

# PROFILE OF TENOR SINGER KOHDO TANAKA

Date of birth : 1937

Birthplace : Shimane Prefecture, Japan.

## UNIVERSITY

1962 - Graduated from the Faculty of Education, Shimane University, Japan.

## POSITIONS HELD IN JAPAN

Goodwill Ambassador (*Kentōshi*), Shimane Prefecture.

Kinki Shimane Kenjinkai, Adviser.

Kinki Ohda Shijinkai, President.

Professor of Vocal Music at the Graduate School of Osaka University of Arts (retired)

Jury member for the Italy and Japan Voice Competition.

## STUDY ABROAD

1970 ~ 1973 - Milan Conservatory of Music "Giuseppe Verdi", Milano - Italy.

1978 ~ 1978 - International opera seminar "Mario del Monaco the great tenor of the century", Passariano - Italy.

1986 ~ 1987 - Scholarship to the National Institute of Opera Ente Musicale Novarese "Carlo Coccia", Novara - Italy.

## AWARDS AND HONORS (Mr. Tanaka has received many notable awards including the following)

1966 - 04<sup>th</sup> Italy and Japan Vocal Music Competition, Tokyo - Japan.

1968 - 09<sup>th</sup> International Music Competition in Bulgaria, Sofia - Bulgaria.

1969 - 38<sup>th</sup> Japan Music Competition, Tokyo - Japan.

1978 - Diploma from the International Mario del Monaco Opera Seminar, Passariano, - Italy.

1981 - Commendation of the Governor of Osaka International Year of Disabled Persons, Osaka - Japan.

1987 - Winners' Concert Guest of Honor Kohdo Tanaka, Novara - Italy.

1987 - Diploma of Merit award to tenor Kohdo Tanaka. "Artist Award", Novara - Italy.

1988 - Emeritus Professor of Tianjin Conservatory of Music, Tianjin - China.

1992 - Visiting Professor at the Yunnan Institute of the Arts, Kunming - China.

1994 - Visiting Professor at the Guangxi Institute of the Art, Nanning - China.

1994 - Visiting Professor at the Institute of Education of Guilin District, Guilin - China.

1994 - 12<sup>th</sup> Gold Medal at The Arts Festival of Friendship in April in the Spring, Pyongyang - North Korea.

1995 - Visiting Professor of Henan Normal University, Xinxiang - China.

1995 - Visiting Professor of Northwest Normal University, Lanzhou - China.

1995 - Visiting Professor of Guangxi Normal University, Guilin - China.

1996 - Cultural Ambassador of Handan City, Handan - China.

1996 - Visiting Professor at the Southwest Normal University, Chongqing - China.

1996 - Visiting Professor at Shanxi University, Taiyuan - China.

1997 - Visiting Professor of Hunan Normal University, Changsha - China.

1997 - Visiting Professor at the South China Normal University, Guangzhou - China.

1997 - Visiting Professor at the Handan City Institute of Education, Handan - China.

1997 - Honorary Advisor at the Kohdo Tanaka Art Institute, Handan and Beijing - China.

1998 - 16<sup>th</sup> Gold Medal at The Arts Festival of Friendship in April in spring, Pyongyang - North Korea.

1999 - Visiting Professor at Guizhou University, Guiyang - China.

1999 - China-Japan Cultural Achievement Award, Nanning - China.

1999 - Visiting Professor at Hangzhou Normal University, Hangzhou - China.

1999 - Visiting Professor at Hainan University, Haikou - China.

2000 - Visiting Professor at Jiangxi Normal University, Nanchang - China.

2000 - Visiting Professor at Anhui Normal University, Wuhu - China.

2001 - 19<sup>th</sup> Gold Medal at The Arts Festival of Friendship in April in spring, Pyongyang - North Korea.

2001 - Mayor of Miami Arts Award "Proclamation", Miami - U.S.A.

2001 - Arts Award of Merit from the Coral do Carmo of Mogi das Cruzes, Mogi das Cruzes - Brazil.

2002 - Emeritus Professor at the Twelfth High School of Qinghai Xining, Xining - China.

2002 - Visiting Professor at Ningxia University, Yinchuan - China.

2004 - Diploma of Artistic Merit "Reconocimiento", Asuncion - Paraguay.

