

## Keiko Kotoku, Associate Faculty & Showcase Artist

Keiko Kotoku, international performing marimbist, percussion teacher and composer, has presented concerts in Argentina, Belgium, France, her native Japan, Mexico, Sweden and the USA. She performs ensembles with other musicians.

Ms. Kotoku won Second Prize at the 2001 International Marimba Competition in Belgium - the youngest person to have received this prize. She was subsequently invited to perform at the competition in 2004. She performed *Marimba Concertino* with the composer conducting, and performed Keiko Abe's *Prism Rhapsody* (at the 2003 winner of The Boston Conservatory's concerto competition).

Keiko was a guest artist at the Tercer Festival Internacional in Patagonia, Argentina, sponsored by UNICOM Patagonia in 2005 and was a featured artist at the Chiapas, Mexico International Percussion Festival.

Ms. Kotoku's latest project includes working with the Argentinian duo, Pozo. Looking to try new possibilities for the marimba, including ensemble pieces with guitar, singing and other percussion, Ms. Kotoku and Pozo have self-composed *DAHA* and covers of Argentinian and Japanese songs.

Ms. Kotoku will tour with Pozo in Japan and Argentina in June and October 2008.

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