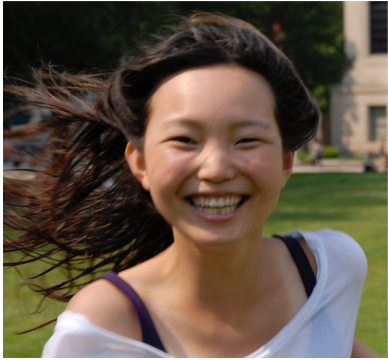


Utako Toyama



Utako Toyama is a multi-award winning composer and the founder of SkyBridge and the Co-Founder of Songs for World Peace.

She got accepted to Berklee College of Music with a scholarship in 2011. By making friends from all over the world through music, she realized about universality and diversity of humanity and music. She then started a global project band, SkyBridge under the slogan of “We look different, we ALL smile the same”. SkyBridge became the representative band at Berklee and even though they never submitted their work, their music video and activity caught the eyes of one of the judges and they received an artistry award at the Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration, the event that India Arie performed a few years later.

After she graduated from Berklee, she received an exceptional talent visa in the US. She became the first and only Japanese songwriter who received multiple finalist awards at John Lesson Songwriting Contest(JLSC) as well as awards at songwriting contests such as SongStar and RAWA songs for social change. She has been performing at big events such as Women Musicians Network concert at Berklee Performance Center as the special Alumna, concert at Boston consul general’s house, Hard Rock Café, Boston Japan Festival, Harvard University, MIT. Her composition was also performed at the conferences hosted by organizations such as Massachusetts Peace Action and Asian Women Health. She received the UK exceptional talent visa and moved to London, the UK in 2019. She co-founded Songs for World Peace in 2020.

She devotes her gifts of leadership and composing to promote diversity, equality and world peace. Her goal is to help to amplify the messages and missions of wonderful organizations by composing for social causes that they focus on.

She has worked in the US, Japan, Kenya, Uganda and Croatia and performed with fantastic musicians from over 47 countries, including Grammy awarded musicians, such as Mark Walker and Victor Wooten as SkyBridge, and worked with musicians from over 90 countries as Songs for World Peace.



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



Boston Japan Festival

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Performing with Victor Wooten in Kenya as SkyBridge