



Takayuki Shimizu is the Executive Director of the Men's Glee Club of New York ("MGCNY"), and serves as a member of the Board of Directors (as Board President) for NY Dansei Gassho, Inc., a 501c3 non-profit corporation in New York, that operates under DBA The Men's Glee Club of New York, or "MGCNY."

He is also the Managing Director for Operations at Mizuho Americas, the US operating entity for Mizuho Financial Group, the third largest financial services group in Japan. Primary responsibilities include managing the deposit, settlement and treasury activities of the banking entities, as well as reconciliation of systems and accounts. Prior to his current position, he was responsible in providing foreign exchange risk solutions for the bank's corporate and institutional clientele, with more than 25 years of experience in the financial markets.

The introduction to music, particularly choral, came at a young age for Takayuki, being part of the Boys Choir, while attending the Westminster Under School in London. The school has a strong musical tradition and provides choristers for St. Margaret's Church in Westminster Abbey. The school also boasts famous alumni, such as Andrew Lloyd Webber.

He is a bassist and member of the Bob Dylan cover band called The Complete Unknowns, and has performed at various venues such as The Bitter End, Cafe Wha? and B.B.King. This September, the band will be performing in Ljubljana, Slovenia.

He has earned a Bachelor's degree in Geography from the University of California, at Berkeley.



Ryuji “Rue” Yamauchi
Conductor & Music Director

Composer, pianist, and music educator, Mr. Yamauchi debuted as the conductor of the MGCNY in 2010. Since then, he has led MGCNY to many successful annual concerts in December that featured his own 4-part male choir arrangement of Japanese hit music, such as “I Love You” and “Koi-no-Yokan,” together with the traditional men’s a capella suite by Takehiko Tada. Last year, the MGCNY performed the suite for men’s voices titled “Rain” by Tada, which is the first time that MGCNY performed a complete suite of the composer in the last 20 years. Under Mr. Yamauchi’s direction, MGCNY also sang the American National Anthem at Citi Field (2013 & 2014) and Yankee Stadium (2014) during their respective Major League Baseball games. Mr. Yamauchi is a veteran piano teacher whose philosophy is to teach children to be well-rounded. A strong advocate for both arts and sports, Mr. Yamauchi was both a Little League baseball coach and a school choir piano accompanist for many years, in his hometown of Oradell, NJ. Mr. Yamauchi holds a BA degree from Columbia University. He is currently the president and CEO of DataNet Enterprise Solutions, Inc., which provides computer consulting and software development services to clients in the New York area. Mr. Yamauchi is married to Yuko, who is a 22-year veteran music educator at Passaic Public Schools in NJ. They have four children: Masami, Kate, Amy, and Elena.



Toshihito Sasao, Assistant Conductor

Toshihito Sasao serves as the Assistant Conductor for The Men's Glee Club of New York. He also serves as Secretary of the Board of Directors for NY Dansei Gassho, Inc., DBA The Men's Glee Club of New York (MGCNY). As Secretary, his responsibility is to take the minutes of board and general membership meetings, and distribute the minutes to the members to ensure transparency of the organization. As Assistant Conductor, Toshihito conducts practices, vocal exercises, and plays piano, and provide other musical support to the Music Director.

Toshihito graduated from Macalester College in St. Paul, MN with BA in Political Science. However, his passion has since changed to the Internet, which was an emerging technology at the turn of the millenium. He has witnessed that IT has made today's world smaller and closer together.

Currently, Toshihito is the head of IT infrastructure for Cinter Technology Services headquartered in Ohio and with office in New York. His responsibility is to ensure continuous operation of IT systems for enterprise customers nationwide.

Toshihito was a conductor for his school choir in Japan, and played piano and keyboard for band as a youth.



Gaku Aizawa

FINANCE DIRECTOR

Mr. Gaku Aizawa is the Finance Director of The Men’s Glee Club of New York. He is also the Treasurer of the Board of Directors of NY Dansei Gassho, Inc., DBA The Men’s Glee Club of New York (“MGCNY”). As the Finance Director, he is responsible for general account activities, overseeing budgeting and expenses for the performances and practices, handling membership dues, donations, and tax filings.

Gaku is a Member of the Board and Managing Director at Daiwa Capital Markets America Inc. (DCMA) in New York, subsidiary of the second largest Independent Brokerage House in Japan. Currently, his role is to support the Executive Leadership Team of DCMA and as the special advisor to the CEO. Gaku has over 30 years of experience in Fixed Income Sales & Trading field.

Gaku earned his Bachelor’s degree in International Law from Sophia University, Japan. His interests include spending time with family and friends, travels, learning European history, and physical exercises.



Hiroki Ohara

HR DIRECTOR

Hiroki Ohara is Human Resources Director of The Men’s Glee Club of New York (“MGCNY”), where he is engaged in issues concerning members of MGCNY such as membership policies, recruiting, management of membership database, and engagements with the former members and alumni of MGCNY.

Hiroki is one of the five Board of Directors for the NY Dansei Gassho, Inc., a not-for-profit company, DBA The Men’s Glee Club of New York (MGCNY).

