

SAPPORO MUSIC JOINT — Anniversary

Bring your instrument and celebrate the Plaza's birthday with us!

— An ensemble of the people of Sapporo —

Sunday, October 11, 2026, 12:00 noon

Sapporo Community Plaza, SCARTS (1st & 2nd floors)

Apply here: <https://forms.gle/39AMetoJAS92ozJZ8>

We will celebrate the birthday of Sapporo Community Plaza with music played by everyone. Members of the Sapporo Symphony Orchestra will begin the performance — why not join in partway through?

The Music

Beethoven: “Ode to Joy” from Symphony No. 9 (about 4 minutes)

followed by “Happy Birthday” (about 1 minute)

Core Musicians

Two members of the Sapporo Symphony Orchestra, local musicians, and four others

Yudai Kumagai — Violin, Sapporo Symphony Orchestra

Ryo Onoki — Cello, Sapporo Symphony Orchestra

How to Take Part

Anyone is welcome, whether you play an instrument or would like to sing. A melodica or a recorder is perfectly fine, and you can sing the words or simply “la la la.” Please apply using the form below.

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Everyone who applies will:

- receive an email the day before with your position at the venue and other details
- receive a commemorative gift on the day

Fee: Free (please bring your own instrument)

Children: Please take part together with a parent or guardian.

Deadline: Friday, October 9. This deadline is for our preparations; applications are accepted right up to the day.

The event will be filmed and published as a record. If you prefer not to appear, we will guide you to a spot outside the camera's view.

The application form is in Japanese. If you need any help, please feel free to email us in English.

How the Performance Works

The music begins with the Sapporo Symphony Orchestra members, and the sound gradually builds, layer by layer. Then all of you join that sound — that is our celebration.

If you play an instrument, please use the score for your instrument. For singers, the German lyrics come with katakana readings. Humming or “la la la” is fine too. There is only one rehearsal, on the day itself, and no practice sessions beforehand. Just prepare in a relaxed way with your score.

The Flow (about 10 minutes)

1. In the quiet, a double bass begins the theme alone.
2. Cello, viola, bassoon, violin, woodwinds... the orchestra members' sounds gradually layer on top of one another.

3. At the conductor's cue, all of you join in at once (about 1 minute). Your places are on the staircase leading to the 2nd floor and along the 2nd-floor railing. Play the 16 bars, then repeat the last 8 bars once more.
4. After the applause, everyone performs "Happy Birthday" twice — for the Plaza's 8th birthday and for MORIHICO's 30th anniversary.
5. Receive your commemorative gift, and we're done.

We will go over when and how to come in together at the rehearsal on the day.

Schedule on the Day

10:00	Gather on the 4th floor of the Plaza / warm-up
10:30	Group practice
11:30	Full rehearsal
11:40	Move to your position in the Plaza
12:00	Performance at SCARTS, Sapporo Community Plaza
12:45	Receive your commemorative gift / end

Download the Score

The music is in D major (the original key). All parts — voice and instruments — are collected in a single PDF. Please use the table of contents on page 1 to find and print the page for your instrument.

► Score (16 bars): [Download PDF](#)

► Original full score: [Download PDF](#)

Parts included: Voice (lyrics with katakana) / C instruments / B $\flat$ instruments / E $\flat$ instruments / F instruments (horn) / bass clef / tuba / viola

Every score plays the same melody at the same pitch — please choose the one that suits your instrument. Flute, violin and B $\flat$ instruments may play an octave higher if you like. You can download the score even before applying. If you are not sure which score to choose, please ask us at info@sapporoartculture.org.

Let's enjoy making music together at the Plaza!

About This Series

SAPPORO MUSIC JOINT — Anniversary celebrates the birthdays and anniversaries of places and buildings around Sapporo with an ensemble of musicians, such as members of the Sapporo Symphony Orchestra, and the people of Sapporo. The music is always the same, but the faces are always those of whoever gathers that day. The sound that fills a place on its special day becomes a celebration that exists for that day only.

About SAPPORO MUSIC JOINT

SAPPORO MUSIC JOINT introduces Sapporo's rich arts, culture and local character, creating casual opportunities to enjoy "music, food, and place" together. Through new "joints" between music and many other fields, we aim to open up special experiences.

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