

Pianist Takahiro Akiba's Concert in Armenia

From September 25 to 27, concerts by Japanese pianist Takahiro Akiba, who visited Armenia to participate in Komitas (Armenia's greatest national composer) Music Festival, were held in Yerevan.

Mr. Akiba won the 1st Prize in the Komitas International Music Competition in 2013, and has continued to promote Komitas works in Japan as a President of the Komitas Music Society of Japan.

The concerts, which were held at the three venues in Yerevan were all very successful, especially in the solo concert at the Concert Hall of the Komitas Museum-Institute, where encore were performed many times in response to the audience's unstoppable applause. Many Armenian audiences praised Akiba's deep understanding and empathy for Komitas music.



Mr. Akiba's performance with the violinist Mr. Shahgaldyan at the concert dedicated to the 100th anniversary of G.V. Sarajyan at the House-Museum of Aram Khachaturyan



Mr. Akiba with the co-stars of the concert dedicated to the 100th anniversary of G.V. Sarajyan (from left: Mr. Akiba, Soprano singer Ms. Movsesyan, Professor of Yerevan State Conservatory Ms. Nersesyan, and Mr. Shahgaldyan)



Mr. Akiba and composer Mr. Mansuryan after the opening concert at Yerevan Opera Theatre



Ambassador Yamada's speech at the Concert Hall of the Komitas Museum-Institute (in Armenian)



Greeting speech by the Director of the Komitas Museum-Institute Mr. Kostandyan



Mr. Akiba`s solo performance at the Concert Hall of the Komitas Museum-Institute



Ambassador Yamada handing flower bouquet to Mr. Akiba after the performance



Mr. Akiba with the Yerevan State Conservatory Professors