2004 - Shimane Prefecture Administration's Governor's Award for Meritorious Service, Matsue - Japan.

2005 - Certificate of Appreciation from the Dakar National Arts School Principal, Dakar - Senegal.

2006 - Visiting Professor at the Music Conservatory of Yunnan Institute of the Arts, Kunming - China.

2006 - Campinas City Council Medal Láurea "Medalha Carlos Gomes", Campinas - Brazil.

2006 - Arts Award Plaque from the Coral do Carmo of Mogi das Cruzes, Mogi das Cruzes - Brazil.

2008 - Music Award on the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Immigration Japan - Brazil, Campinas - Brazil.

2008 - Brazilian Association of Carlos Gomes Lyrical Artists (ABAL) Diploma of Merit, Campinas - Brazil.

2008 - Music Award from the CCLA - Center for Science, Letters and Arts, Campinas - Brazil.

2008 - Certificate of Appreciation "Carlos Gomes" Rotary Club of Campinas, Campinas - Brazil.

2008 - Honor and Merit as juror for the "1<sup>st</sup> Competition to Inspire Opera Singers 2008", Campinas - Brazil.

2008 - Diploma of Merit from the ABAL - Brazilian Association of Carlos Gomes Lyrical Artists, Campinas - Brazil.

2009 - Diploma of Honor to ABAL to the "Tenor and Maestro Kohdo Tanaka", Campinas - Brazil.

2009 - Music Award for the opening ceremony recital at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Opera Competition to Inspire Young Singers, Campinas - Brazil.

2009 - Honor and Merit as juror a the "2<sup>nd</sup> Competition to Inspire Opera Singers 2009", Campinas - Brazil.

2009 - Award of Emblem of the city hall of the City of Salto, Salto - Brazil.

2010 - Third Cultural Award from Iwami Silver Mine (World Heritage), Oomori - Japan.

2010 - Charity recital Certificate of Appreciation "Pró + Vida Saint Sebastián", Mogi das Cruzes - Brazil.

2010 - Brazilian Association of Carlos Gomes Lyrical Artists (ABAL) Diploma of Merit, Campinas - Brazil.

2010 - Honor and Merit as juror at the "3<sup>rd</sup> Competition to Inspire Opera Singers 2010", Campinas - Brazil.

2010 - ABAL Music Award Plaque in homage to the 50 year artistic career of Kohdo Tanaka, Campinas - Brazil.

2010 - Mayor of Salto and President of Japanese-Brazilian Association of Salto (ANIBRAS) Emblem Award, Salto - Brazil.

2010 - Recital Certificate of Appreciation from the Military Academy of Campinas, Campinas - Brazil.

2010 - Official Guest of the Tourist City of Tupã, decree of 05/11/2010 N<sup>o</sup> 6583, Tupã Prefectural Office, Tupã - Brazil.

2011 - Commemorative Plaque on the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Japan-Brazil immigration, São Paulo - Brazil.

2011 - Honor and Merit as juror at the "4<sup>th</sup> Competition to Inspire Opera Singers 2011", Campinas - Brazil.

2011 - Mayor of Salto Emblem Award, Salto - Brazil.

2011 - Music Award Plaque from the Japanese-Brazilian Cultural Association of Registro, Registro - Brazil.

2011 - Music Award Plaque on the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Founding of the Japanese-Brazilian Cultural Institute of Campinas - Brazil.

2012 - Dongdi Artist of Dongdi International Cultural Industry Group, Beijing - China.

2012 - Visiting Professor of Hebei University of Communication, Shijiazhuang - China.

2012 - Vice-President of the China International Vocal Music and Art Research Institute, Beijing - China.

2012 - Emeritus Professor of Minzu University of China, Beijing - China.

2012 - Music Award Plaque from the President of the Japanese-Brazilian Association of Salto (ANIBRAS) and the Mayor of Salto, Salto - Brazil.

2013 - Arts Award from the Campineira Academy of Arts and Letters, Campinas - Brazil.

2013- Honor and Merit as juror at the "6<sup>th</sup> Competition to Inspire Opera Singers 2013", Campinas - Brazil.

2014- Certificate of Appreciation from the Mayor of Ohda for having composed the Ohda West Junior School song, Ohda - Japan.

2014 - Honor and Merit as juror at the "7<sup>th</sup> Competition to Inspire Opera Singers 2014", Campinas - Brazil.

