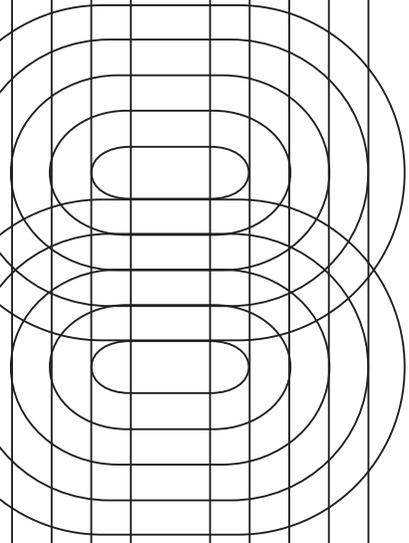


TOHOKU YOUTH ORCHESTRA
TIMELINE OF EVENTS















2011 3.11 14:46
Great East Japan Earthquake

2011.7
Ryuichi Sakamoto spearheads the School Music Revival, an earthquake reconstruction fund established on July 20th, 2011 by the Japan Musical Instruments Association to foster performance opportunities and assist with the inspection, repair, and maintenance of musical instruments at schools (K-12) affected by the 2011 Tohoku disaster. (The fund is provisionally slated to operate for a three-year period through July 2014.)

2013.9
The first group to bear the name "Tohoku Youth Orchestra" is assembled to perform at the Lucerne Festival ARK NOVA Matsushima 2013—an offshoot of the Swiss Lucerne Festival organized to aid the Tohoku region. Under the baton of director Ryuichi Sakamoto, the inaugural ensemble brought together student musicians from the FTV Junior Orchestra, Miyagi Prefectural Tagajo High School, Iwate Prefectural Kuji High School, and elsewhere.

2014.3
In furtherance of the School Music Revival fund, the Tohoku Youth Orchestra is officially established as a general incorporated organization under the stewardship of Representative Director Masato Oshiki (Executive Director of Yamaha Corporation and Director of the Japan Musical Instruments Association). Additionally, three representatives from newspapers in Fukushima, Iwate, and Miyagi prefectures were tapped to serve as Directors of the Tohoku Youth Orchestra in order to spread the word and foster ties throughout the community: Hiroyuki Kawai (Iwate Nippo Executive General Manager), Jun Sato (Kahoku Shimpō Executive General Manager), and Hideyuki Araki (Fukushima Minpo Tokyo Office General Manager).

2011

2012

2013

2014



2015.6
The TYO's activities kick-off in earnest with an open call for applicants that yields an ensemble of over 100 student musicians from Iwate, Miyagi, and Fukushima prefectures, ages ranging from fourth year of elementary school to university senior. Following an orientation session in July, the full orchestra begins meeting for once-a-month rehearsals at Tachibana High School in Fukushima.

2015.8
Students travel to Miyakojima in Okinawa for a summer music camp organized in cooperation with the Miyakojima Junior Orchestra and the Miyakojima Tourist Association. The Tohoku Youth Orchestra also makes a guest appearance at the Miyakojima Youth International Music Festival.

2016.3
"Tohoku Youth Orchestra: The 1st Concert" held at Tokyo Opera City Concert Hall.

2016.7
New member recruitment and orientation. The full orchestra continues to meet for once-a-month rehearsals.

2016.8
Summer music camp held in Sapporo, in cooperation with Hokkaido University.



2017.3
"Tohoku Youth Orchestra Concert 2017" held at Tokyo Opera City Concert Hall and Kenshin Cultural Center in Koriyama.

