

## “Tears of Joy / Ikumi Ogasawara”

“Putting the voiceless voices of my inner-soul onto  
melodies with my piano”

In this album, I rearranged some of my favorite compositions into piano tunes. Each tune reflects the images and messages of my inner-soul.

I created these melodies with the piano, my best friend from my childhood.

With her, I can freely express my sincere feelings in the most honest way.

Today's world is full of uncertainty and anxiety.  
We all have to face them and live on.  
But stop a while and take a look around.  
Beyond daily hustles and challenges,  
You will see the world, full of wonders and beautiful sceneries.  
They heal our souls and inspire our hopes for the future.

It is my pleasure, if the music of my inner images can help inspire you and give a bit of courage to take a step forward and move on.

Ikumi OGASAWARA  
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## Messages for each tunes

### “Sunshine”

I indulge myself in a peaceful moment.  
Embraced by the warmth of the sun,  
Wishing that this precious time lasts for good.

### “On the way”

We all have a moment when you rue the day,  
Stand at a crossroad,  
Feel lost and left unassured,

Ask yourself whether you have chosen a right path.  
But it is not the end.  
Still a long way ahead,  
So many hopes and potentials you have.

**“Tears of joy”**

Tears of joy,  
Tears of happiness,  
Tears of gratitude,  
Tears full of emotions...  
So many beautiful tears have been shed to celebrate my life.

**“For better morning”**

Tomorrow, you will wake up to a different morning.  
Your wishes may come true.  
Tomorrow, you will find a better morning.  
Tomorrow...

**“Flowers of YURIAGE”**

Flowers bloom every season, again and again.  
Flowers bloom again in “YURIAGE”,  
Bringing back lives to this small town,  
Once totally destroyed by Tsunami of the Great East Japan Earthquake.  
Such a wonder of life!

**“Thanks, Thanks”** I appreciate,  
Every person I meet,  
Everything I encounter,  
Every moment I play music.  
I appreciate that so many people love my music,  
That I can create music,  
That I enjoy my time,  
That I was born into this beautiful world.  
Thank you, Thank you.

**“Voice”**

When an athlete challenges his limit, we sometimes see his face filled with clear confidence and serenity. We hear his inner voice saying “I trust myself”, the moment he overcomes all the adversity and limitations.

**“Cherry petals dance (Nihon no chikara)”**

At the end of their short blooming season,  
Cherries fall off from branches and brown into the spring sky.  
It's the dance of cherry blossoms.  
An image deeply shared in Japanese culture tradition and spirit.

**“A lullaby of whales”**

A mother whale,  
Swimming proudly and gracefully through rough seas,  
Guarding and guiding her baby.

A baby whale,  
Cheerfully, but trustfully swimming around her.

Beautiful lives and motherly love

#### **“Canvas”**

Snow-covered early morning park,  
Like a pristine white canvas,  
No footstep left behind.

What kind of picture can I draw on it?  
Picture of my unique self?  
That only I can draw,  
Picture of myself.  
My inner images.

## **Ikumi Ogasawara - Profile**

Composer, Pianist/Keyboards

OGASAWARA started piano lessons at the age of three and debuted as a professional pianist at the age of eighteen.

Her music is inspired by various sceneries and life events that she encounters during her daily life and time. Her colorful(pictorial/vivid) and lyrical(expressive) music and performing style attracts many fans in Japan since her debut.

She has composed many tunes for television programs and adverts, performed in various concerts in Japan. Released four original albums, including soundtrack(s) for television programs. **“Tears of Joy”** is her first album released outside Japan.

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