Hiroki holds a position as Administration Manager at Mitsubishi Gas Chemical America, Inc., a 100% subsidiary of Mitsubishi Gas Chemical Co., Inc. established in Japan. He oversees both Accounting as well as Operations at the company. His responsibilities include compliance, internal controls, GA, HR, and BOD/Shareholder related matters.

Hiroki holds a Bachelor’s degree in Economics from The University of Tokyo.

Hiroki’s musical talent encompasses teaching experience on the piano and clarinet. He is a member of the clarinet section of Yokohama Blasorchester, a wind ensemble group which received multiple Gold awards at the prestigious All Japan Band Competition. Hiroki is one of a colleague of Toshito Sasao and also services as Assistant Conductor. Hiroki frequently conducts the practices and teaches our beginning singers how to reading music notations. Hiroki also provides piano accompaniments during practices.



Jun Saito: IT & SNS Director

Jun Saito is an IT & SNS Director for The Men's Glee Club of New York. His responsibilities include management of MGCNY's IT which includes websites, emails, and the scheduling software. He is also responsible for writing posts and distributing information to the public about our choral activities on website, Facebook, and Instagram. He manages the backend information such as logins, authorized editors, and maintains technology and access to its members, such as Dropbox, which the members of the organization relies on for filing data and operations.

Jun is one of the five Board of Directors for the NY Dansei Gassho, Inc., a not-for-profit company, DBA The Men's Glee Club of New York (MGCNY).

Jun is currently the Senior IT Analyst for Canon U.S.A., Inc. As a multi-faceted engineer, his major achievements include the development of a 3D modeling viewer for X-ray captured images, maintenance of CAD and PDM systems for developers and mechanical designers. As a software engineer, he created a Java applications for the internal Service Desk System for Canon's 10,000+ employees, as well as being a lead engineer for the cloud migration projects for Canon's mission-critical infrastructures used daily by 1000+ users.

Jun holds a Master's degree in Computer Science from Waseda University, Tokyo, Japan.

As musician, he is an avid guitarist who can accompany himself on many ballads and hit songs. He also teaches guitar to several of his students.



Fumio Yokomichi

ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR

Fumio Yokomichi is the Administrative Director for The Men's Glee Club of New York (MGCNY) since 2018. He is the chief manager for all administrative duties in the organization, including the scheduling of practices and performances, and making the reservations for the weekly practices at the off-Broadway studios every Friday. He works with the Music Director and HR Director to support and communicate with current members, and to onboarding for the new members. Fumio fulfills the key role of supporting the day-to-day activities of the MGCNY, and is an integral part of MGCNY's operation.

Fumio is the Head of Research at Daiwa Capital Markets America Inc. (DCMA), a foreign subsidiary of Daiwa Securities Group Inc., the second largest investment bank in Japan. He is a member of FINRA and holds SIE, Series 7, 16, 24, 63, 86, and 87 certifications. Fumio is also a Chartered Member of the Securities Analysts Association of Japan. Prior to moving to New York in 2017, Fumio worked in Sao Paulo, Brazil from 2012 to 2017, and Mumbai, India from 2010 to 2012.

Fumio received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from Waseda University, Tokyo in 1991. He also completed his Masters of Arts degree in 1998 in China and Japan Studies from SAIS at Johns Hopkins University.

Fumio is a passionate long-distance runner, having participated in many major marathon events across the globe, including New York City, Boston, Philadelphia, Japan, and Germany. He was a youth volunteer coach at Seishin Sansho Soccer Club from 2004 to 2010. His other diverse interests include skiing, traveling, cooking, reading, film, fine arts, and singing.



Mitsuhiro Hirano

DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

Mitsuhiro Hirano is the Development Director of The Men's Glee Club of New York (MGCNY). Mitsuhiro is responsible for organizational development, and advises the Executive Director, Finance, HR, IT & SNS Directors, as well as Music Director, for growing its memberships, find performance opportunities, donations, and corporate sponsorships. Mitsuhiro also advises the Board of Directors and the senior leadership team about the overall strategy.

Mitsuhiro is the Senior Vice President and General Manager of Mineral Resources Division at Sumitomo Corporation of Americas (SCOA). As the GM of SCOA Mineral Resources Division, he heads the overall business strategies for the entire North and South Americas. During his assignment in Bolivia in 2017-2020, he was the President of Minera San Cristobal S.A., the largest mining company in Bolivia. Mitsuhiro is a member of International Council of Mining and Metals, a global leadership organization for promoting work safety and sustainable world that is enabled by responsibly produced minerals and metals.

Mitsuhiro received a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Tokyo in Economics. Outside of his distinguished career in Mining and Metals business, his interests include spending time with his family and friends, and taking a holistic approach to health and wellness. Mitsuhiro is a versatile singer who sings in both top tenor and second tenor positions. Mitsuhiro possesses grade of 3rd dan in Kendo, one of traditional Japanese martial arts in the samurai swordsmanship.