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The 13th Charity Christmas Concert Report



Kindergarten children choir



Pageant by KG students

It was a really blessing that we could celebrate our concert with over 450 people including audience, performers, kindergarten children, youth leaders and our club members enjoyed and shared the joy of Christmas on 15th of December at Vega Hall in Takarazuka city.

This year our special program was Christmas pageant performed by theological students from Kwansei Gakuin Univ. Arutaban story softened the audience and the hall was filled with harmonious atmosphere. Hula team Mahalo, 26 hula dancers of Kwansei Gakuin Univ. students, their dynamic hula dance were awesome! They joined concert right after finishing their classes and we appreciate for their effort to participation.

Poppen Ringers showed their progress in their performance especially after they attended the training camp at Aso, Kumamoto in last summer. The audience were full of tears with their beautiful bell sounds.

The high light was Hallelujah Chorus at the *finale*. It was the moment of togetherness. All of the audience, young and old, regardless disabled or not, they came up to the stage and we sang Hallelujah. It was the moment of sharing the joy of Christmas through music.

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¥127,078 was collected at the lobby after the concert and donated to Kobe YMCA

Every year we feel the joy of the community service of Y's movement through this concert and it spreads over and deepened among the Takarazuka citizens during 13years.



Shigeyuki Wakabayashi (Producer/Conductor)

Heart warmed Concert with Community

Children, students, disabled, old and young, this Christmas concert was for everybody. The program was well arranged and performed. The first part was Christmas story consisted by music and pageant.

The second part was "Sing together and celebrate Christmas."

The Hall was filled with the warm atmosphere. The MC was particularly ingenious and her humorous and pleasant talk connected the stage and audience.

The 13th Charity Christmas Concert was successful this year again and I hope this Community Service program by Y's men should continue for many years to come.



Ben Tsutomu Ohno (Regional Director, Japan West)



Christmas Carol in 2017

Annual Christmas Carol in 2017 was the fifth time for me and I certainly enjoyed it very much. Luckily the joyful chorus of the kindergarten children welcome me and their songs sounded like the angels' singing. They certainly put us into Christmas feelings.

The short play of the Nativity performed by the students of the theological Dept. of Kwansei Gakuin Univ. was fresh and funny, because there were four not three wise men from the East and the fourth called Arutaban was unique and we could not help laughing.

The performance of Poppen Ringers' hand-bells moved us and year by year they play brilliantly and seem to enjoy playing vividly. The appearance of 26 hula dancers, the students of Kwansei Gakuin Univ. with colorful costumes changed the atmosphere of attendance immediately. We all felt warm and relaxed!

Lastly singing "Hallelujah" together, the curtain fell down.

Thanking for the passion and the endeavors of the members of Takarazuka Club and I'm looking forward to the next year, too!

Shinichi Yamakawa (RSD, YMCA Service& Youth)



Kids joined the *finale*

Men & Menettes, Takarazuka Club



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