



Announcing... 

The 6th Annual Seattle-Kobe Female Jazz Vocalist Audition

The Seattle-Kobe Sister City Association (SKSCA) is pleased to announce the [6th Annual Seattle-Kobe Female Jazz Vocalist Audition](#). The SKSCA will send **one high school-aged** and **one adult** female jazz vocalist from the greater Seattle area to Kobe, Japan in May 2010 to be a guest singer at the 11th Annual Kobe Jazz Vocal Queen Contest.

Every fall for the last ten years the winner of the Kobe Jazz Vocal Queen Contest -- held in Kobe -- has flown to Seattle to make her US debut at Dimitriou's Jazz Alley. Five years ago, SKSCA began holding a jazz vocalist audition as the reciprocal component of this exchange, and we are now proud to be hosting our sixth jazz audition.

Finalists will be selected by late February and will be invited to give a live audition at [Dimitriou's Jazz Alley](#) on **Monday, March 22, 2010** from **6:30-9:30 p.m.** Family, friends, and community members are encouraged to come and support the finalists. The suggested donation will be \$5.00 for students and \$10.00 for adults with proceeds supporting this and future Seattle-Kobe jazz auditions.

The two winners will be guest vocalists at the 11th Annual Kobe Jazz Vocal Queen Contest held on May 8th, at KAVC Hall in Seattle's sister city, **Kobe, Japan**. (Back-up musicians will be provided.)



Grand Prize Winners will receive:

- 1. Two roundtrip tickets to Kansai International Airport in Osaka** (one for the winner and one for a companion/parent)
- 2. Lodging for 4 nights at the Crown Plaza Shinkobe** (winner and companion in same hotel room)
- 3. Some meals for the 4-day stay in Kobe** (for winner and companion). **Most meals/snacks, souvenirs and additional expenses are the winners' responsibilities.*
- 4. Airport transfers/ground transportation in Kobe.**

Eligibility: Applicants must (1) be a female high school student or adult 18 years or older, (2) reside in the greater Seattle area and (3) able to represent Seattle in Kobe, Japan.

Audition Schedule:

- I. **February 8, 2010:** Submit (by mail) **three copies** of your **application** (**click here to download**) and **three copies** of your **audition tape/CD** for finalist selection to the address shown below. Submissions must be postmarked on or before February 8, 2010 to qualify. (Or, email all to mmaruyama@laurasian.org.)

Seattle-Kobe Female Jazz Vocalist Audition
c/o Ms. Mari Maruyama
The Laurasian Institution
12345 Lake City Way NE 151
Seattle, WA 98125

- II. **March 2, 2010:** **Finalists will be notified** by email.
III. **March 22, 2010:** **Live audition at Jazz Alley** (Mon) 6:30-9:30pm

Guidelines/ Required Preparation:

I. Finalist selection:

- Completed application form
- Tapes/CDs: No longer than 10 minutes with two (or three) jazz tunes of contrasting styles
- Valid passport (must bring passport or copy of passport photo page to event)

II. Live audition:

- Perform two tunes of contrasting jazz styles
- May bring ONE accompanist (pianist, guitarist, etc.)
- Each finalist will have a total of 12 minutes to set-up, perform, and leave the stage.
- Performances will be judged on technical and artistic merit.

III. Grand Prize: Performance in Kobe, Japan

Sponsors for this event include:
Seattle-Kobe Sister City Association
Sankei Travel
Dimitriou's Jazz Alley
Kobe Trade Information Office
Shinkaichi Music Street



For questions or more information contact:
mmaruyama@laurasian.org - (206)-619-1951