

## INTRODUCTION OF MUSICIANS' UNION OF JAPAN

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### **Outline of Musicians' Union of Japan:**

The Musicians' Union of Japan was formed as a craft union in October, 1983, when the Japan Players' association and the Japan Musicians' Labor Union merged. We, the Union with legal personality, have conducted activities to improve the musician's status and promote music culture for 25 years including years of activities before the merger.

The Union's main activity is to establish the amount of guarantee with NHK(Japan's public broadcasting organization), private TV and radio companies, and phonogram producers' association. The Union has also made great progress in improving the working conditions of orchestra member.

Recently the Union has committed to increase the secondary use fee of commercial phonograms.

In cooperation with the nonpartisan Diet Members' Music League, the Union has endeavored to revive Article 30 of the Japanese Copyright Law from the viewpoint of neighboring rights and to establish the Record Rental Law.

In regards to the government's plan for Second National Theater construction and management, the Union made positive proposals to contribute to the nation's cultural policies.

For its members in Japan, the Union is engaged in taking measures to minimize technological unemployment, to promote projects for live music, to establish welfare and mutual aid systems, and to subsidize independent performances.

Among the Union's international activities, the Musicians' Union of Japan is the only one Japanese representative of the Federation of International Musicians (FIM) consisting of 40 organizations of 30 countries. As a permanent member of FIM, we are playing an important role in establishing international conventions and solving international problems.

We are also a member of the Media and Entertainment International (MEI),.

**Nations with Agreement of Friendship:**

United Kingdom, Australia, South Korea, Hungary, etc.

As of May, 1993, talks with the American Federation of Musicians AFM, (220,000 members) is under way.

**Members:** about 6,000 in total

**Classical Music:** about 2,500

Members of almost all Japanese orchestras; conductors; soloists; members or free-lance players for chamber music groups, etc. ; orchestra extras.

**Jazz and Popular Music:** about 2,500

Recording musicians; members of main big bands and groups; solo musicians; free-lance instrumentalists

**Other Genres:** about 800

Composers; arrangers; solo vocalists; musicians for hotels and clubs; educators for music colleges and teachers' colleges; instructors for private music lessons at home or in classroom, etc.

**Miscellaneous:** about 200

Professionals who prepare individual parts from a full score; clerks for orchestras; others in music-related businesses

**Advisors:**

Toshiko AKIYOSHI (jazz pianist, arranger)

Juro Aoki (Cellist)

Takao OKAMURA (opera singer)

Shigeaki SAEGUSA (composer)

Michihiko HAGIWARA (former director of Sogakudo Concert Hall)

Toru Funamura (composer)

Norio MAEDA (composer, arranger)

**Legal Advisor:**

Tokyo Law Firm (30 specialist lawyers)

Taniguchi General Law Firm

**Accounting Counselor:**

Mikio SHIMIZU (certified public accountant and licensed tax accountant)

**Domestic Organizations with which MUJ participates:**

GEIDANKYO (Japan Council of Performers' Organizations)

This consists of 60,000 members of 59 organizations for musicians, actors, dancers, variety artists, etc.

MIC-Unions (Japan Congress of Mass Media Information & Cultural Workers' Unions)

This consists of 100,000 members of 9 unions for newspaper, broadcasting, advertising and music-related companies.

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