

ROCK OF ASIA PROFILE

Rock Of Asia is an acoustic folk rock group founded by Nikki Matsumoto, a Japanese musician/singer who has been to many parts of the world. Rock Of Asia combines musical instruments of the East, such as a shakuhachi, biwa, and erhu and those of the West, such as a guitar and violin.

The Tokyo based Japanese band has been performing since the fall of 2009. While playing original and cover songs, it also plays pieces of Japanese traditional music during its set. But the original songs sung in English are the strength of Rock Of Asia, they are the messages for people of the world, sometimes political and futuristic.

The first album was released on March 11, 2011. And then came the massive earthquake...

One of the songs on the album is called "Ocean". It is a song about a fisherman who loses his family. This song was composed few years ago, but quite amazingly it describes the scene of the big Tsunami. A prophecy or not, Nikki Matsumoto decided to go to the disaster area right after the quake, cancelling all the tour plans, to help the victims.

Now back on the track, Rock Of Asia is coming to Egypt in November. The new album "Virtual Colony" will feature songs related to the middle east issues. Rock Of Asia is a missionary of peace. Combining Japanese instruments and European instruments, its music is traditional and modern.

