

WAON

WAON is a music group that demonstrates the infinite possibility of fusion, combination and collaboration of sounds from Japan and classical instruments with contemporary electronic sounds.

<Members>

Hironaru Saito(Flute)

Taiko-ist TAKUYA(Taiko)

Takako Ono(Piano/Composition)



Profiles

HIRONARU SAITO

Hironaru studied at Musashino Music College in Tokyo and at colleges for music in Detmold and Nuremberg. He completed his studies in Nuremberg with honors with the master class diploma. He won 1st prize at the 12th International Friedrich Kuhlau Flute Competition in the category of Flute Trio. He performs in various chamber music and orchestral projects in Bavaria. He is a flutist at the premiere performances of the Metropolmusik Nuremberg and publishes CD productions in cooperation with the Bayerischer Rundfunk. In 2021 released a album "Ensemble Lunata JIKU" by Lebel Musica-Gloria.

TAIKO-IST TAKUYA

TAKUYA was born in 1983 in Fukui, Japan. Now, he is based in Munich, Germany since 2011. TAKUYA has been playing the Taiko from the age of three. At the age of 16, he founded a Taiko group called "TENRYU-DAIKO". In July 2002 he won a special prize of the "Viennese World Youth Music Festival" in Vienna. In 2003 he was accepted into his master Eitetsu Hayashi's ensemble called "FUUN-NO-KAI". Since he became a professional player of the Taiko, he has performed on many occasions throughout his career as a world's leading Taiko drummer. In 2011 TAKUYA became a regular member of the German drum group called "Drumaturgia" and he has been on tour with the "World Percussion Ensemble" and Walter Lang in many cities in Europe and in Japan. In the past years, he has visited over 22 countries through his Taiko drumming performances and is currently on tour with 'Power Percussion'. TAKUYA is one of the very few best solo Taiko players in the world, making each of his performances exquisite and unforgettable for everyone.

TAKAKO ONO

Takako completed her first musical education at the "YAMAHA Special Course" for composition and piano. She studied piano at the TOHO-Musikhochschule (Tokyo), Luebeck and Nuremberg (Germany). and she took the master concert exam here. The 3rd prize winner of Pescara International Piano Competition won the Mozartverein Chamber Music Competition. In numerous piano recitals in Japan and Germany, as well as appearances as a soloist with Sinfonica di Pescara and Nuremberg Symphoniker, the pianist proved her musical and artistic talent. One of her works "JIKU timeline" was selected as a repertoire piece for the 19th Friedrich Kuhlau International Flute Competition (2021) In 2021 released two albums "Takako Ono Works JIKU" and "Ensemble Lunata JIKU" by Lebel Musica-Gloria and received a "New Start Project Scholarship" from the German Broadcast Rights Association.