2015 - Honor and Merit as juror at the "8<sup>th</sup> Competition to Inspire Opera Singers 2015", Campinas - Brazil.

2015 - Music Award Plaque for presenting the Theater Golden Palm at the Salto tourist resort. The award was part of the ceremony to celebrate the 120<sup>th</sup> anniversary since the establishment of Japanese-Brazilian diplomatic relations,

and 107 years of Japanese immigration, Salto - Brazil.

2015 - Music Award Plaque for Mr. Tanaka and guests's recital at the Japanese-Brazilian Cultural Institute of Campinas to celebrate 120 years of the Treaty of Amity and Commerce between Brazil and Japan, Campinas - Brazil.

2016 - Honor and Merit as juror at the "9<sup>th</sup> Competition to Inspire Opera Singers 2016", Campinas - Brazil.

2016 - Arts Award from the Campineira Academy of Arts and Letters, Campinas - Brazil.

2017 - Honorable prize "Debut 57<sup>th</sup> Anniversary music career" from Presidente Prudente City Council; Participation in the celebration of the centennial of the city of Presidente Prudente, Presidente Prudente - Brazil.

2017 - Honorable prize "Debut 57<sup>th</sup> Anniversary music career" from the Cultural, Agricultural and Sports Association (ACAE); Participation in the celebration of the centennial of the city of Presidente Prudente, Presidente Prudente - Brazil.

2017 - The Municipality of Campinas grants the "Diploma of Cultural Merit", Campinas - Brazil.

2017 - Congratulations to tenor Kohdo Tanaka for 80 years-old in good health and opera singing with success, (ABAL), - Campinas - Brazil.

2017- Honorable prize by the Legislative Assembly of the State of São Paulo; for his 80 years old active opera singer and performances in Brazilian cities for 20 years, São Paulo - Brazil.

2017- Honorable prize by the Association Nipo-Brazilian of Salto (ANIBRAS); by the recital of the 80 years, a life dedicated to lyric singing, Salto - Brazil.

## WORKS

### OPERA PERFORMANCE ROLES SINCE 1967

CAVALLERIA RUSTICANA : Turiddu.

PAGLIACCI : Canio.

CARMEN : Don José.

LA FORZA DEL DESTINO : Don Alvaro.

ERNANI : Ermani.

AIDA : Radamès.

IL TROVATORE : Manrico.

IL TABARRO : Luigi.

MADAMA BUTTERFLY : F.B.Pinkerton.

TOSCA : Mario Cavaradossi.

LA BOHÈME : Rodolfo.

MANON LESCAUT : Des Grieux.

THE CRUCIBLE : Judge Danforth.

IL GUARANY : Pery.

### JAPANESE OPERA PERFORMANCE ROLES SINCE 1960

MAMANO TEKONA : Azehiko.

SHUTEN DOUJI : Watanabe Tsuna.

SONEZAKI SHINJYU : Tokubee.

BUNRAKU OPERA - SONEZAKISHINJYU : Tokubee.

KUNIBIKI : Mikoto.

HIRAHAKKOU : Jinnai.

UMI NO SEKISYOU : Genta.

WASURERARETA SYOUNEN - FORGOTTEN BOYS : Hideyoshi.

### PRESENTATION WITH ORCHESTRA AT ÓPERAS RECITALS

Sponsored by Japan's Mainichi Newspaper

1985 - The World of Giuseppe Verdi, Osaka (Live recording)

1988 - The World of Giacomo Puccini, Osaka (Live recording)

1990 - The World of Verismo Opera, Osaka (Live video)

## PRESENTATIONS

- 1982 - The 37<sup>th</sup> Kunibiki National Festival of Sports and Art, Shimane. Performed the role of Prince Mikoto in the musical "Kunibiki", Matsue.
- 1997 - Sang *Nessun dorma!* from the opera *Turandot* at the 52<sup>nd</sup> Opening Ceremony at the Namihaya National Sports Festival, Osaka.