2017.8
Summer music camp held in Ishigaki, Okinawa.

2015

2016

2017

2015.6.9 1st Season Member Recruitment
2015.8.17-21 Summer Camp/Miyakojima, Okinawa
2015.9.23 1st Joint Rehearsal/
Tachibana High School, Fukushima
2015.10.12 2nd Joint Rehearsal/
Tachibana High School, Fukushima
2015.11.3 3rd Joint Rehearsal/
Tachibana High School, Fukushima
2015.12.23 4th Joint Rehearsal/
Tachibana High School, Fukushima

2016.1.10 5th Joint Rehearsal/
Fukushima Prefectural Culture Center
2016.2.27 6th Joint Rehearsal/Paruse Iizaka
2016.3.13 Volunteer Activities/
Mangokuura Temporary Housing
2016.3.23-25 Reinforcement Camp/RESOL NO MORI
2016.3.26 Tohoku Youth Orchestra Concert/
Tokyo Opera City
2016.7.5 2nd Season Member Recruitment
2016.7.10 Volunteer Activities/
Koriyama City Central Library
2016.8.17-20 Summer Camp/Sapporo, Hokkaido
2016.9.18 1st Joint Rehearsal/
Fukushima Prefectural Culture Center
2016.10.1 Volunteer Activities/
Koriyama Elderly Housing Nanohana
2016.10.2 2nd Joint Rehearsal/
Tachibana High School, Fukushima
2016.11.12 3rd Joint Rehearsal/
Fukushima Prefectural Culture Center
2016.12.19 Charity Concert/Festival Hall, Osaka
2016.12.21 Montblanc Arts Patronage
Award Ceremony/Daiichi Seimei Hall
2016.12.25-26 4th Joint Rehearsal/Paruse Iizaka

2017.1.14 Volunteer Activities/
Caritas Japan Ishinomaki Base
2017.1.28-29 5th Joint Rehearsal/Date City Furusato Hall
2017.2.4 Volunteer Activities/Iwaki LATOV
2017.2.25-26 6th Joint Rehearsal/Fukushima Public Hall
2017.3.11 Volunteer Activities/Disaster Public Housing,
Minatocho, Ishinomaki
2017.3.12 Charity Concert/Mitsukoshi Sendai
2017.3.22-24 Reinforcement Camp/
Tateyama Yuhikaigan Hotel
2017.3.25 Tohoku Youth Orchestra Concert 2017/
Tokyo Opera City



2018.3
"Tohoku Youth Orchestra Concert 2018" held at Tokyo Opera City Concert Hall and Tokyo Electron Hall Miyagi.

2018.3
Participate in the "Miyagi Repose of Souls" event at Tokyo Electron Hall Miyagi.

2018.8
Summer camp held in Kita-Shiga Kogen, Nagano.

2018.10
Participate in the Tohoku Recovery Fair at the Kasumigaseki Building.

2019.3
Pre-concert camp at the Morioka Civic Cultural Hall.

2019.3
"Tohoku Youth Orchestra Concert 2019" at Tokyo Opera City Concert Hall and Morioka Civic Cultural Hall.

2019.4
Filming at Tokyo Opera City for the TV Asahi "UNTITLED CONCERT" (Daime no nai onga-ku kai) music program.

2018

2017.3.26 Tohoku Youth Orchestra Concert 2017/
Kenshin Cultural Center, Koriyama
2017.4.1 JR East 30th Anniversary Concert/
Tokyo Station
2017.6.16 3rd Season Member Recruitment
2017.8.7-10 Summer Camp/Ishigaki, Okinawa
2017.9.23 1st Joint Rehearsal/Fukushima Minpo Hall
2017.10.28 2nd Joint Rehearsal/Fukushima Minpo Hall
2017.1.1.11 Zenkyoren Award Ceremony/
Surikamitei Ohtori
2017.1.1.19 Volunteer Activities/Iwaki LATOV
2017.11.25 3rd Joint Rehearsal/Date City Furusato Hall
2017.12.2 Volunteer Activities/Disaster Public Housing
Tokura, Minamisanriku
2017.12.23 4th Joint Rehearsal/Fukushima Minpo Hall

