

# Ai Yamashita

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## Professional Achievements as Recording Artist and Leader of Ai's Sakura Band

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- Ai Yamashita's second album "Ai's Singin'" release 11/2021  
Pianist, Keyboardist, Vocalist, Songwriter, Arranger, Translator and Producer
- 17 Live (Online Live Streaming Platform), Music Artist belong to Cool Japan TV 7/2021 – Present
- Ai Yamashita Original Song "Minna Tomodachi – We are all friends!" Project 7/2020 - Present  
2021: 3/20 Corroboration YouTube Music Video "Barrer-Free ver." with Kids Dance Group "FaiRy"  
3/14 Family Music Concert, Mitaka City Orchestra, Hikari-no hall, Mitaka City, Tokyo, Japan  
2020: 9/6 Corroboration YouTube Music Video Release, 7/18 Discussion Event for Diversity Issue (Online)
- Ai's Sakura Band: Sakura Matsuri Virtual Community Gathering (Online) 4/2021
- Ai Yamashita EDM remix "We are!" from Cartoon Anime "One Piece" YouTube Release 4/2021
- Ai's Sakura Band New England Tour (2020 Spring – All Canceled due to COVID-19) 4/2020  
4/26 21st City of White Plains Cherry Blossom Festival (NY) - 6,000 attendees  
4/25 Brooklyn Botanic Garden Sakura Matsuri Children's Stage in Water Garden  
4/26 Brooklyn Botanic Garden Sakura Matsuri Osborne Garden Main Stage  
4/5 National Harbor Sakura Sunday (DC)  
4/4 Sakura Matsuri Japanese Street Festival (DC), Children Stage and J-Pop Stage - 25,000 attendees  
4/4 National Cherry Blossom Festival (DC) – 1.5 million attendees annually  
Potentials: Dulles Airport Event (DC), Sakura Pop-Up Bar (DC)
- Ai Yamashita interviewed by NY Japion (Japan Community Free Paper, 22k weekly publish) 3/2020
- Ai Yamashita Gospel Workshop: Kitchen Shoku Bar, Saitama, Japan 1/2020
- Ai Yamashita Piano Trio Live: Ken's Bar, Tokyo, Japan 1/2020
- Ai Yamashita Presents "J-Pop Festival", Asakusa Golden Tiger, Tokyo, Japan 1/2020  
Ai's Sakura Band and Sheena Ringo Tribute Band Performance
- Ai's Sakura Band New England Tour (2019 Spring) 4/2019  
4/28 20th City of White Plains Cherry Blossom Festival (NY) - 6,000 attendees  
4/14 National Harbor Sakura Sunday (DC)  
4/13 Sakura Matsuri Japanese Street Festival (DC), Children Stage and J-Pop Stage - 25,000 attendees  
4/13 National Cherry Blossom Festival (DC) – 1.5 million attendees annually



4/12 Dulles Airport Event (DC)

4/11 University of MA Boston, Japan Festival (Boston)

