

## The brief history of Suntory Hall (1986 - 2010)

		Performances	Others
1986	Oct	Suntory Hall opened (Oct.12) Total 79 performances including below were held as Suntory Hall Opening Series between Oct. 1986 and March 1987. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Berliner Philharmoniker conducted by Seiji Ozawa</li> <li>• Isaac Stern and his friends</li> <li>• Philharmonia Orchestra conducted by Giuseppe Sinopoli "Madame Butterfly"</li> <li>• Wiener Philharmoniker conducted by Claudio Abbado</li> <li>• International Program for Music Composition</li> <li>• All Mozart Piano Concertos by Mitsuko Uchida</li> </ul>	
1987	May	NHK Symphony Orchestra Series started as one of Suntory Hall subscription concerts. Suntory Hall Organ Lecture Concert Series started.	
	Sep		Suntory Hall Members Club started.
	Oct		Members Club "MUSE" magazine was first published.
1988	Jan	New Year Concert started.	
	May	Berliner Philharmoniker conducted by Herbert von Karajan Herbert von Karajan commented that "Suntory Hall is like the Music Jewel Box."	
	Oct	Hiroshi Wakasugi / Tokyo Metropolitan Symphony Orchestra started Gustav Mahler Series (until May 1991).	
1989	Jan	Opera Concert Series started. The first concert was "La Traviata".	
	Jun	Japan Shinsei Symphony Orchestra (current Tokyo Philharmonic Orchestra) Subscription Concert started.	
	Jul	Suntory Hall New Artist Series started. (75 concerts were held until Dec. 2002)	
	Sep	Japan Philharmonic Orchestra Subscription Concert started.	
	Nov	Tokyo Metropolitan Symphony Orchestra Subscription Concert started.	
1990	May	Suntory Hall "Children's Day Concert" started. (until 2008)	
	Jul	London Symphony Orchestra conducted by Leonard Bernstein. (Bernstein's last concert in Japan)	
	Oct	Yomiuri Nippon Symphony Orchestra Subscription Concert started.	"Suntory Award" was presented to the 12th International Chopin Piano Competition.
1991	Mar	"Salzburg Mozart Music Festival" was held for three weeks co-hosted by Suntory Hall and TBS.	
	Jul		Three million people have visited Suntory Hall since opening.
	Oct	"Festival Soloists" was formed in commemoration of 5th year of Suntory Hall opening. Lunch time free concert "Organ Promenade Concert" started. Koninklijk Concertgebouworkest concert hosted by the Queen of the Netherlands.	
1992	Apr	Tokyo Symphony Orchestra Subscription Concert started.	
	May	Hiroshi Wakasugi / Tokyo Metropolitan Symphony Orchestra started Richard Wagner Series (until July 1994).	
	Dec	Silvester Concert started.	
1993	Mar	Suntory Hall "Hall Opera®" started. The first performance was "La Bohème".	"Suntory Hall Opera Academy" started for the purpose of training young professionals and performing opera concert.
1994	Jul		Five million people have visited Suntory Hall since opening.
	Nov		Suntory Limited received the "Mécénat Award" for management and operation of Suntory Hall.
1995	Feb	Japanese Traditional Music in Suntory Hall started (until Jan. 2000).	
1996	Jan	Hiroshi Wakasugi & NHK Symphony Orchestra started Bruckner Series (until March 1998).	
	Apr	Johannes Brahms Zyklus conducted by Takashi Asahina started (until June).	
	May	The Philadelphia Orchestra's Ludwig van Beethoven Festival conducted by Wolfgang Sawallisch.	
	Jun	"Let's enjoy classical music at Suntory Hall" started targeting for school students (until 2008).	
	Oct	Suntory Hall 10th year Anniversary Festival was held for a month. Suntory Hall Debut Concert "Rainbow 21" started.	
1997	Jan	"Schubertiade" by Hermann Prey	Suntory Hall Website was first open.
	Jun		Keizo Saji, the founder of Suntory Hall, received the special award from Akio Watanabe Music Foundation.
	Jul		Suntory Hall was closed about a month for 10th year building inspection after the construction.
	Sep	Takashi Asahina / New Japan Philharmonic started "Ludwig van Beethoven· Zyklus" (until June 1998).	Tameike-Sanno Station, on Ginza & Namboku Lines (subway), opened.
	Oct		Nagata Acoustics received the technological development award from the Acoustical Society of Japan for the acoustic design of Suntory Hall.
1998	Apr		Open space in front of Suntory Hall was named "Ark Karajan Platz".
	Sep	NHK Symphony Orchestra Subscription Concert (Program B) started.	Wiener Philharmoniker members attended the opening ceremony of the Platz.
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1999	Mar	"Wiener Philharmoniker Week in Japan 1999-2001" started.	Keizo Saji received "18th Arima Prize" from the NHK Symphony Orchestra.
	May		Suntory Hall gift shop started selling Wiener Philharmoniker original goods.
	Jun	"Suntory Hall Master Class" started.	Suntory Hall introduced the device to prevent cell-phone or PHS from receiving or sending message in the main hall or the small hall
	Nov		Eight million people have visited Suntory Hall since opening.
2000	Feb	Story reading play "Reading Session in Suntory Hall" started. (until Feb. 2002)	Keizo Saji passed away (Nov. 3).
	Mar	"Suntory Hall BACH 2000" started. (total 11 performances until December)	
	Jul	"ORGAN ADVENTURE", Suntory Hall Organ Program for Children, started.	