2018.1.20-21 5th Joint Rehearsal/Fukushima Minpo Hall
2018.2.10-11 6th Joint Rehearsal/Fukushima Minpo Hall
2018.3.18-20 Reinforcement Camp/Tokyo Opera City
2018.3.21 Tokyo Youth Orchestra Concert 2018/
Tokyo Opera City
2018.3.31 Tokyo Youth Orchestra Concert 2018/
Tokyo Electron Hall Miyagi
2018.5.19 1st Joint Rehearsal/Fukushima Minpo Hall
2018.6.2 Museum Concert/Sukagawa City Museum
2018.6.3 2nd Joint Rehearsal/Fukushima Minpo Hall
2018.6.23 Volunteer Activities/
Minami Sanriku Sun Sun Shopping Village
2018.7.1 3rd Joint Rehearsal/Fukushima Minpo Hall
2018.8.20-23 Summer Camp/Kita-Shiga Kogen, Nagano
2018.8.26 Volunteer Activities/
Nihonbashi Fukushima-kan MIDETTE
2018.9.2 4th Joint Rehearsal/Fukushima Minpo Hall
2018.10.7 5th Joint Rehearsal/Fukushima Minpo Hall
2018.10.16 Volunteer Activities/Tohoku Recovery Fair
(Kasumigaseki Building)
2018.11.4 6th Joint Rehearsal/Fukushima Minpo Hall
2018.11.24 Volunteer Activities/
Minami Sanriku Sun Sun Shopping Village
2018.12.23 7th Joint Rehearsal/Fukushima Minpo Hall

2019

2019.1.19-20 8th Joint Rehearsal/Fukushima Minpo Hall
2019.2.3 Volunteer Activities/
Yaha Park, Yahaba, Iwate
2019.2.10 Volunteer Activities/Futago Higashi
Community Center Ishinomaki, Miyagi
2019.2.16-17 9th Joint Rehearsal & PTA Meeting/
Fukushima Minpo Hall
2019.2.23 Volunteer Activities/
Koriyama Odagaisama Center
2019.3.27-29 Pre-Concert Camp/
Morioka Civic Cultural Hall
2019.3.30 Tohoku Youth Orchestra Concert 2019/
Morioka Civic Cultural Hall
2019.3.31 Tohoku Youth Orchestra Concert 2019/
Tokyo Opera City Concert Hall
Takemitsu Memorial

2019.5
5th season kick-off.

2019.6
Performance at the Toyo Eiwa Jogakuin
University 30th anniversary ceremony.

2019.8
Performance at the 2019 Sanriku Disaster Risk
Reduction & Reconstruction Project closing
ceremony ㊦ at Yume Arena Takata.

2019.8
Summer camp in Kawaguchiko, Yamanashi.

2019.8
Radio appearance at the Shibuya Disaster Pre-
vention Drill (Shibuya Bosai Fes 2019) in Yoyogi
Park.

2019.10
Selected for a grant from the Ministry of Cultur-
al Affairs Innovation Project.

2019.11
Awarded the 59th Kurushima Takehiko Culture
Prize.

2019.12
Awarded the 59th Kurushima Takehiko Culture
Prize.

2019.12
Tsunagaru Choir created with vocalists from
10 prefectures to participate in the year-end
rendition of Beethoven's Symphony No. 9.

2019.12
Performance at Kumamoto-jo Hall opening
ceremony.

2020.3
Tohoku Youth Orchestra Concert 2020 canceled
due to COVID-19.

2020.3
First virtual graduation ceremony held amid
pandemic.

2020.10
6th season kick-off.

