



Keys of Change

Can music change the world? We believe it can.

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

This is to confirm that concert violinist Vov Dylan participated in our musical project in Fukushima, Japan, between 25 July-6 August 2018, as a violin coach and orchestral player for the Fukushima Youth Sinfonietta. During his time in Japan responsibilities for Mr. Dylan included daily one-to-one violin lessons and string sectionals, as well as occasionally looking after the whole orchestra.

While working for this project in Fukushima, Mr. Dylan's music teaching became invaluable for the musical development of the young Fukushima musicians. His approach at violin teaching are refreshing, and at time radical, but the results spoke for themselves: Mr. Dylan was able to inspire some of our most beginner players to perform at full sound some of the most challenging pieces of the repertoire, like the Tchaikovsky Symphony No. 5. At the same time Mr. Dylan displayed exceptional leadership qualities, that not only helped the students with their personal development, but also supported the team of music professionals that were also assisting this project.

#### BACKGROUND

The Fukushima Youth Sinfonietta (FYS) is one of the most positive things to emerge from the devastation of the 2011 earthquake and tsunami in northern Japan. Set up by UK charity Keys of Change in partnership with schools in Fukushima, initially to bring hope to the young people in the area, the orchestra has made rapid musical strides and has already performed in the Queen Elizabeth Hall in London (2014), Tokyo Opera City (2015), in Boston Symphony Hall. (2016), Bangkok Siam Pic Ganesha Theatre (2017) and Tokyo Suntory Hall (2018). The Fukushima Youth Sinfonietta is a dynamic group of around 50 young Japanese musicians, who have been coached by Keys of Change musicians over the past six years, as well as by professional musicians from the Japan Philharmonic Orchestra and gifted young musicians from the prestigious Toho Gakuen music university in Tokyo.

Sincerely,

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