## COMMEMORATIVE CONCERTS

- 1974 - Kohdo Tanaka's Italian return home commemorative tenor recital; Sponsored Kansai Japan-Italy Music Association, Osaka - Japan.
- 1993 - Kohdo Tanaka tenor recital of *Passion*; Sponsored of Mainichi Shimbun, Osaka e Tokyo - Japan.
- 1997 - Tenor recital commemorative the 60<sup>th</sup> birthday anniversary of Kohdo Tanaka; Sponsored by the Mainichi News paper, Osaka and Tokyo - Japan.
- 2000 - Kohdo Tanaka tenor recital on the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of debut; Sponsored by the Mainichi Newspaper, Osaka and Tokyo - Japan.
- 2003 - Kohdo Tanaka world tour tenor recital from Osaka; Sponsored by the Mainichi Newspaper, Osaka - Japan.
- 2005 - Kohdo Tanaka tenor recital; a voice echoing through the five continents; Sponsored by the Artists Association of Osaka, Osaka - Japan.
- 2007 - Tenor recital commemorative the 70<sup>th</sup> birthday of Kohdo Tanaka; Sponsored by the Sankei Newspaper, Osaka - Japan.
- 2010 - Kohdo Tanaka golden jubilee tenor recital commemorative 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of debut. Thirteen cities throughout Japan and ten cities in Brazil, from 2009; Sponsored by the Mainichi Newspaper, Osaka and Tokyo - Japan.
- 2013 - Commemorative opera concert celebrating the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of Giuseppe Verdi, Yokohama and Yamato Kohriyama - Japan.
- 2014 - 77<sup>th</sup> Birthday tenor recital of Kohdo Tanaka; Sponsored by the Artists Association of Osaka, Osaka - Japan.
- 2014 - Performance from the opera "*Tosca*" (Mario Cavaradossi); Sponsored by the Hanayagi Group, Matsue - Japan.
- 2014 - Performance from the opera "*Tosca*" (Mario Cavaradossi); Sponsored by the Corporation Nakamura Brace, Ohmori - Japan.
- 2015 - Kohdo Tanaka tenor recital, celebrating 78 years of a voice echoing around the world. Sponsored by the Kuboso Memorial Museum of Arts, Izumi - Japan.
- 2015 - Performance from the opera "*Tosca*" (Mario Cavaradossi); Sponsored by the Artistic Association of Osaka, Osaka - Japan.
- 2015 - Performance from the opera "*Tosca*" (Mario Cavaradossi); Sponsored by the Yonago Convention Center, Yonago - Japan.
- 2015 - Performance from the opera "*Il Guarany*" (Pery); Sponsored by the Association Brazilian Carlos Gomes of Artists Lyric, Campinas - Brazil.
- 2015 - Performance from the opera "*Tosca*" (Mario Cavaradossi); Sponsored by the Association Brazilian Carlos Gomes of Artists Lyric, Caminas - Brazil.
- 2016 - Commemorative recital on his 79<sup>th</sup> birthday, a life of dreams, passion, aspiration, and 616 overseas performance; Sponsored by the Kobe Jinsei Yūyū Club, Kohbe - Japan.
- 2016 - Commemorative recital on his 79<sup>th</sup> birthday, a life of dreams, passion, aspiration, and 616 overseas performance; Sponsored by the Corporation Nakamura Brace "Ohmoriza", Ohmori - Japan.
- 2016 - Commemorative recital on his 79<sup>th</sup> birthday, a life of dreams, passion, aspiration, and 616 overseas performance; Sponsored by the Kuboso Memorial Museum of Arts, Izumi - Japan.
- 2016 - Commemorative recital on his 79<sup>th</sup> birthday, a life of dreams, passion, aspiration, and 616 overseas performance; Sponsored by the Syōfūkai, Kyoto - Japan.
- 2016 - Performance from the opera "*Manon Lescaut*" (Des Grieux); Sponsored by the Hanayagi Group, Matsue Yagumo - Japan.
- 2016 - Commemorative recital on his 79<sup>th</sup> birthday, a life of dreams, passion, aspiration, and 616 overseas performance; Sponsored by the Rosenbeet, Amagasaki - Japan.
- 2017 - Active duty opera singer of the 80 years old which singing in the world "Kohdo Tanaka", Commemorative tenor

recital; Sponsored by the Hanayagi Group, Matsue - Japan.

2017 - Active duty opera singer of the 80 years old which singing in the world "Kohdo Tanaka", Commemorative tenor recital, performance from the opera "Carmen" (Don José); Sponsored by the 2017 Executive Committee of Kohdo Tanaka tenor recital, Matsue - Japan.

