The 25th Microconcert

- The Social Event of MOC2025 -

October 13 (Monday), 17:30~18:30⁺

The Sub-Hall of Light Cube Utsunomiya 3F, Utsunomiya-city, Japan

Performed by Machida Philharmony Baroque Ensemble (MPB)

The registered members and accompanied persons can freely join. The invited local people are also welcome to this concert.

Concert Program

- 1) Benedetto Marcello: "Introduction, Aria and Presto"
- 2) Georg Philipp Telemann: "Don Quixote Suite"
- 3) Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart: "Laudate Dominum"
 - Vocal: Prof. Hirochika Nakajima
- 4) Arcangelo Corelli: "Christmas Concerto" Op.6-8
- 5) Edvard Grieg: "From Holberg's Time"



After the Concert 2024 at Potpourri Hall, Tokyo

Machida Philharmony Baroque Ensemble (MPB)

Machida Philharmony Baroque Ensemble (MPB) is a community string orchestra located at Machida-city, Tokyo. This Ensemble headed by Prof. Kenichi Iga was founded in 1990 and has been performing the Microconcert as the social event of Microoptics Conferences for more than 30 years.

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Now, a recorded video can be seen from the following URL: https://www.comemoc.com/moc2025/concert2025.html

Members on Stage

Chair: Prof. Kenichi Iga (Honorary Conference Chair)

Solo Concertmaster & Coach: Takako Yoshii Secretary & Stage Manager: Akio Yoshii

Violin: Takako Yoshii, Kaeko Fujii, Tomoko Iga,

Shoko Suzuki, Mizuho Okada,

Mizue Hoshi, Yoshikazu Karasawa, Michiko Hoshijima, Akiko Maehara,

Mariko Furuta, Ryoko Narita

Viola: Yoko Miyazaki, Reiko Araki, Masako Eguchi

Violoncello: Masamichi Ishikawa, Taro Yamamizu,

Sonoko Sato

Contrabass: Kenichi Iga, Shigeyuki Narusawa

Cembalo: Naomi Hanzawa



Chair: Prof. Kenichi Iga

Program

1. Benedetto Marcello (1686-1739)

"Introduction, Aria and Presto"

Benedetto, a member of the Venetian nobility, entered politics as a lawyer and left behind many works. The piece to be performed this time is an arrangement of Harpsichord Sonata No. 7 by the Italian violinist Ettore Bonelli for string ensemble.

2. Georg Philipp Telemann (1681-1767)

"Don Quixote Suite"

The familiar characters from Cervantes' novels are brightly depicted with a light touch. When Telemann was the music director of the city of Frankfurt, it was written for a concert by the Civic Orchestra.

1st Movement The beginning of the story (Overture)

2nd Movement Don Quixote's awakening

3rd Movement Kill the windmill

4th Movement Unrequited love for Princess Durcinea

5th Movement Sancho Panza is teased

6th Movement Gallop of his beloved horse Rocinante

7th Movement Sancho Panza's goofy donkey / (again) Rocinante's gallop

8th Movement Don Quixote's good night

3. Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791)

"Laudate Dominum"

The music is one of Mozart's sacred compositions, often sung as a hymn during Christian worship. Its full name, Laudate Dominum omnes gentes, translates from Latin as "Praise the Lord, all you nations."



Vocal: H. Nakajima

4. Arcangelo Corelli (1653-1713) Concerto Grosso Op.6-8 "Christmas Concerto"

Corelli's works are characterized by the beautiful lines of melodies and the careful handling of the accompaniment parts, making them the most often performed works. As Corelli himself writes, "I composed it for Nativity Night," the music was performed during Christmas Mass. In the final movement, a pastoral is added to symbolize the atmosphere of Christmas night.

1st Movement Vivace - Grave

2nd Movement Allegro

3rd Movement Adagio - Allegro - Adagio

4th Movement Vivace 5th Movement Allegro

6th Movement Pastoral (Largo)

5. Edvard Grieg (1843-1907)

"From Holberg's Time"

Holberg is a writer representing Norway, who is called the father of Norwegian literature. Grieg was commissioned to compose the music for the 200th anniversary of his birth. It became an elegant baroque tune that reflected the art and culture centered on the court at the time. It was originally composed for piano but is more often played in string ensembles.

1st Movement Prelude

2nd Movement Sarabande

3rd Movement Gavotte and Musette

4th Movement Aria

5th Movement Rigadoon





Violin Solo: Takako Yoshii



Violin Solo: Yoshikazu Karasawa



Violoncello Solo: Masamichi Ishikawa



Violin Solo: Mizue Hoshi



Cembalo Solo: Naomi Hanzawa