

## LESSON NOTES

# Culture Class: Essential Japanese Vocabulary S1 #24 Musicians

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## KANJI

1. Who are five famous musicians in Japan?
2. 1. 小澤征爾
3. 2. 坂本九
4. 3. 美空ひばり
5. 4. 氷川きよし
6. 5. 嵐

## KANA

1. Who are five famous musicians in Japan?
2. 1. おざわせいじ
3. 2. さかもときゅう
4. 3. みそらひばり
5. 4. ひかわきよし
6. 5. あらし

## ROMANIZATION

1. Who are five famous musicians in Japan?

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2. 1. Ozawa Seiji
3. 2. Sakamoto Kyū
4. 3. Misora Hibari
5. 4. Hikawa Kiyoshi
6. 5. Arashi

## ENGLISH

1. Who are five famous musicians in Japan?
2. 1. Seiji Ozawa, a world-famous conductor
3. 2. Kyu Sakamoto, a legendary singer and actor
4. 3. Hibari Misora, a famous enka singer
5. 4. Kiyoshi Hikawa, a young enka singer
6. 5. Arashi, a popular male pop group

## VOCABULARY

Kanji	Kana	Romaji	English
小澤征爾	おざわせいじ	ozawa seiji	Seiji Ozawa, a world-famous conductor

坂本九	さかもときゅう	Sakamoto Kyū	Kyu Sakamoto, a legendary singer and actor
美空ひばり	みそらひばり	Misora Hibari	Hibari Misora, a famous enka singer
氷川きよし	ひかわきよし	Hikawa Kiyoshi	Kiyoshi Hikawa, a young enka singer
嵐	あらし	Arashi	Arashi, a popular male pop group

## SAMPLE SENTENCES

<p>小澤征爾は、わずか38歳でボストン交響楽団の音楽監督に就任した。</p> <p><i>Ozawa Seiji wa, wazuka sanjū hassai de Bosuton kōkyō gakudan no ongaku kantoku ni shūnin shita.</i></p> <p>Seiji Ozawa became the music director of the Boston Symphony Orchestra at just 38 years of age.</p>	<p>坂本九のベストヒットは、英語では「スキヤキ」として知られる「上を向いて歩こう」という歌です。</p> <p><i>Sakamoto Kyū no besuto hitto wa, eigo dewa "Sukiyaki" to shite shirareru "ue o muite arukō" toyū uta desu.</i></p> <p>Kyu Sakamoto's best known song is "Ue o Muite Arukō", or "Walk Looking Upward", which is known as "Sukiyaki" in English.</p>
<p>美空ひばりは、女性初の国民栄誉賞受賞者です。</p> <p><i>Misora Hibari wa, josei hatsu no kokumin eiyoshō jushōsha desu.</i></p> <p>Hibari Misora is the first woman to receive the People's Honour Award.</p>	<p>氷川きよしの演歌は、演歌とポップの融合のような歌です。</p> <p><i>Hikawa Kiyoshi no enka wa, enka to poppu no yūgō no yōna uta desu.</i></p> <p>Enka songs by Kiyoshi Hikawa sound like a mix of enka and pop music.</p>

1999年のデビュー以降、嵐は日本国内外で人気を高めてきました。

*sen kyūhyaku kyūjū kyūnen no debyū ikō, Arashi wa nihon koku naigai de ninki o takamete kimashita.*

Since their debut in 1999, Arashi has become more and more popular both in Japan and abroad.

## CULTURAL INSIGHT

### 1. Seiji Ozawa, a world-famous

## **conductor**

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Seiji Ozawa is a world-famous Japanese orchestra conductor. He's also known as a music director and as a principal conductor of opera.

### **2. Kyu Sakamoto, a legendary singer and actor**

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Kyu Sakamoto was a singer and actor. His songs were great hits all over the world, selling 15 million records in total. He lost his life in a plane crash in 1985 aged 43.

### **3. Hibari Misora, a famous enka singer**

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Hibari Misora is considered the greatest "diva" in Japan. She started her life as actress at 8 years old, but it took about a year to convince people in the music industry to accept her mature talent as a singer.

### **4. Kiyoshi Hikawa, a young enka singer**

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Kiyoshi Hikawa is a young Japanese enka singer. Enka is a popular type of Japanese music which is made to resemble traditional Japanese songs, and is considered to be a genre popular with older people. Kiyoshi Hikawa made an impact among enka singers older than he, and made enka more casual and approachable for the younger generation.

### **5. Arashi, a popular male pop group**

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Arashi is a group managed by Johnny & Associates, Inc., a company which manages many other boy pop idol groups. Amongst many similar "Johnny's" groups, what makes Arashi different is that each member has his own different strengths apart from singing and dancing; one member even reads the news.