- Ai Yamashita interviewed by Music Writer Yuki Nakata Blog 7/2019
- Guest Speaker, NYC Japanese Entertainment Community, Artist Visa Workshop, NYC 6/2019
- Ai Yamashita Piano Trio and Ai's Sakura Band: Rakuya, Tokyo, Japan 3/2019
- Ai Yamashita interviewed by Vents Magazine (US free online music magazine, 120k+ followers) 11/2018
- Ai's Album "I am Ai" reviewed by Japanese Music Magazine "CD Journal" (Monthly 30k circulations) 10/2018
- Ai Yamashita featured by Sakura Radio (NYC based Japanese Internet Radio, 200k+ listeners) 5/2018
- Ai's Sakura Band "I am Ai" release Tour in Washington DC and New York (2018 Spring)
  - 4/29 19th City of White Plains Cherry Blossom Festival (NY) - 6,000 attendees
  - 4/15 10th anniversary National Harbor Sakura Sunday (DC)
  - 4/14 Sakura Matsuri Japanese Street Festival (DC) - 25,000 attendees
  - 4/13 National Cherry Blossom Festival (DC) – 1.5 million attendees annually
- Ai Yamashita Album Release Live: Rouon Toubu Center, Tokyo, Japan 3/2018
- Ai Yamashita's first debut album "I am Ai" release 3/2018
- Ai Yamashita & Naoki Matsushita Duo Live: Meguro Gajoen, Tokyo, Japan 9/2017
- Ai's Sakura Band Performance, *Japan Festival Boston* (60,000 attendees), Boston Common 4/2017
- Ai Yamashita, General Stage Manager, *Japan Festival Boston*, Boston Common 4/2017
- Ai Yamashita's Piano Trio Live: Rakuya, Tokyo, Japan 1/2017
- Ai Yamashita Performance and interview, *BIRN Alive*, Berklee Internet Radio Network (Berklee) 7/2016
- Composer, Song "I Pray For You", *Benefit concert for Ecuador and Japan: 160 Caf* (Berklee) 5/2016
- Ai Yamashita's single release "Sakura", Japanese bamboo flute and Piano duo song 4/2016
- Composer/Pianist, "Sakura" *Culture Show: Wellesley College Jewett Auditorium* 3/2016
- Ai Yamashita's second recital *My Favorite Things II: Oliver Colvin Recital Hall* (Berklee) 2/2016
- Achieved \$3,500 crowd funding project for "Supporting my studying at Berklee" 11/2015 - 2/2016
- Ai Yamashita's concert, *My Story in US and Recital: Ginza Chantilly*, Tokyo, Japan 12/2015
- Pianist and leader, *Jazz trio, Boston Rotaract Autumn Gala: Impact Hub*, Boston 11/2015
- Ai Yamashita's first recital *My Favorite Things: Lawrence and Alma Berk Recital Hall* (Berklee) 7/2015
- Ai Yamashita's concert, *I'm going to US: Ginza Chantilly*, Tokyo, Japan 4/2015



- Ai Yamashita Debut Recital: Tabata Mahou wo Shinjiru Kai, Tokyo, Japan 1/2014
- Ai Yamashita, Producer, Suntory Hall Rainbow 21 Debut Concert 2012 "Fanny and Clara" 6/2012

### **Professional Achievements as Lead Music Artist, Music Advisor and Assistant Director of "Music for SDGs" -UN, APEC and Japanese Government recognized Project**

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- World Singing Day (Online), Singing Artist and Japan Team Director 10/2021
- UN76 Celebration Music Festival for SDGs 2021 (Online), Headliner Artist 9/2021
- UN76 & International Peace Day Celebration New York Concert for SDGs 2021, NYC 9/2021  
Headliner Artist, Concert Producer, Music Advisor and Assistant Director  
Distinguished success as the first concert after COVID-19 and appeared on Global Week to #ACT4SDGs
- C3 US-Arab Health Care & Business Summit 2021, NYC, Assistant Director 9/2021
- Heiwa Matsuri – Peace Festival 2021, NYC, Music Artist 9/2021
- UN High Level Political Forum (HLPF) Music Festival for SDGs 2021 (Online), Headliner Artist 7/2021
- IAPSS the 24-Hour Charity Telethon on Global Homelessness (Online), Headliner Artist 5/2021
- Earth Day Music Festival for SDGs 2021(Online) 4/2021  
Grand Opening Artist and Lead Artist in the Anime Section  
Event was reported in UN side events / broadcasted UN Web TV Appearance / covered by the "Shukan NY Seikatsu", the most popular Japanese weekly newspaper in NY
- Music for SDGs Anime Festival (Online), Headliner Artist 1/2021
- Japan-US Pacific Song Festival (Online), Headliner Artist 12/2020
- IAPSS Talent Show 24-Hour Telethon on Global Homelessness (Online), Headliner Artist 11/2020
- UN75 Celebration Music Festival for SDGs (Online), Headliner Artist and Music Director 9/2020
- UN International Youth Day, GloCha Youth Dialogue on International Youth Day (Online) 8/2020  
Guest Speaker/Music Artist, performed her original song "Minna Tomodachi -We are all friends!"
- Glocal Dokodemo-Door Project (Online) 8/2020 - Present
- Pianist and Arranger, Mac Okubo J-Pop 100 Language Arrange Projects 6/2020 - Present