2017 - Active duty opera singer of the 80 years old which singing in the world "Kohdo Tanaka", Commemorative tenor recital; Sponsored by the Matsue area retirement meeting in Shimane Prefecture, Matsue - Japan.

2017 - Active duty opera singer of the 80 years old which singing in the world "Kohdo Tanaka", Commemorative tenor recital; Sponsored by the Artistic Association of Osaka and Kansai Music Club, Osaka - Japan.

2017 - Active duty opera singer of the 80 years old which singing in the world "Kohdo Tanaka", Commemorative tenor recital; Sponsored by the "Grand Toit" of Shimane Prefecture Arts Center, Masuda - Japan.

2017 - Active duty opera singer of the 80 years old which singing in the world "Kohdo Tanaka", Commemorative tenor recital; Sponsored by the NPO Corporation Dan Dan, Ama - Japan.

2017 - Active duty opera singer of the 80 years old which singing in the world "Kohdo Tanaka", Commemorative tenor recital; Sponsored by the Kuboso Memorial Museum of Arts, Izumi - Japan.

2018 - Active duty opera singer of the 81 years old which singing in the world "Kohdo Tanaka", Commemorative tenor recital; Sponsored by the Ohda City Cultural Association, Ohda - Japan.

2018 - Active duty opera singer of the 81 years old which singing in the world "Kohdo Tanaka", Commemorative tenor recital; Sponsored by the Kuboso Memorial Museum of Arts, Izumi - Japan.

## CD, DVD RECORDINGS

1993 - Kohdo Tanaka tenor recital of passion (Live DVD)

1997 - Kohdo Tanaka collection of opera arias with the Kyoto Symphony Orchestra (CD Recording)

1997 - Tenor recital commemorating the 60<sup>th</sup> birthday of Kohdo Tanaka (Live CD, DVD)

2000 - Kohdo Tanaka tenor recital on the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of debut (Live DVD)

2003 - Kohdo Tanaka tenor recital in the First Church of the Carmelite Order in Mogi das Cruzes (CD Recording)

2003 - World concert tour tenor recital by Kohdo Tanaka from Osaka (Live CD, DVD)

2005 - Kohdo Tanaka tenor opera arias concert with Each Symphony Orchestra (Live CD)

2005 - Kohdo Tanaka tenor recital; a voice echoing through the five continents (Live CD, DVD)

2007 - Kohdo Tanaka 70<sup>th</sup> birthday tenor recital (Live CD, DVD)

2010 - Kohdo Tanaka tenor recital commemorating the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of debut (Live CD, DVD)

2014 - 77<sup>th</sup> birthday tenor recital of Kohdo Tanaka (Live CD, DVD)

2017 - Active duty opera singer of the 80 years old which singing at the world "Kohdo Tanaka", Commemorative tenor recital (Live CD, DVD)

## PERFORMANCES

Since 1968 Mr. Kohdo Tanaka has performed in concerts and recitals in Bulgaria, Romania and the Soviet Union.

He has performed 692 times on international stages in music festivals and concerts worldwide. Including Japan, he has performed at about 2150 events.

## CHINA

Handan City Cultural Ambassador, Handan.

Honorary Advisor at the Kohdo Tanaka Art Institute, Handan and Beijing.

Vice-President of the China International Vocal Music and Art Research Institute, Beijing.

Dondgi Artist at the Dondgi International Cultural Industry Group, Beijing.

Emeritus Professor: Tianjin Conservatory of Music, Minzu University of China, Twelfth High School of Qinghai Xining.

Visiting Professor: Yunnan Institute of the Arts, Guangxi Institute of the Arts, Institute of Education of Guilin District, Handan City Institute of Education, Henan Normal University, Northwest Normal University, Guangxi Normal University, Southwest University, Shanxi University, Hunan Normal University, South China Normal University, Guizhou University, Hangzhou Normal University, Hainan University, Jiangxi Normal University, Anhui Normal University, Ningxia University, Yunnan Institute of the Arts Conservatory of

Music, Hebei University of Communication.

## BRAZIL

Tenor, Maestro and Honorary Member of the Brazilian Association of Carlos Gomes Lyrical Artists (ABAL), Campinas.  
Juror for the competition to inspire opera singers, Campinas.