

*Remarks by Eiichi Kawahara Consul General of Japan
At U.S.-Japan Music Night
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Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is my great pleasure to present to you this mini concert, "U.S.-Japan Music Night."



Since I assumed the post in Miami, I have always wanted to host a event featuring beautiful music pieces by both American and Japanese renowned composers from the last century.

I am sure most of you have heard before some of the American pieces to be performed tonight. But, maybe you have never heard the Japanese music pieces, which have been enjoyed in Japan, by children and adults alike, for many decades.

This concert has been organized with the very generous & kind efforts of three wonderful ladies who have collaborated with us in other events before. I would like to express my deepest appreciation to them.



Now I would like to introduce the three brilliant performers:

Violinist: Ms. Junko Otsu,
Soprano: Dr. Esther Jane Hardenbergh,
Pianist: Dr. Irena Kaufman.

You can find their profiles on the pamphlets. Without further ado, I would like to ask the artists to start this music program.

I am sure you will enjoy their performance!
Thank you.

(Right: Dr.Hardenbergh sung "Karatachi-no-Hana")

