

Ise Boys and Girls Choir

The Ise Boys and Girls Choir was established in 1975 by the late Kazou Yagi, founder of the local firm Yagi Cardboard Co., Ltd. After ten years in abeyance, it was restarted by Yoshio Koyama, who held multiple music posts in the high schools of Mie prefecture and started a mixed chorus and girls chorus in the city of Ise. This relaunched choir gathers 31 children from the primary and middle schools of Ise city every Saturday, when the hearty voices of the “Ise kids” ring out.

Since 2008 the choir has been a member of the Mie Prefecture Boys and Girls Chorus Federation. It has performed by special invitation at the Aichi prefecture children’s choral festival, jointly with the Mie Junior Orchestra and Mie Philharmonic Orchestra, appeared in the Saori Yuki and Shoko Yasuda concert held by the Cultural Foundation of Okada and appeared jointly with Keiko Takeshita in the children’s cancer charity concert organized by the Hou no Kai. The choir has also performed jointly with renowned slack-key guitarist Keola Beamer of Hawaii and hula dancers. The choir’s joint appearance with the Nagoya Philharmonic Orchestra on 11 August 2017 at the Ongaku Takkyubin concert organized by Yamato Transport Co., Ltd. garnered a tremendous response.

Within Ise city the choir takes part in regularly scheduled concerts, in civic entertainment festival, international exchange festivals and the like, and also appears in the annual December performance of Beethoven’s 9th symphony at the Ise 9th Concert. The choir also offers courtesy performances as requested by hospitals and welfare facilities in the local community, and interacts with a wide range of generations and conducts performance activities deeply rooted in local society.



Dedication playing at Ise Grand Shrine