

Tomoko Kuwae Profile

Japanese Singer-Songwriter / Showa Kayokyoku & City Pop

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PROFILE

Tomoko Kuwae is a Japanese singer-songwriter born in Awase, Okinawa (now Okinawa City) and raised in Fukuoka City. She made her debut in 1979 with “Watashi no Heart wa Stop Motion,” which became widely known through a cosmetics commercial and earned her the Best New Artist Award at the 21st Japan Record Awards.

Known for her clear, expressive voice and sophisticated pop sensibility, Kuwae has continued to move across Showa-era kayokyoku, city pop, Latin, jazz, and Okinawan music. She has also studied Ryukyu folk music in depth, receiving awards at the Ryukyu Folk Song Competition in 2001 and 2005.

Today, Kuwae continues to share her music through her official YouTube channel, presenting Showa kayokyoku and city pop classics in fresh arrangements. Her current activities also include full live-performance releases through “Sunday Marugoto Live” and Okinawan home-cooking content through “TOMOKO'S KITCHEN,” connecting music, regional roots, and everyday culture.

FEATURE ANGLES

- Daily YouTube releases of Showa kayokyoku and city pop classics in fresh arrangements
- A 1979 award-winning singer's present-day creative activity
- Okinawan roots and Fukuoka upbringing
- Okinawan home cooking and lifestyle through TOMOKO'S KITCHEN

SELECTED AWARDS

- 1979 Best New Artist Award, 21st Japan Record Awards
- 1979 New Artist Award, All Japan Cable Broadcasting Awards
- 1979 New Artist Award, Japan Cable Awards
- 1979 Outstanding New Artist Award, FNS Music Festival Grand Prix

- City pop rediscovery for international audiences

- 2001 Newcomer Award, Ryukyu Folk Song Competition
- 2005 Excellence Award, Ryukyu Folk Song Competition

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