



Music & Me: Tell Us About Your Daily Life!

9th grade, Tokyo Violinist

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Schedule during the recital tour

	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Day1	Practiced in the hotel room & visited to Quincy Market	1:30pm~2:30pm Did rehearsal with the pianist & visited to Harvard	Practiced in the hotel room
Day2	9am~9:30am Did rehearsal with the pianist	Performance at Harvard	Had ramen in the Cambridge area
Day3	Practiced in the hotel room & visit to MIT	Went to walk around Boston -the Museum, Public Library, etc	4:30pm Flight to New York
Day4	Practiced in the hotel room, then walked around Times Square & Central Park	3pm~6pm Practiced at AMDA	7:30pm~9:30pm Watched the Broadway musical "CHICAGO"
Day5	Walked around St. Patrick's Cathedral area & practiced in the hotel room	1pm~3pm Practiced with the pianist at AMDA	4pm Performance at Carnegie Hall
Day6	Visited to the Statue of Liberty	Visited to Ground Zero	4:25pm Flight to San Francisco
Day7	Visited to Stanford University & Google headquarters	4pm~6:30pm Practiced with the pianist	Practiced in the hotel room
Day8	Practiced in the hotel room	1pm~3pm Practiced with the pianist	Walked around Union Square
Day9	Practiced in the hotel room	2pm~ Performance at Opera house	



Memorable Places

- Google Headquarters: The bathrooms were decorated in Google colors, which was really fun!
- Museum of Fine Arts, Boston: I was especially impressed by the Egyptian exhibit!

Something Surprising

My mom bought a latte at a Starbucks in New York City, but she accidentally left without picking it up. The next morning, she went back to the same Starbucks to buy the same drink again, and the staff actually remembered her and gave her the latte for free!

Something That Moved Me

I was really touched to be with people of all ages from young children to adults listening to each other's performances and complimenting one another. Even though everyone had different nationalities and native languages, I felt that they were all connected through music.

About Your Daily Life/Lessons and Practice

	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
MONDAY	School	School	Club activity, Violin practice
TUESDAY	School	School	Club activity and Study
WEDNESDAY	School	School	Club activity, Study, Violin practice
THURSDAY	School	School	Club activity, Study, Violin practice
FRIDAY	School	School	Going to home
SATURDAY	Violin practice at home	Tutoring school	Tutoring school
SUNDAY	Study	Going to dorm	Study

What do you like about your coach?

Sometimes they are strict, but they praise me a lot and make lessons fun. Also, they are kind.

What do you usually do in Lessons?

I practice both the basics and the pieces I want to play. The piece I'm currently working on is "La Campanella."

How much do you practice daily?

Since I live in a dorm, there's a limitation for my practice time. It really depends on my school schedule, like the exam, school events, and club activities. Some days I can practice a lot, and other days I can't.

How much do you practice before the Competition or Recital?

Weekdays: 1.5 ~ 3 hours | Weekends: 6 ~ 8 hours

What is your practice routine?

I always practice scales and vibrato as part of my fundamentals.

Anything you are into besides music?

I've done ballet and cheerleading since I was three, and now I'm in the school dance club. Also, I'm focusing on improving my English to prepare for I'm going to study abroad next year.

My dream is to be in the medical field at a university abroad!

I'm giving my all to studying every day.

Message

The first thing that comes to mind about the tour is performing at Carnegie Hall. The people in the front rows were really into the music, and after my performance, many people from different countries came up to me saying, "That was wonderful!"

Another memorable moment was at the beginning of the tour. I was very nervous because everyone else was incredibly talented. But as we performed more concerts at Carnegie Hall and various opera houses, I got to know everyone better and could enjoy friendly conversations in the waiting rooms. Unlike competitions, which always had a tense atmosphere, the relaxed and warm environment of this tour was very special and much appreciated.

Every venue we visited was such an exclusive place that one normally cannot enter. I was also fortunate to have the chance to hear about how it looks like of Harvard University life, which gave me very real and valuable insights. Participating in this tour was truly a lucky opportunity.

Finally, I am deeply grateful to Ms. Iwasaki of Special Venue and everyone who made this tour possible. Thank you very much!

