

2026 Sakura Chorus Spring Concert Program

You can access the lyrics and the English translation of all the songs at
www.sakurachorus.com/songlyrics or <https://parkviewpc.org/events>

Part I

Because We Have Songs (歌があるから)*

Spring is Somewhere (どこかで春が)

Hazy Spring Moon (おぼろ月夜)

I found a Little Autumn (小さい秋見つけた)

My Home Town (ふるさと)

School of Minnows (めだかの学校)**

When you Wish Upon a Star

Wonderful Friends (すてきな友達)

Red Dragonflies (赤とんぼ) *-sing-along- Please see page 4 for lyrics.*

Put Your Hands Up to the Sun (手のひらを太陽に)

- Intermission (休憩) 15 minutes -

Part II

Japanese Folk Song / "Soranbushi": 民謡 / そうらん節

Soloist: Noriko Meguro

Taiko: Mayumi Hata

Shamisen: Rieko Kotoku (guest)

唄: 目黒典子

太鼓: 畑真由美

三味線: 古德里江子(ゲスト出演)



Rainbow (にじ)

Like a Wildflower (野に咲く花のように)

Fly on the Wings of Song (歌の翼に)

Over the Rainbow

violin solo

The Name of Life (いのちの名前)

alto solo: Keiko Kagami

I Just Kept Walking on a Long Narrow Road (川の流れるように)

A Song from Long Ago (遠い日のうた)

Lift Your Eyes to the Night Sky (見上げてごらん夜の星を)

violin solo, group solo

Praise to Mother Earth (大地讃頌)

Concert Presenters

- **Artistic Director and Conductor:** Haruko Sakakibara / 榊原晴子
(* is her lyrics and composition, and ** is her arrangement)
- **Pianist, Taiko drum and Soprano:** Mayumi Hata / 畑真由美
- **Emcee:** Jonathan Sakakibara
- **Violinist:** Haruki Murata (9th grade student at Folsom High School)

Began Violin at the age of 5. Currently under guidance of Igor Veligan.
Won the 1st Place in 2022 Auburn Symphony Young Artist Competition,
2023 Go for the Gold Competition, 2025 Folsom Lake Symphony Young Artist Competition.
Received first place with honors on the 2025 International Youth Music Competition
Member of the Youth Symphony since 2021, Co-concert Master for Premier Orchestra

- **Members**

Their voice parts are indicated by the alphabet: Soprano / S, Mezzo-Soprano / M, and Alto / A.

Hideko Davis / デービス秀子 (A)

Nami Fong / フォン奈美 (S)

Taeko Houston / ヒューストン妙子 (A)

Izumi Jones / ジョーンズ泉 (S)

Keiko Kagami / 鏡味恵子 (A)

Mizue Kumagai / 熊谷瑞枝 (M and A)

Noriko Meguro / 目黒典子 (S and M)

Keiko Rothfield / ロスフィールド圭子 (S and M)

Yumiko Swann / スワン由美子 (M and A)

Makiko Swartout / スウォートアウト牧子 (M and A)

Atsuko Takeda / 竹田厚子 (S)

Miyo Uchida / 内田三養 (S)

Kazuko Vargas / バーガス和子 (S)

Shiomi Wilson / ウィルソンしおみ (A)

Sachiko Yoshikawa / 吉川祥子 (A)

 ***Guest Performer***

**Rieko Kotoku (古德里江子)

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Rieko presents a wide range of genres of Japanese performing arts including Taiko and Dance. She strives to bring interesting traditional and modern performing arts from Japan to the audience in the United States.

 *Our Appreciation to:*

Tina Harris, Voice Trainer; Director of St. Francis High School Choirs;
member of the Sacramento Master Singers

Parkview Presbyterian Women (Co-sponsor)

Parkview Presbyterian Church (Use of Facilities)

We practice on the 1st and 3rd Sundays from 12:00-2:30 pm at Parkview Presbyterian Church. If you are interested in singing, please contact us at 916-213-9614 or visit <https://www.sakurachorus.com>



Akatonbo Lyrics

Romanized lyrics:



Yuuyake koyake no akatonbo
Owarete mitanowa itsunohika

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Yuuyake koyake no akatonbo
Tomatte iruyo sao no saki

にほんごかし:



ゆうやけこやけの あかとんぼ
おわれてみたのは いつのひか

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