



SHINICHI SAKUMA

After graduating from the Tokyo University of the Arts and completing advanced studies in Italy at the “Giuseppe Verdi” Conservatory, Shinichi Sakuma built an international career across Europe and Japan, earning recognition in major vocal competitions and performing in significant opera productions.

Upon returning to Japan in 1987, he **founded the Kumamoto City Opera Association**, where he currently serves as representative, dedicating himself to the production and promotion of Italian opera. In recent years, he has planned and produced major operatic projects, including the special production of “Tsubakihime” commemorating Verdi’s 200th anniversary, and continues to present annual opera productions while actively supporting young artists.

He is currently a member of the **Tokyo Nikikai**, Vice President of the **Kumamoto Cultural Association**, a member of the **Executive Committee and Jury of the Kumamoto Prefecture New Artists Concert**, and a jury member of the **Kumamoto Student Music Competition**. His contribution to the promotion of classical music within the community has been recognized with several prestigious cultural awards.