

## MARIKO HARA

Born in 1984, Tokyo . Mariko Hara is a student at Toho School of Music in Tokyo.

She changed her major to viola in April 2005'.

She first started to learn violin at Toho Junior Pre-College when she was 5 years old. She had studied at Toho High School of Music

She won the 1<sup>st</sup>. prize at 5<sup>th</sup> Toshiya Eto Violin Competition when she was 15 years of age.

At 16, she performed Tchaicovsky Violin Concert with The Japan Philharmonic Orchestra in Tokyo.

She has been a regular artist at Miyazaki Music Festival since 2004.

She performed with Garth Knox at the "Viola Space" 2005 and 2006. It was the world premiere of Knox's music.

She studied in "Saito Kinen Music Festival for young talented musicians" with Seiji Ozawa and many leading Japanese musicians.

She participated in Cervo summer academy in Italy. -studied with Jean Sulem.

She performed two concerts as a selected student in Cervo.

In December 2005 she performed in Hanoi, Vietnam. -Duo with Nobuko Imai and also as a soloist.

She founded "Jupiter String Quartet" with her colleagues at Toho School of Music.

They performed at JT Art Hall, Cho-fu Music Festival, and performed their first recital in Mashiko city December 2005.

They participated in Project-Q (quartet) and studied with Tokyo String Quartet, Michelangelo String Quartet, Koichiro Harada and Julliard String Quartet.

Mariko Hara is also interested in contemporary works. And she joined many concerts of contemporary music, among others a few premieres.

Currently she studies viola with Nobuko Imai.

In this summer She will participate in Verbier Festival Academy.

She will study at Geneve Conservatoire from September 2006.