### **Professional Achievements as Lead Instrumentalist**

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- Lead Pianist Music Director, Sunday, and other special service 11/2017 – Present



Lighthouse Church of God, Boston, MA

- Lead Pianist, Camelia Latin-jazz Band Trio and Latin Classics Quartet, Events etc. 12/2017 – Present  
2019: 4/26 Lawrence, MA, 5/25 Boston, MA, 6/2 Somerville, MA, 8/20 Boston, MA,  
9/8 Peabody, MA (Peabody International Festival), 10/24 Boston, MA, 11/22 Waltham, MA,  
2020: 8/1 Boston, MA, 9/26 Boston, MA  
2021: 4/25 Boston MA, 6/6 Boston, MA, 8/13 Jamaica Plain, MA, 8/26 Boston, MA,  
8/28 Boston, MA (Boston Jazz Festival)
- Lead Keyboardist, MT Entertainment LLC Wedding Band “Finesse” “King of Hearts” 1/2018 – Present  
2019: 6/1 Darien, CT (Corporate Event), 6/8 Cambridge, MA, 6/15 Boston, MA,  
6/22 Barnard, VT, 7/27 Killington, VT, 8/23 Haydenville, MA, 8/24 Portland, ME, 9/7 Gloucester, MA,  
9/13 Boston, MA (Private Event), 9/14 South Dennis, MA, 9/21 Boston, MA, 10/5 Boston, MA,  
10/26 Portsmouth, NH (Private Event), 11/2 Old Saybrook, CT  
2020: 2/20 Boston Public House, Boston MA  
2020(Cancelled): 6/20 Island Inn, Maine, 7/11 Rutland, VT, 7/25 Stowe, VT, 8/1 Wiscasset, ME,  
8/30 Newport, RI, 9/19 Cromwell, CT, 10/18 Woodstock, VT, 10/24 Moultonborough, NH  
2021: 6/5 Chebeague Island, ME, 6/19 Manchester, VT, 6/26 East Burke, VT, 7/17 Bristol, RI,  
7/24 Stowe, VT, 8/7 Sturbridge, MA, 8/28 Provincetown, MA, 9/4 Madison, CT, 9/17 Cromwell, CT,  
9/18 Manchester, VT, 9/25 Lisbon, NH, 10/2 Groton, MA, 10/9 Moultonborough, NH, 10/16 Danvers, MA
- Pianist and Keyboardist, Wedding Band “Speechless” Wedding: Boston, MA 6/2018 - Present  
2019: 6/29 Boston, MA, 8/17 Alston, NH, 9/1 Boston, MA, 10/19 Worcester, MA  
2020: 10/3 Boston, MA (Cancelled)  
2021: 5/29 Boston MA, 8/21 Pittsfield VT, 9/11 Harwich, MA,
- Pianist/Composer and Arranger, Issa-Kikaku production Music Theater Show 6/2021  
“Otona no Ehon no Tsukurikata”, Woddy Theater, Tokyo, Japan
- Recording Pianist, NHK World Japan (Japanese National TV) 5/2020  
TV Program “DEPPER LOOK from NY” Theme song
- Pianist, Keyboardist and Arranger, Sheena Ringo Tribute/J-Pop Cover Band 7/2019 - 12/2020  
13 YouTube Music Video Release, 7/18 Berklee College of Music, Boston, MA, 11/19 MIT Boston, MA
- Solo Pianist, every Friday and Saturday: Ostra, Boston, MA 1/2017 – 3/2020 (Due to COVID-19)