2020.12
Tohoku Youth Orchestra Concert 2021 post-
poned indefinitely due to COVID-19.

2019.4.1 TV Recording: TV Asahi
"UNTITLED CONCERT"/
Tokyo Opera City Concert Hall
Takemitsu Memorial
2019.5.19 1st Joint Rehearsal/Fukushima Minpo Hall
2019.6.16 2nd Joint Rehearsal/Fukushima Minpo Hall
2019.6.29 Toyo Eiwa Jogakuin University
30th Anniversary
2019.7.28 3rd Joint Rehearsal/Fukushima Minpo Hall
2019.8.7 2019 Sanriku Disaster Risk Reduction &
Reconstruction Project Closing Ceremony/
Yume Arena Takata, Rikuzentakata, Iwate
2019.8.8-12 Summer Camp/
Kagawaguchiko, Yamanashi
2019.8.31 Shibuya Disaster Prevention Drill
(Shibuya Bosai Fes 2019)/Yoyogi Park
2019.9.15 4th Joint Rehearsal/Fukushima Minpo Hall
2019.10.6 5th Joint Rehearsal/Fukushima Minpo Hall
2019.10.14 UNIQLO LifeWear Day Tokyo
Opening Ceremony (Ariake Coliseum)
2019.10.19 Volunteer Activities/
Koriyama Odagaisama Center
2019.11.12 Named an "Innovation Project"
by the Ministry of Cultural Affairs
2019.11.16 Volunteer Activities/
Caritas Japan Ishinomaki Base
2019.11.23 6th Joint Rehearsal/Fukushima Minpo Hall
2019.12.4 59th Kurushima Takehiko Culture Prize
2019.12.22 7th Joint Rehearsal/Fukushima Minpo Hall
2019.12.23 Tsunagaru Choir Rehearsals Begin
2019.12.25 Volunteer Activities/
Kumamoto-jo Hall Opening Ceremony



2020

2020.1.5 Volunteer Activities/Horaiya Koriyama
General Gymnasium, Fukushima
2020.1.18-19 8th Joint Rehearsal/Fukushima Minpo Hall
2020.2.15-16 9th Joint Rehearsal/Fukushima Minpo Hall
2020.2.23 Volunteer Activities/Hamanasu Cafe
Nagatsura, Ishinomaki, Miyagi
2020.3.27-29 (Canceled)
Tohoku Youth Orchestra Concert 2020
2020.3.29 5th Season Virtual Graduation Ceremony
2020.10.24 1st Joint Rehearsal/Fukushima Minpo Hall
2020.12.25 Tohoku Youth Orchestra Concert 2021
Postponed Indefinitely
2020.12.28 TYO Book Published
by Froebel-Kan Co., Ltd.

2020.12
Let the Sound of Hope Ring: Envisioning a More Harmonious Future with the Tohoku Youth Orchestra (Hibike, kibo no oto: Tohoku yusu okesutora kara tsunagaru mirai) published by Froebel-Kan Co., Ltd.

2021.3
Book launch event at Sanyodo bookstore in Tokyo

2021.3
Book launch event at Yamano Music Sendai.

2021.3
Virtual graduation ceremony for 6th season students.

2021.7
7th season kick-off.

2021.10
Performance at Keio Mita-kai Homecoming Day in Yokohama.



2022.3
Pre-concert camp in Morioka, Iwate Prefecture.

2022.3
Tohoku Youth Orchestra Concert 2022 at Morioka Civic Cultural Hall and Suntory Hall. ※Miyagi and Fukushima concerts canceled due to the March 16 earthquake.

2022.8
8th Season Kick-off.

2022.11
Performance at Seawall Museum Ogatsu opening ceremony in Ishinomaki.

2021

2021.3.1-13 Exhibition to Commemorate TYO Book Publication/Sanyodo Bookstore and Yamano Music Sendai

