

KOMA PROFILE

KOMA, a professional troupe playing Japanese instruments, was first formed by Yoji Ueki in 2001 with the members who love and play Japanese traditional musical instruments including *taiko*, *tsugaru shamisen*, *koto*, *shakuhachi/shinobue* flutes, and *uta* songs.

KOMA has actively played mostly around Kansai region, establishing its own performance style. In 2002 it gave its first concert, and since then it has started to go on nationwide tours. Starting its first international concert held in Saudi Arabia, the group went on touring various countries such as Algeria, Ethiopia, China, and France.

The year 2017 marked their 15th anniversary.

Going forward, they will keep moving on to convey the wonderful culture of Japan.

What does KOMA mean?

Koma means a "time" that everybody once played in their childhood. This name was given to the group with the wish that both performers and audience will enjoy the music, and will create an unforgettable moment altogether.

Activities

February 2004: Performed at Shintenchi Live House ARIC, Shanghai, China

November 2005: Performed in Algeria and Ethiopia

November 2005: Performed at the Riyadh Exhibition Center at the "Japan Industry 2005" in Saudi Arabia

November 2007: Performed in Saudi Arabia

March 2008: Performed in Saudi Arabia

November 2008: Performed in France

