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# **CHIHIRO YAMANAKA UK trio**



## *PRESS Quotes*

*One of the best! The Trio is fantastic.. Repubblica, Luglio 2011 One of the greatest piano player of 21st cenurty\_ New York Times "A fantastic pianist...a great artist" Village Voice Yamanaka has truly original voice and great technique on her piano playing. " -Swing Journal "One of the greatest talents in Jazz for decades."-Jazz Life magazine Absolutely extarordinary pianist, amazing set! Jazz.it*

Chihiro Yamanaka **piano** Daniel Csimir **double bass** Shaney Forbes **drums**

Chihiro Yamanaka, Universal Music recording artist, is one of the most exciting jazz pianists and composers of her generation, and the leader of the Chihiro Yamanaka Trio. Chihiro's music pivots between her strikingly original compositions and her unique arrangements in which she accomplishes the impressive feat of introducing the element of surprise into some of the most

famous songs in the jazz repertoire, contemporary popular music, and even the works of classical composers. Chihiro takes this approach to yet another level with her Beatles tribute, the new CD *Because* (Universal/Decca), a groundbreaking disc that features some of the most creative reworkings of Beatles classics ever recorded. Along with the title track, "Because" (from Abbey Road), Chihiro transforms such great songs as "Yesterday" and "Michelle" into glittering vistas of her musical imagination. Chihiro's upcoming concert at Yoshi's San Francisco marks her 3rd appearance at the venue. Chihiro performs regularly on 3 continents. Her recent U.S. concerts have included the Mary Lou Williams Women In Jazz Festival at the Kennedy Center in Washington, DC, recorded for broadcast on National Public Radio's "JazzSet with Dee Dee Bridgewater." In New York City, Chihiro's home base, her concerts have included Iridium Jazz Club, the Blue Note, Carnegie Hall and Dizzy's at Jazz At Lincoln Center. Chihiro's most celebrated concerts in Europe have included opening for Herbie Hancock, Wayne Shorter and Marcus Miller in the "Tribute to Miles" concert at the Umbria Jazz Festival. Jazz Times reported that when Chihiro performed at this concert, "right and left, jaws were dropping." In Japan, Chihiro routinely sells out the top jazz clubs, such as Blue Note Tokyo, and as a classical pianist she has performed Gershwin's "Rhapsody In Blue" with major symphony orchestras. She has become a multi-media celebrity in Japan, hosting her own radio show, making TV appearances, and authoring a book, "The Landscape With Jazz." Keeping pace with Chihiro's whirlwind touring schedule is her prolific international recording career with Universal. In the past 2 years she has had four CD releases. Besides *Because*, they include *Molto Cantabile*, *After Hours 2*, and the U.S. release of *Reminiscence*. In the same period Chihiro and Universal also have released an EP, *Still Working*, and a DVD, *Live In New York*, videotaped at Iridium Jazz Club. The *Live In New York* DVD gives Chihiro's fans the opportunity to experience on video the spectacular visual presentation that has been seen by anyone who has witnessed the fireball of energy and virtuosity on display at a live Chihiro concert appearance. Recently, Universal Music celebrated the 75th anniversary of Blue Note Records by releasing a CD compiled by Chihiro, *My Favorite Blue Note*, her selection of classic Blue Note Records tracks by artists such as Monk and Blakey, with 2 new tracks by Chihiro herself. On her CD *Molto Cantabile*, Chihiro applies her imaginative arranging techniques to create an amazing fusion of jazz and classical music, featuring her own compositions and her arrangements of great works by Beethoven, Mozart and other composers. The new album SYNCOPATION HAZARD will be out on august for the Blue Note ft Jon Davis on drums and Yoshi Waki on bass. The new European tour will be on july and august 2015 including the prestigious Ravello Festival and Ronnie Scott London







<https://www.theguardian.com/music/2016/apr/13/chihiro-yamanaka-oscar-peterson-mulgrew-miller-ronnie-scotts-jazz-club-london>

Live Report

<http://www.outsidersmusica.it/recensione/Roma/la-star-del-jazz-del-sol-levante-chihiro-yamanaka-strega-il-pubblico-di-roma/>

[www.chihiroyamanaka.com](http://www.chihiroyamanaka.com)

#### UMBRIA JAZZ

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LeTjY\\_2gXNg](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LeTjY_2gXNg)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M48iOryMdV4>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a-RpRcPMUD8>

#### INTERVIEW

[http://www.jazzitalia.net/articoli/int\\_chihiroyamanaka\\_eng.asp#.UQfqio7BprM](http://www.jazzitalia.net/articoli/int_chihiroyamanaka_eng.asp#.UQfqio7BprM)

#### ALL ABOUT JAZZ Bio

<http://musicians.allaboutjazz.com/musician.php?id=32357#.UQfqxY7BprM>

#### JAZZ TIMES

<http://jazztimes.com/articles/28050-umbria-jazz-2011>

#### Review

<http://teatro.persinsala.it/chihiro-yamanaka-feat-luca-aquino-after-hours-autumn-tour-2013/9141>

#### CD

Year	Title	Label
2001	<i>Living Without Friday</i>	Universal
2002	<i>When October Goes</i>	Universal
2003	<i>Leaning Forward</i> (DVD)	Universal
2004	<i>Madrigal</i>	Universal

2005	<i>Outside by the Swing</i>	Verve
2006	<i>Lach Doch Mal</i>	Verve
2007	<i>Abyss</i>	Verve
2007	<i>Live in Tokyo (DVD)</i>	Verve
2008	<i>After Hours</i>	Verve
2008	<i>Bravogue</i>	Verve
2009	<i>Runnin' Wild – Tribute to Benny Goodman</i>	Verve
2010	<i>Forever Begins</i>	Verve
2011	<i>Reminiscence</i>	Verve
2011	<i>Live in New York (DVD)</i>	Verve
2012	<i>Because</i>	Verve
2012	<i>After Hours 2</i>	Verve
2013	<i>Monto Cantabile</i>	Verve
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