

2019 Vocal Asia Festival

⊙ About Vocal Asia Festival

On the subject of Asian contemporary vocal music, Vocal Asia Festival (VAF) is one of the biggest A Cappella music festivals around the world, including competition, workshops, master classes, forums, open stages and concerts. To exhibit the diversity of Asian music, VAF sets itself as a "moving festival", traveling between different cities around Asia. VAF was held in Taipei (Taiwan), Shenzhen (China), Taoyuan (Taiwan), Gwangju (Korea), Shanghai (China), Taitung (Taiwan), Hong Kong and Hsinchu (Taiwan) from 2011 to 2018.

This year, the festival will be held in Kagawa, Japan from August 9 to August 12. VAF brings singers around Asia together to express and exchange their own specific culture and music experience, and learn from not only the master groups and instructors but also from each other.

⊙ Feature of This Year

- Festival will take place in Takamatsu, Kagawa. A beautiful city located on the Seto Inland Sea.
- VAF will be part of the Setouchi Triennale 2019.
- The legendary vocal group from England, The Swingles will be showing their virtuosic voice, also be giving master classes and coaching sessions for the first time in Asia.
- Gather a variety of well-known musicians to give diversified professional workshops, including Deke Sharon (Father of contemporary A Cappella) and Sangpuy (Taiwanese award-winning aboriginal singer).
- Focus on "Songs for Islands", groups from Japan and Taiwan will express the words and stories of islands with ancient songs and folk music alone with their own voice.
- Groups around Asia and all festival participants will have the opportunity to sing on the beautiful islands to the world.
- The islands, the sea, and the beautiful city will be full of A Cappella music during 2019 Vocal Asia Festival, in Kagawa Japan!

⊙ City & Venue

Takamatsu is a city located in central Kagawa, on the island of Shikoku in Japan. It is a port city, and also acts as hub to access various islands of the Seto Inland Sea. Since 2010, Takamatsu, along with these islands has been host to the Setouchi Triennale, a contemporary art festival with many outdoor exhibitions by prominent artists.

For the first time, A Cappella music will join the Setouchi Triennale, the music will be brought to the islands and the art works.

The festival will be held in Rexam Hall (Kagawa Prefectural Hall), in Takamatsu, a venue with excellent facilities, including a grand concert hall with 2,000 seats, the conference rooms and classrooms to accommodate all other needs of the festival.

⊙ Festival Schedule

	Aug 9 (Fri)	Aug 10 (Sat)	Aug 11 (Sun)	Aug 12 (Mon)	
Morning		Workshop	Workshop	Workshop	
Afternoon	Registration	Workshop	Workshop	Aca Day (Islands of Voice)	Voices of Taiwan
		Education Forum			
Evening	Asian Cup Competition	Songs for the Islands and the New World	Gala Concert & VAF Closing Ceremony	Farewell Party	

- Subject to change. Please visit <http://vaf.vocalasia.com/> for updates.

⊙ Workshop Instructors

The Swingles (UK)	Deke Sharon (USA)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Legendary 5-time Grammy winning vocal group ● A Vocal Symphony Orchestra ● One of the founding groups of contemporary a cappella 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Father of contemporary A Cappella ● Producer of "The Sing-Off" ● Founder of Contemporary A Cappella Society

<p style="text-align: center;">Jim Daus Hjernøe (DK)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Professor of The Royal Academy of Music Aarhus/Aalborg ● Head of RAMA Vocal Center ● Creator of the concept: "The Intelligent Choir" 	<p style="text-align: center;">Junko Kamei (JP)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Founding member, songwriter and arranger of Takarabune ● Graduate of the Berklee College of Music ● Singer, flautist, songwriter, lyricist, arranger and teacher
<p style="text-align: center;">Kaichiro Kitamura (JP)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Japan's best known vocal percussionist ● World's best jazz specialist in vocal percussion. ● Japanese representative of "Vocal Asia" ● Vocal Percussion of the Idea of North. 	<p style="text-align: center;">Sangpuy Katatepan Mavaliiw (TW)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Awards Winning Taiwanese Aboriginal singer ● Powerful and unique singer ● Known for singing and promoting the ancient tune from his tribe- Pinuyumayan.

- All workshops will be held in English.
- Complete Workshop schedule will be released on **March 25**, Early-Bird workshop selection will begin on **May 15**; regular workshop selection will begin on **May 30**
- Please visit <http://vaf.vocalasia.com/workshop> for more details.

⊙ International A Cappella Education Forum

Pushing music education forward by A Cappella has been one of the most important goals of Vocal Asia. In recent years, the development of A Cappella education is booming enthusiastically in many regions around Asia, and it's time to set up an occasion for Asia A Cappella educators to communicate and discuss with each other.

