

Announcement of new resident conductor, Shimpei SASAKI

Yamaha Symphonic Band (YSB) is pleased to announce the appointment of Shimpei Sasaki as resident conductor of the band from January 1st, 2021.

Mr. Sasaki, a conductor, has been working for orchestras, chorus, operas in addition to symphonic bands continuously. With YSB, he had conducted at the 53th Regular Concert in June 2019, and well succeeded.

Under a new relationship with Mr. Sasaki, YSB will enhance the musicality cultivated over the past 60 years and will continue to make efforts to contribute to the development of music culture through activities rooted in the region. Mr. Sasaki is scheduled to appear as a resident conductor at the 55th Regular Concert on June 19, 2021. We hope you will look forward to our further performances with Mr. Shimpei Sasaki.

— message from Mr. Sasaki —

I am very honored to be in a responsible position as resident conductor of the Yamaha Symphonic Band.

At the first work with YSB two years ago, I was impressed by the high expressiveness and responsibility of this band, which carried the Yamaha brand of the world, and the actual performance made me feel the new possibilities of symphonic band infinitely.

Wind band now a days plays an important role in every aspect of the music scene in Japan. I myself was enthusiastic about school band in junior high and high school, and while working as a conductor in this way, I have always been thinking about how I can contribute to wind band. As a professional conductor, I am involved in YSB that has excellent playing ability and is very internationally active. I thought this was an opportunity and a challenge to further expand the possibilities of activities and expressions in the wind band world, so I decided to take on this position.

The world's highest quality Yamaha musical instruments and craftsman which is called "takumi" who manufacture and operate them, I'm excited to work with them. From now on, we pledge to enhance the artistry of symphonic band and strive to popularize attractive music. Please give an eye to the future of YSB.

Shimpei SASAKI, Conductor

Shimpei SASAKI is one of the young Japanese talented conductor. He studied musicology and conducting at Tokyo Gakugei University and Toho Gakuen School of Music in Japan. After that, he studied abroad in Munich, Germany from 2013, participated in several intercontinental conducting masterclass in Europe, and then was influenced by some prominent conductors like Mo. Jorma PANULA, Mo. Horia Andreescu, Mo. Mark Stringer and others. At some international conducting competitions, he also received the



honorable awards such as two diplomas in the 9th and 10th Grzegorz Fitelberg International Conducting Competition, the Semi-finalist of the 5th Bucharest International Conducting Competition in September 2014, and one of finalists in the 54th Besancon International Competition for young conductors in September 2015. So far, he has conducted almost all major professional orchestras in Japan. Especially The Tokyo City Philharmonic Orchestra welcomed him as the position of The Associate Conductor and performed in diverse concerts together from 2015 to 2019. Even in Europe, he accumulated experiences in conducting Filharmonica Brasov, George Enescu Philharmonic, and North Netherlands Symphony Orchestra.

Now, he has displayed his talent in every musical scene like pioneering subscription concerts, special classical concerts, music appreciation classes for young people, television or radio music programs, recordings for CD or soundtrack on movie, drama, pops and video game at studio, in conducting symphony orchestra, brass band, chorus, opera, ballet etc. He has tried to devote himself to a state of enlightenment as a conductor with a supple mind at all over the world.