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The Japan Foundation, Sydney presents
Japan in Stereo
—a Japanese music listening series—

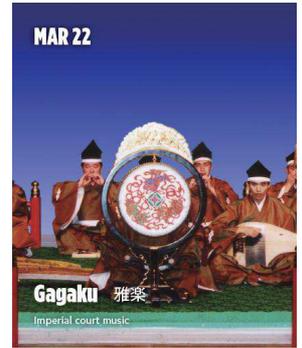
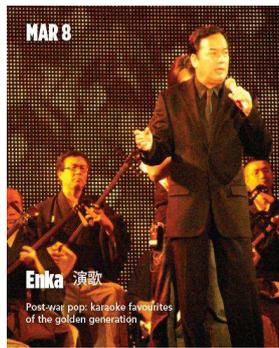
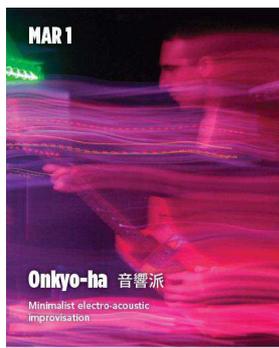
The Japan Foundation, Sydney announces an upcoming music listening series, [Japan in Stereo](#), which is designed for people who are interested in knowing more about Japanese music but aren't quite sure where to start.

Presented by Sydney arts writer and radio contributor **Zacha Rosen**, the series invites **five passionate music aficionados** (both academics and musicians) to introduce their favourite genres of Japanese music through conversation, music, video and live performance.

Japan in Stereo will showcase a wide variety of music, from traditional genres such as **Imperial court music** and the music of the **koto (Japanese harp)**, to contemporary genres such as **minimalist improvisation**, Japanese **classic rock** and sentimental **post-war pop**.

Says series presenter Zacha Rosen, "There's a **whole hidden world of great music** in Japan, but most visitors will never come across it. These talks give music lovers a unique opportunity to check them out."





Feb 22 Japanese Rock: Western rhythm and Japanese sound

Prof. Carolyn Stevens, Monash University

Mar 1 Onkyo-ha: Minimalist electro-acoustic improvisation

Oren Ambarchi, Musician

Mar 8 Enka: Postwar pop—Karaoke favourites of the golden generation

Dr. Shelley Brunt, Lecturer, RMIT University



Mar 15 Koto: Traditional Japanese harp

Satsuki Odamura, Musician (plus guests)



Mar 22 Gagaku: Imperial court music

Lewis Cornwell, Sydney Conservatorium of Music

Dates: Fridays, Feb 22 – Mar 22, 2013

Time: 6.30pm (Doors open 6.00pm) – 8pm

Venue: **Japan Foundation Gallery**
The Japan Foundation, Sydney
L1 Chifley Plaza, 2 Chifley Square,
Sydney

Admission: Free. Bookings Essential.
(Contact reception@jpf.org.au / 02 8239 0055 or book online)

Website: www.jpf.org.au

Audience members can also look forward to **free umeshu (Japanese sweet fruit liqueur)**, available to try at the venue courtesy of [Choya](http://Choya.com).



ABOUT THE JAPAN FOUNDATION:

The Japan Foundation aims to promote cultural and intellectual exchange between Japan and other nations through a diverse range of programs and events. The Japan Foundation, Sydney runs a gallery space, library and Japanese language courses for all levels catering from beginner to advanced. The Japan Foundation was established in 1972 with a global network of 23 offices in 21 countries. The Australian office was founded in 1977.

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