

YMCA/FCSC 2010

# Charity Concert

In Support of the YMCA's Challenged Children Project

# Nocturne

By kind permission of the Australian Ambassador,  
Mr. Murray Mclean, O.A.M

July 8th 2010, Thursday  
Doors Open 19:00 Start 19:30  
¥10,000 Donation  
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*Performance*

Violin : Narimichi Kawabata  
Koto : Nobuko Baba

*Venue*

Australian Embassy  
2-1-14, Mita, Minatoku, Tokyo

## Artist Profile



### Narimichi Kawabata Violin

Narimichi Kawabata was born in Tokyo, 1971 and is one of the most unique violinists at the moment. He became visually impaired at age 8 and has been learning through sound alone. Two years after this incident he began to learn how to play the violin. Kawabata graduated first on the list of Royal Academy of Music and was awarded the Special Artist Status; the second person in the 200 yearlong history of the academy. His debut performance in 1998 was at the renowned venue of Suntory Hall with the Japan Philharmonic Orchestra. His first album, "On Wings of Song", became a record breaking hit in 1999 selling an unprecedented 200,000 copies. "Ave Maria", the second album released in the same year, also became No. 1 in the classical chart. His Latest album, "Mendelssohn & Wolf Ferrari: Violin Concertos" by Victor Entertainment was released in May of 2010.



### Nobuko Baba Koto

Nobuko Baba is one of the most well-known koto players in Japan. She began learning the instrument at the age of 5, and obtained a master's certificate at 16. While she was studying at the Tokyo National University of Fine Arts and Music, she won the Ataka Award, which is only given to the most promising students majoring in arts and music in the university. In 1991 Baba led a group of musicians organized for the welcoming performance of Michael Gorbachev; the former president of the USSR. She has an excellent reputation as a performer worldwide. Nobuko Baba receives a lot of requests for koto performances from TV and radio stations because her performance style is not bound by conventional styles.  
<http://www.koto-nobuko.com/>

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