



Mandolin Ensemble Amabile

Mandolin Ensemble Amabile was founded at Turumi-ward, Yokohama-city, Kanagawa-Prefecture, Japan in 1988. This year the ensemble celebrates 20th anniversary year since its foundation. In August 2006, the ensemble made the first concert tour to Europe and gave a concert at Japan-Germany Cultural Center in Berlin in Germany. Now the ensemble has 51 members.

The Amabile's motto is : Play the well-known melody in beautiful harmony. As the customary activity of the ensemble, Amabile plays at senior citizen's homes, welfare events and cultural events at Turumi-ward. The most important concert for Amabile is the annual concert which is held once in a year. The first annual concert was held at Tsurumi inhabitants' hall in 1997. The Amabile held 12 annual concerts ever since and received the good reputation.

Mitsuo Okamoto(Mr) the conductor

1957 Started his mandolin carrier at high school

1960 Studied mandolin music under RYUJI SAITO

Organized mandolin club in SONY Co.Ltd.

1961 Started to play in Kawasaki Mandolin Club

1972-82 Concert master in Kawasaki Mandolin Club

1983-85 Conductor in Kawasaki Mandolin Club

1988 Organized Mandolin Ensemble Amabile

1997 Started to teach mandolin music at home

A member of board of directors in Japan Mandolin Association

A member of board to directors of Tsurumi-ward Culture Society

Orchestra "Il Plettro"

L'associazione **IL PLETTRO**, con l'orchestra omonima, è un'associazione senza scopo di lucro nata nel 1982 con lo scopo di dare continuità ad una tradizione, quella del mandolino e delle orchestre a plettro, tipicamente italiana e bresciana. L'orchestra tiene regolarmente circa 10 concerti all'anno.