2021.3.5-9.11 Socially-Distanced Performance/Sanyodo Bookstore

2021.3.8 TYO String Quartet Mini Concert/Yamano Music Sendai

2021.3.11 Dai Fujikura: "Longing from Afar (Tohoku Youth Orchestra)"/Release of Zoom Tele-performance Video

2021.3.28 6th Season Virtual Graduation Ceremony

2021.7.11 1st Joint Rehearsal/Paruse Iizaka

2021.8.8 (Canceled) 2nd Joint Rehearsal/Fukushima Minpo Hall

2021.9.12 (Canceled) 3rd Joint Rehearsal/Fukushima Minpo Hall

2021.9.19 (Canceled) 4th Joint Rehearsal/Fukushima Minpo Hall

2021.10.3 5th Joint Rehearsal/Fukushima Minpo Hall

2021.10.19 6th Joint Rehearsal/Fukushima Minpo Hall

2021.10.26 Keio Mita-kai Homecoming Day/Keio University Hiyoshi Campus Fujiwara Hiroshi Hall

2021.11.7 7th Joint Rehearsal/Fukushima Minpo Hall

2021.12.5 8th Joint Rehearsal/Fukushima Minpo Hall

2021.12.26 9th Joint Rehearsal/Fukushima Minpo Hall

2022

2022.1.29-30 (Canceled) 10th Joint Rehearsal/Fukushima Minpo Hall

2022.2.19-20 11th Joint Rehearsal/Surikamitei Ohtori

2022.2.26-27 12th Joint Rehearsal/Surikamitei Ohtori

2022.8.21 1st Joint Rehearsal/Fukushima Aoz

2022.9.23 2nd Joint Rehearsal/Fukushima Minpo Hall

2022.10.22 3rd Joint Rehearsal/Fukushima Minpo Hall

2022.10.30 4th Joint Rehearsal/Fukushima Minpo Hall

2022.11.19-20 5th Joint Rehearsal/Fukushima Minpo Hall

2022.11.26 Seawall Museum Ogatsu Opening Ceremony

2022.12.11 6th Joint Rehearsal/Fukushima Minpo Hall

2022.12.24-25 7th Joint Rehearsal/Fukushima Minpo Hall

2023.3
Pre-concert camp at Denen Hall in Iwate.

2023.3
Tohoku Youth Orchestra Concert 2023 at Morioka Civic Cultural Hall, Kenshin Cultural Center (Koriyama), Natori Performing Arts Center, and Tokyo Opera City.

2023.3.28
Ryuichi Sakamoto passes away aged 71.

2023.5
TYO String Quartet performance at Takashimaya Nihombashi as part of La Folle Journée Tokyo 2023

2024.3
Performance at Great East Japan Earthquake Charity Concert in MUZA Kawasaki Symphony Hall

2024.3
Pre-concert camp in Morioka

2024.3
Ryuichi Sakamoto Memorial Tohoku Youth Orchestra Concert 2024 at Morioka Civic Cultural Hall, Tokyo Electron Hall Miyagi, Kenshin Cultural Center (Koriyama), and Suntory Hall (Tokyo)

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2023

2023.1.21-22 8th Joint Rehearsal/Fukushima Minpo Hall

2023.2.19 9th Joint Rehearsal/Fukushima Minpo Hall

2023.3.11-12 Volunteer Activities/Okawa Community Center, Fukuji, Ishinomaki

2023.7.2 1st Joint Rehearsal/Fukushima Seibu Labor Training Center

2023.8.26 2nd Joint Rehearsal/Fukushima Minpo Hall

2023.9.16 3rd Joint Rehearsal/Fukushima Seibu Labor Training Center

2023.9.30 Volunteer Activities/Sendai Classical Music Festival Subway Concert

2023.10.8 4th Joint Rehearsal/Fukushima Minpo Hall

2023.10.22 Volunteer Activities/Music, Art, and Crafts Festival (Fukushima)

2023.11.11 5th Joint Rehearsal/Fukushima Minpo Hall

2023.12.24 6th Joint Rehearsal/Fukushima Minpo Hall

2024

2024.1.27-28 7th Joint Rehearsal/Fukushima Minpo Hall

2024.2.3-4 Volunteer Activities/Kesennuma

2024.2.23-24 8th Joint Rehearsal/Fukushima Minpo Hall

2024.3.11 Great East Japan Earthquake Charity Concert/MUZA Kawasaki

