

YUKO YOSHIOKA (b.1967 Saitama, Japan) studied at the Musashino Academia Musicae with professors Sazare Fukumoto, Shoichi Yamada, Gerhard Berge, Max Martin-Stein, Erzsébet Tusa and Henriette Puig-Roget and graduated from the academia in 1990. She won 2nd prize at 1st All-Japan French Music Competition in 1992. She has performed in the international music festivals of Klagenfurt, Austria, Verbier, Switzerland and Warsaw, Poland. And she has given solo recitals and performed Concertos of Mozart, Poulenc and Chopin in Japan and Taiwan. In 2005, she visited Urmas Sisask in Jäneda, Estonia and took his special lecture. In the same year, she premiered Starry Sky Cycle "Southern Sky" in Japan with Takahiro Akiba, pianist and Hiromichi Takagi, narration. She launched "Estonian Music project" with Takahiro Akiba and they have continued introducing Estonian music for more than 15 years. In 2011, she released the CD of Urmas Sisask's Starry Sky Cycle "Northern Sky". The performance was featured on Klassika Raadio in Estonia. In 2014, she has performed Sisask's Starry Sky Cycle "Southern Sky" with narration by the author in Eivere International Piano Festival. In 2015, she performed Japan premiere of Sisask's two pieces in the concert "Urmas Sisask - Izumi Tateno and his friends" at Tokyo for Sisask's first visit to Japan. In 2018, she released the second CD of Urmas Sisask's Starry Sky Cycle "Southern Sky". She has continued the concert series (80 times up to now) as a soloist and accompanist at Yatsugatake Concert Hall (Nagano, Japan) since 2005 and has also continued her recital series "Mozart & Chopin" by Pleyel piano in Gunma, Japan since 2015. She has been continuing a concert series of Sisask's "Starry Sky Cycle - For All 88 Constellations" since 2019. In 2020, she performed at the Sisask 60-year-old commemorative concert "JOURNEY TO THE HEART OF THE UNIVERSE" held in Estonia. She performed Sisask's Starry Sky Cycle "Equatorial Sky" at Kuressaare and at Kadriorg in Tallinn, which was broadcast on Klassika Raadio.