



Ei Gokoriyama!

News and Information about Koriyama City in English

April 2019

Joe Hisaishi Spring Concert 2019

A legend of film music will perform in Koriyama on the 27th of April at the Cultural Center: **Joe Hisaishi**. An incredibly prolific and gifted composer, he is not only well known for some of the most recognizable soundtracks of Ghibli-films from Nausicaa to Ponyo, but also the soundtracks for various other films, such as Kikujiro. As a conductor and pianist, he has toured around the world performing his soundtracks among others. During this **Spring Concert**, he is joined by the **Sendai Philharmonic Orchestra** to perform his music from **Castle in the Sky**, as well as Brahms' 1st Symphony. Be sure to get your tickets early!

Date: April 27th (doors open at 15:15, concert start at 16:00)
Tickets: 【S-class】 ¥9,000, 【A-class】 ¥7,500, 【B-class】 ¥6,000. Available at Lawson Tickets (L-code 22607), TicketPia (P-code 138-575), online at E-Plus (<http://eplus.jp>) and the Cultural Center or Usui Dept. Store.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Fujifilm Photo

Collection Exhibit at the Koriyama City Museum of Art
 Snap! The *Koriyama City Museum of Art* is organizing a very special exhibition starting **April 20th**. In celebration of Japan's culture of photography, the Museum is collaborating with Fujifilm for the '**Fujifilm Photo Collection**'-exhibit. The collection of 101 photos was assembled for the 80th anniversary of Fujifilm in 2014. It includes photos from the 19th century onwards, from legendary photographers such as *Felice Beato* and *Shimooka Renjō*, and beautifully reflects the history of Japanese photography through the ages. Tickets are available directly at the museum. Highly recommended for everyone who loves photography!

Period: April 20th – June 23rd, 9:30– 17:00, closed on Mondays (closed on May 7th, opened on April 29th and May 6th)

Admission: ¥800 (¥500 for seniors/HS students, free for JHS students and younger)

WEB: www.city.koriyama.lg.jp/bijutsukan/exhibition/12582.html

Location: <http://goo.gl/maps/sGaxbEL11TK2>



Event Calendar

- April
- 20~ **Fujifilm Photo Collection**
(Koriyama City Museum of Art)
 - 25 **Nobuyuki Tsuji, Fumiaki Miura and the Orpheus Chamber Orchestra Concert**
(Koriyama City Cultural Center)
 - 25~ **Exhibit: Pixar – The Friendship (until May 15th)**
(Koriyama City Cultural Center)
 - 27 **Joe Hisaishi Spring Concert Vol. 1 with the Sendai Philharmonic Orchestra**
(Koriyama City Cultural Center)
 - 27~ **Fukushima Ramen Show 2019 (until May 6th)**
(Big Palette Fukushima)
 - 28 **Fukushima Pref. Hawaiian Band Festival 2019**
(Kaiseizan Park Outdoor Music Stage)
 - 29 **Koriyama City Marathon 2019**
(Kaiseizan Athletics Stadium)
 - 29 **Koriyama Wind Orchestra (GunSui) Spring Concert ft. Akira Miyagawa**
(Koriyama City Cultural Center)
- May
- 5 **EMI HULA 3rd. Ho'ike 2019**
(Koriyama City Cultural Center)
 - 10 **Christopher Cross Japan Tour 2019**
(Koriyama City Cultural Center)
 - 18-19 **Darts Live Open 2019 – Fukushima**
(Big Palette Fukushima)
 - 19 **Amadeus Chamber Ensemble - Annual Concert**
(Koriyama City Cultural Center)

'Pixar – The Friendship' Exhibit at the Cultural Center

Want to have your picture taken in a scene from your favorite Pixar movie? Looking for some cool Pixar and Disney merchandise? Then come check out the exhibit 'Pixar - The Friendship' at the Cultural Center!

Date: April 25th – May 15th, 10:00 – 17:00 (10:00 – 19:00 on Sundays and public holidays) (admission until 30 mins. before closing)

Tickets: 【General】 ¥1,200 (¥1,000 in pre-sale), 【Elementary school students/younger (until 3 years old)】 ¥600 (¥500 in pre-sale), free for toddlers below the age of three.