	Sep		Roppongi-Ichome Station, on Namboku Line (subway), opened.
	Nov		Memorial ceremony for late Keizo Saji by Wiener Philharmoniker (Nov. 18)
2001	Apr	"Suntory Hall Saturday Salon Lecture Series" started. The title of concert has been changed to "Suntory Hall Blue Rose Salon Concert" since 2008. "Tokyo Symphony Orchestra & Suntory Hall Subscription Concert For Children" started.	
2002	Oct	World premiere of Hall Opera® "TEA" which Suntory Hall commissioned to Tan Dun.	
2003	Jan	Hall Opera® "TEA" made a worldwide debut after the performance at Amsterdam.	Ten million people have visited Suntory Hall since opening.
	Feb	New Japan Philharmonic Subscription Concert started.	
	Apr		Smoking became prohibited inside of Suntory Hall.
	May		"Suntory Hall Back Stage Tour" started.
	Nov	"Wiener Philharmoniker Week In Japan 2003-2006" started.	
2004	Apr	Hall Opera® "Tosca", the first opera of "Puccini Festa 2004-2006", started.	"Keizo Saji Junior Program Seats" program started. This program invites elementary or junior high school students to the matinee concert by free of charge. All educational programs at Suntory Hall started under the name of "Suntory Hall Education Program".
	Nov	Suntory Hall cooperated with "Ossetia Charity Concert" advocated by Valery Gergiev and Wiener Philharmoniker.	
2005	Mar	The Newly Recovered And Reconstructed Wedding Cantata Of J.S. Bach	
	Apr	Free event "Open House- Let's have a fun at Suntory Hall" started.	Ticketing operation of Suntory Hall was commissioned to PIA Corporation.
2006	Jun		Twelve million people have visited Suntory Hall since opening.
	Sep	Suntory Hall 20th Anniversary Festival Performances were held for two months.	Suntory Hall forged a partnership with Carnegie Hall for exchange of educational programs.
	Oct	Suntory Hall 20th Anniversary Gala Concert "The GREAT 3 Tenors of Suntory Hall " "Lucerne Festival in Tokyo"	Suntory Hall forged a partnership with Gesellschaft der Musikfreunde in Wien for further development of musical culture of Japan and Austria.
2007	Apr		Suntory Hall was closed for about 5 months (Apr.-Aug.) due to the renovation.
	May	Free event "Music Square for Children" was held at Ark Karajan Platz.	
	Sep		Suntory Hall reopened after the renovation. Tsuyoshi Tsutsumi became the new president of Suntory Hall. Small Hall was named "Bule Rose".
	Nov	"Münchner Philharmoniker conducted by Christian Thielemann" as one of Suntory Hall Renewal memorable concerts	
	Dec	"Beethoven's 9th at Suntory Hall" in commemoration of the 25th anniversary of "Suntory Presents Beethoven's 9th with a Cast of 10000".	Suntory Hall published the 20th anniversary book titled "A Celebration of Suntory Hall's 20th Anniversary".
2008	Mar	Hall Opera® "the Marriage of Figaro", the first opera of "Mozart& Da Ponte 2008-2010" series, started.	
	Apr	"Carnegiekids at Suntory Hall", one of the partnership programs with Carnegie Hall, started.	
	Jun	"Rainbow 21 International Suntory Hall Debut Concert" started.	
	Sep	"Wiener Philharmoniker Week in Japan 2008-2011" started.	
2009	Aug	"Gruppen" was performed as a special concert for celebrating the 40th Anniversary of Suntory Music Foundation (current Suntory Foundation for Arts).	
	Sep	"Suntory Hall & Wiener Philharmoniker School Program" started.	Suntory Foundation for Arts was established. (Suntory Music Foundation was transferred to Suntory Foundation for Arts.)
	Oct	"Professional Training Workshop", one of the partnership programs with Carnegie Hall, started.	
	Nov		U.S. President Barack Obama made a speech at the main hall of Suntory Hall.
2010	Feb		Suntory Hall Education Program was renamed "ENJOY! MUSIC PROGRAM".
	Aug	Gala Concert Celebrating The 20th Anniversary of Akutagawa Award for Music Composition	PIPE MUSIC BOX ORIGINAL FANFARE melodies were collected for selection from the public. (Selected melody has been heard since January 1, 2011.)
	Oct		Suntory Hall Chamber Music Academy started.