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Nomination Letter

To the International Federation for Choral Music (IFCM),

On behalf of the Japan Choral Association (JCA), I am honored to officially nominate **Ms. Tomoko Yokoyama** for the upcoming election of the IFCM Board of Directors.

Ms. Yokoyama is a valued member of the JCA International Committee and has contributed significantly to choral music and international exchange. We are confident that her expertise, dedication, and deep understanding of the choral community will make her an excellent asset to the IFCM Board.

Japan Choral Association
President, Saeko Hasegawa

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Tomoko Yokoyama

Conference Interpreter | Choral Singer | Business Communication Specialist

SUMMARY

Dedicated member of International Committee, Japan Choral Association (JCA) and Editorial Board of International Choral Magazine, actively involved in international exchanges, communication and advancement of choral activities, based on professional skills as a conference interpreter and business communication specialist, with first-hand experience/knowledge as a choral singer over 40 years. Passionate about enhancing and creating international exchanges especially for young choral musicians.

EXPERIENCE WITH JCA

Member of International Committee, 2020 – present

- Proposed and leading JCA's "[Benefits of Chorus](#)" Campaign, March 2026-
- Proposed and started project to promote Japanese choral works to the world, 2025-
- Write articles of international topics for JCA's quarterly magazine
- Provide language support to JCA secretariat

Interpreter for international musicians at JCA events, 2009 - present

- JCA Chorus Workshop (Bob Chilcott, 2009 / Gunnar Eriksson, 2013 / Nigel Short, 2017)
- JCA Choral Conducting Masterclass (Cecilia Rydinger, 2010)
- JCA Kodomo (Children) Chorus Festival (Sanna Valvanne, 2010 / Zimfira Poloz, 2011)
- JCA National Choral Competition, 2017- present (László Nemes / André van der Merwe / Ivo Antonini / Frieder Bernius / Zimfira Poloz / Avip Priatna / Kathy Fok / Morten Schuldt-Jensen / Jan Schumacher / Burak Onur Erdem / Pawasut Piriyaongrat / Daniel Mestre i Dalmau / Elise Bradley / Ēriks Ešenvalds)

EXPERIENCE WITH IFCM

Editorial Board of International Choral Magazine, 2022 –

- Coordinated/translated interview with Takatomi Nobunaga (Composer), April 2023
- Interview with Masaaki Suzuki (Conductor), January 2024
- Moderated roundtable session at WSCM Istanbul 2023

Presenter at WSCM Istanbul 2023

- Proposed/coordinated the content with JCA International Committee
- Prepared presentation materials in collaboration with JCA secretariat
- Re-recorded the presentation after WSCM for sharing on [JCA's YouTube page](#)

Volunteer Staff at WSCM 2005 Kyoto

- Assisted and assisted international choirs/presenters

OTHER INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGES

Batavia Madrigal Singers Japan Tour, 2024 / 2026

- Coordinated between BMS and the event organizer
- Recruited major Japanese choirs to perform at joint concerts

International Peace Day Concert, 2023

- Planned and coordinated a concert and online broadcast with 3 Japanese choirs and the host organization in Switzerland

Interpretation/Coordination at non-JCA choral events

- Fukushima Vocal Ensemble Competition, 2012- present
- RIAS Kammerchor Workshop, 2024
- Swedish Youth Choir Japan tour, 2024
- Workshop/Masterclass by Brady Allred, 2015
- Eric Whitacre Workshop by JCDA (Japan Choral Directors Association), 2011

CHORAL SINGING EXPERIENCE

Choir Yuka (Tokyo), 2025 - present

Mixed choir. Approx. 35 singers. Conductor: Hiroki Fujii

Sonus Anima (Yamanashi), 2019-2025

Mixed choir. Approx. 20 singers. Conductor: Hiroki Fujii

Ensemble Sharon (Chiba), 1991-2018

Mixed Choir. Approx. 20 singers. Conductor: Kiichi Itsuji

Tokyo University of Foreign Studies Mixed Choir (Tokyo), 1991-1995

Mixed Choir. Approx. 30 singers. Conductor: Shigeo Suzuki. Also served as student conductor.

Chiba Higashi High School Choir (Chiba), 1988-1991

Mixed choir. Approx. 90 singers. Conductor: Kiichi Itsuji

Chiba Boys and Girls Choir (Chiba), 1983-1988

Children's Choir. Approx. 70 singers. Conductor: Hiroshi Shishikura

Joined international tour to Malaysia and Thailand, 1987