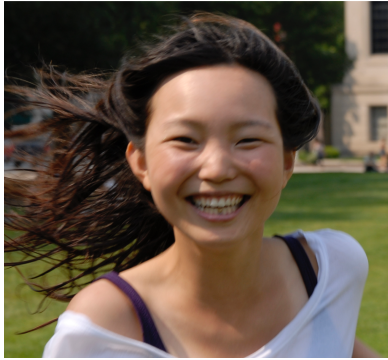


Utako Toyama



Utako Toyama is a Japanese singer songwriter and the bandleader of SkyBridge. She has worked as a backing vocalist for a lot of major artists in Japan and performed at well known events such as opening ceremony of 2007 World Championships in Athletics, and as a choir director for several music programs at NHK (Japan's public broadcasting organization), which was broadcast during the new year season to an audience of more than

fourteen million three hundred fifty thousand viewers.

She got accepted to Berklee College of Music with scholarship in 2011. At her first semester, she got chosen and performed one of her composition at 9.11-memorial concert at Berklee Performance center even her song was completely in Japanese when she submitted the song. By making friends from all over the world through music, she realized about university and diversity of humanity and music. She then started a project band, SkyBridge under the slogan of "We look different, we ALL smile the same". SkyBridge became of the representative band at Berklee and performed at welcoming concert for new students. Even though they never submitted their work, their music video and activity caught eyes of one of the judge and they received artistry award at Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration, the event that India. Arie performed a few years later.

She graduated from Contemporary Writing and Production major in 2014. In 2015, she became the first Japanese songwriter who received a finalist award at John Lesson Songwriting contest. In 2017, She received Bronze prize at another songwriting contest, Songstar.

She has been performing at big events such as Women Music Network concert at BPC as the special Alumna, concert at Boston consul general's house, Hard Rock Café, Boston Japan Festival, Harvard university, MIT and to open the conference "Next 4 years" where more than 300 organization participated. She performed with so many amazing musicians such as Grammy awarded drummer, Mark Walker and Grammy awarded Bassist, Victor Wooten. Her passion is to spread the message of SkyBridge internationally and had workshops and performances in Uganda and Kenya last year. This year, she is going to perform and tour Japan, Croatia and England.



Performing as a special guest Alumna at Berklee Performance Center (Picture on the left)
Recording session with Mark Walker (Picture on the right)



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Performing with Victor Wooten in Kenya as SkyBridge