JIN MATSUNO (Violin)

Violinist Jin Matsuno was born in Osaka, Japan. He began playing the violin at the age of eight and made his orchestral concerto debut at the age of thirteen. He studied at the Kyoto City University of Arts under Prof. Ryutaro Iwabuchi.

Mr. Matsuno has concertized extensively in Europe and in Asia, and has collaborated in chamber music performances with P. Carmirelli (I Musici Concertmaster) and E. Finke (Berlin Philharmonic principal cellist). In addition to the violin, he is also an accomplished violist, and has performed many chamber music concerts in this capacity as well as in concerto performances with orchestra.

Mr. Matsuno is a firm believer in helping the less fortunate, particularly children, and has performed in charity concerts around the world for this cause. Those who have benefited from this include children who have suffered from the 1986 Chernobyl disaster, orphans, terminally ill children, and those from broken homes and destitute families. And for his contributions in this area, Mr. Matsuno has received several awards.

In addition to concertizing, Mr. Matsuno frequently gives master classes and is also an avid composer, having written a series of not only original compositions, but arrangements of Japanese songs as well. Mr. Matsuno often writes musical essays in Japanese newspapers and magazines and some of these have been translated into English and Chinese.

In Japan, Mr. Matsuno has an official fan club, and some members often accompany him on his concert tours in Japan and abroad. Mr. Matsuno has recorded several CDs for the Ongaku Center label and performs on a Stradivarius violin.