This year, the Education Forum will be moderated by Mr. Sung-Mo Han, Vocal Asia international education advisor and one of the most experienced A Cappella educators in Asia, and led by a panel of representatives and key developers from different countries to facilitate a lively and interactive discussion, and to find creative possibilities on A Cappella education.

⊙ 2019 Asian Cup A Cappella Competition

In order to develop contemporary A Cappella music and encourage people to refine and share their music, Vocal Asia is organizing the Asian Cup A Cappella competition. We hope to ignite singers' passion through this competition. Plus, aside from receiving the prize of 3,000 USD, the champion will be invited to Shanghai A Cappella Festival in 2020.

- Please check [here](#) for competition regulation.
- Application will be closed on **May 24**.

⊙ Concert

VAF Concert-

Songs for the Islands and the New World / Aug. 10 (Sat.) 18:30

Featuring the famous Taiwanese aboriginal singer- Sangpuy, and some of the best Taiwanese A cappella singers to present the beauty of the voices from Taiwan. Some of the most popular Japanese A Cappella vocal groups will also be joining the concert, bringing their unique music styles and showing the Japanese culture. The concert will be full of folk music from the ocean, the pure vocal sound and the beautiful melody that came from the ancient spirit.

Gala Concert-

The Swingles Concert & VAF Closing Ceremony /Aug. 11 (Sun.) 18:30

Featuring the legendary vocal group from England, The Swingles, who will show their extraordinary ability of voice control, and give the audiences an unforgettable experience with their virtuosic voice. The champion group of 2019 Asian Cup A Cappella Competition will also bring their winning songs to the stage.

Aca Day-

Islands of Voice / Aug. 12 (Mon.) 15:00-18:00

It is the day where groups get to share music with the local citizens and tourists at various spots around the Takamatsu city and the islands on the Seto Inland Sea, such as Techima and Shodoshima. **Sign up to join ACA Day!**

Voices of Taiwan / Aug. 12 (Mon.) 15:00-18:00

A group of singers from Taiwan, including Sangpuy, will be presenting the Taiwanese culture through the music. The performance will be taking place on Naoshima, in front of the famous art work by Yayoi Kusama.

⊙ ***Coming by yourself? Join the Single Singers***

Never feel lonely again at the festival for singing! Learn your parts at home, meet new friends at the festival, have rehearsals and one glorious performance at VAF. Enjoy the fun of making new friends just as much as singing new music!

⊙ Festival Pass

- The best way to participate in Vocal Asia Festival is to get a “4 Days Pass” which you can join every workshops, concerts and events. **Limited numbers of the pass are available, first come first serve, so get it before it’s gone!**
- Single pass (1 workshop) / 1 Day Pass are also available for those who cannot join entire festival.
- For groups or individual that wish to receive a coaching session, please note that it is **NOT** included in the festival pass. Group Coaching Pass or Solo Coaching Pass should be purchased separately.

Festival Pass		
Pass	Fee	Highlights
4 Days Pass <i>Adult</i>	\$450 USD	✓ 10 Workshops ✓ Concert tickets ✓ Farewell party
4 Days Pass <i>Student</i>	\$350 USD	
1 Day Pass <i>Per person</i>	\$200 USD	✓ 4 Workshops ✓ 1 Concert ticket
Single Pass <i>Per person</i>	\$80 USD	✓ 1 selected workshop
Group Coaching Pass <i>Per group</i>	\$200 USD	✓ 60 minutes’ session ✓ The order of session selection is based on the order of application submission
Solo Coaching Pass <i>Per person</i>	\$200 USD	✓ 45 minutes’ session ✓ One by one coaching ✓ Regular workshop selections might be affected due to the scheduling.

*Please note that the Accommodations & Dining are **NOT** included in the registration fee.

*Please click [here](#) for more information about accommodation and transportation.

Special Offer!	
4 Days Pass – Early Bird Discount <u>Before April 15</u>	Adult → \$ 350 USD Student → \$ 300 USD

⊙ Application

Please click [here](#) for detailed application information.

⊙ Payment

- All payments shall be made by **Paypal**.
- Application is valid only upon receipt of the fee.

- Refunds:

Refund	Deadline
Get 90%	Before April 30
Get 60%	Before May 30
Get 30%	Before June 30

⊙ Important Dates

- March 5, 2019 – Application begins
- April 15, 2019 – Early bird application and payment **deadline**
- May 15, 2019 – Early bird Workshop selection begins
- May 24, 2019 – Regular application and payment **deadline**
- May 30, 2019 – Regular Workshop selection begins
- June 15, 2019 – Workshop selection **deadline**

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