- Lead Pianist and Lead Arranger, Basia Galaj "Untold 39-45" Project, Boston, MA 5/2019 – 10/2019  
9/1 Album Release, 10/6 Boston, MA
- Keyboardist, Pop/Rock Band "Pop Up Radio": Boston, MA 4/2019 – 10/2019  
2019: 3/23, 4/27 Ri Ra Pub, Portsmouth, NH, 7/5, 9/28 Thirsty Moose, Portsmouth, NH,  
10/3 Lansdowne Pub, Boston, MA
- Keyboardist, Wedding Band "Night Rhythm" Wedding: Boston, MA 10/2019
- Piano Accompanist, Edgar A Hooks Elementary School, Music Theater Show, Chelsea, MA 6/2019
- Piano Accompanist, Berkowitz Elementary School, Music Concert, Chelsea, MA 5/2019
- Piano Accompanist, Multi-Cultural Women in Theater Concert, Don't Tell Mama, NYC 5/2019
- Piano Accompanist, Women in Power Concert, Boston, MA 5/2019
- Pianist, St Mary's Episcopal, Boston, MA 4/2019
- Pianist Accompanist, Singer Nevena Djordjevic gig, Three Squares, Needham, MA 1/2019

## Discography

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- Session Keyboardist, Single "Daremo-Shiranai" Karen Nakamichi 11/2019
- Lead Pianist and Lead Arranger, Basig Galaj Album "Untold 39-45" 9/2019
- Featured Keyboardist, Rock/Fusion Band Painting Life Album "Painting Life" 4/2018
- Session Pianist, Saudy Familia Album "Someone to hold" 7/2016
- Session Pianist, Taiga Kunii Mini-Album "The way that I want to..." 7/2015
- Session Pianist, Marimba Jam Band Kaleidoscpae "Youkoso! (Welcome)" in Japan 3/2013

## Professional Music Teacher

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- Private Piano Teacher, 5 students (Children to Adults in Japanese), Boston, MA 12/2020 – Present
- Private Piano Teacher, Students Recital Concert, Boston, MA 8/2021
- Private Piano Teacher, 30 students (Children to Adults), Tokyo, Japan 4/2012 – 3/2015
- Study Teacher, Tokyo Public Ueno High School, Tokyo, Japan 5/2010 – 6/2010

## Music Awards / Scholarships

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- Kashino Wagagi Award from Kashinomekai Foundation (Japan) 7/2021



- Scholarship for attending Berklee College of Music \$20,000 (per year) 2015-2017
- Rotary Foundation District Grant Scholarship Rotary  
The International Club Scholarship District 2580 - \$17,000 (one time) 2015-2016 Season
- Accompanist award in 5th Sakura Music Competition, Tokyo, Japan 5/2013
- Incentive Award (category General A) 3/2012  
14th Banri no chojyo cup International Music Competition, Tokyo, Japan
- PTNA Piano Performance Certificate Examination Grade E 6/2004

## Music Education

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- Berklee College of Music in Boston, MA: GPA 3.959** 5/2015 – 8/2017  
Bachelor's in professional music, Piano principal, \$20,000 Berklee scholarship  
Related Coursework: Private lesson, Ensemble, Theory, Music Business, Composing, Arranging, Producing
- Berklee College of Music in Boston, MA: Five-week Summer Performance Program** 7/2013 – 8/2013
- Musashino Academia Musicae in Tokyo, Japan: GPA 3.83** 4/2007 – 3/2011  
Bachelor of Music degree; major in Classical Piano Performance / minor in Accompaniment for Vocalists; Teacher's Certificate in Music (In Japan)
- Yamaha Music School in Japan** 5/1991 – 3/2007  
Playing skills of Piano and Electric organ in classical music and popular music, Ear training/singing, Composing, Arranging, Improvisation, Ensemble, Music theory
- Yamaha Grade Examination; Education 4th grade 3/2010
- Yamaha Grade Examination; Piano Performance 5th grade 1/2007

## Skills/Equipment

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### Software

- Music Software: Finale, Logic
- Microsoft Office: Word, Excel, PowerPoint

### Keyboards

- Nord Stage 2
- Roland Juno-G

**Language** Japanese (fluent), English (fluent)