

## Piano News

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### Hiromi in Europe



Hiromi Uehara has mesmerized the jazz community ever since her 2003 debut recording, 'Another Mind'. Her original musical ideas coupled with amazing technique have sent a buzz throughout the music world. Well known in Japan and the US, Hiromi has just finished a long tour spanning Europe; from Portugal to Spain, from Italy to England. Piet Meersschaut of Yamaha's Benelux office sent these photos of a recent performance at The Haag Jazz Festival. As usual, Hiromi's talent thrilled the audiences throughout her extensive tour.

Born in Hamamatsu, Japan, in 1979, Hiromi took her first piano lessons at age six. Her teacher inspired her to tap into the intuitive as well as the technical aspects of music, to play from the heart, not just the ears. At seven she enrolled in a Yamaha Music School and by 12 was performing in public, sometimes with very high-profile orchestras such as European performances with the Czech Philharmonic.

Further into her teens, her tastes expanded to jazz and when she was 17 a chance meeting with Chick Corea at Yamaha in Tokyo, led to his inviting her to perform with him the very next day! After a couple years of writing TV jingles Hiromi entered to Berklee in Boston where her musical horizons were further expanded. She realized there is no need to categorize and limit music of different genres. Her music includes elements of classical and rock music in addition to jazz.

**Hiromi's Website :** <http://www.hiromiuehara.net/>



### Comments from Piet Meersschaut of Yamaha Benelux

"Hiromi's virtuosic and extremely energetic performance in combination with an overwhelming charm was more than warmly welcomed by the Dutch public. She brought a nice blend of groovy and sometimes classic inspired compositions, together with her band featuring the avant-garde guitarist David Fiuczynski.

She performed twice at the festival and on both nights, she got a standing ovation. No need to say more...a great talent that made a splendid debut in the Netherlands."