Location: Koriyama Kenshin Cultural Center (<https://bit.ly/2G4gmnL>)

WEB: www.disney.co.jp/eventlive/pixarthefriendship.html (JP)



Japanese Language Course for Foreign Residents

The Koriyama International Exchange Association (KIEA) organizes a Japanese language course for foreign residents. Enjoy studying Japanese with residents from many different countries. Apply now for the next course-period: **May 9th~July 11th, every Thursday** (10 classes) (*morning*: 10:00~11:30 or *evening*: 19:00~20:30; please note that the morning class requires the ability to read/write Hiragana/Katakana and to understand the teacher's instructions in easy Japanese is required).

Please apply by the 7th of May!

Venue: Sogo Fukushi Center (behind City Hall)

Fee: ¥3,000 for 10 classes (pay at 1st class)

Please apply by e-mail or phone (EN/JP)

or the online form at <https://goo.gl/5gRKGz>

E-mail: intl-salon@city.koriyama.fukushima.jp

TEL: 024-924 2970 (JP/EN)



3/11 remembrance: 'GReeeeN' Lantern Lighting

This year's **March 11th** marked the 8th anniversary of the Great East Japan disaster of 2011. In commemoration, the city collaborated with the band GReeeeN (recently assigned as Frontier Ambassadors for the city) for a event at Koriyama Station's West Exit Square. Both GReeeeN and the children from the Haga Elementary School wrote messages and their dreams for the revitalization of Koriyama on sheets of Ebine-washi (traditional Japanese paper locally produced in Koriyama's Ebine-area). These were strapped on to lanterns, and lined up on the station for everyone to read. It was a beautiful, serene event that lent itself well for contemplation and remembrance.



#mykoriyama on the new Koriyama City Website

Do you have a great picture of sights, sceneries or people in Koriyama that you would like to share? When you post them on Instagram with the hashtag #mykoriyama, your picture might just get picked up to be shown on the official website of Koriyama City. A big banner on the front page features the very best #mykoriyama pictures. So, don't forget that hashtag!



Thank-you Letter for Fukuoka Softbank Hawks Players

In December last year, two players from the Fukuoka Softbank Hawks - Seiichi Uchikawa and Seji Uebayashi – gave a baseball clinic at the York Kaiseizan Stadium. 275 elementary school kids from all over Fukushima joined, and it was a great success. On the 16th of March, Mayor Shinagawa got the opportunity at the Yokohama Stadium to present them with a letter of appreciation to thank them for their efforts.



Fukushima Ose Winery presents: Vin de Ollage

The Fukushima Ose Winery was started in 2015 in cooperation with Koriyama City and the Mitsubishi Corp. Disaster Relief Foundation in an effort to revitalize the region through new, high-quality local products. As it takes a few years to actually start producing wine, up until now, the winery only produced and sold ciders and rosé. However, on the **10th of March** this year, the winery celebrated the sale of its very first batch of wine: **Vin de Ollage**. The word 'Ollage' is derived from the term for 'our home' in the local dialect: 'Ora-ge (おら家)'. The winery is open to the public from Tuesdays to Sunday, between 10:00 and 16:00, and offers winery tours and tastings. For more info, such as on the winery's various products, visit <http://ousewinery.jp> (JP).

Location: <https://goo.gl/maps/FSfE7mKLXXr>



Do you know Koriyama?

Koriyama City Marathon

Golden Week in Koriyama hasn't really started until the first opening shot is fired for the Koriyama City Marathon. Traditionally held on *Showa Day* (**April 29th**), it has become a staple event since it was first held in 1994. The event is organized by the Koriyama City Marathon Organizing Committee led by Koriyama City Hall, and supported by various local sponsors. Every year, the marathon starts at the Kaiseizan Athletics Stadium and leads the runners west towards the Ouse-area. The respective courses are 1.5k, 3k, 5k, 10k and the half-marathon, divided up into various categories for age, people with disabilities and even for parents together with their children. Famous runners this year are **Natsumi Ozawa** and **Takeshi Uchiyama**.



Applications have already closed for this year's edition, but the event is fun to watch, and the contestants could do with your support!

WEB: koriyama-city-marathon.jp

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