



Shiro Onuma (*1954 in Nagano, Japan) is one of the most distinguished master drummers in improvised music in Japan. He started to become a professional musician at the age of nineteen. In his early twenties he played classical modern jazz in local groups but his unique style in improvised music has developed over the last decades to the present mastery. In 1986 he formed his own group "Fedayen" with Daisuke Fuwa (bass) and Naohiro Kawashita (ts, vln), which led to his work with the renowned Japanese big band "Shibusa Shirazu". In the 90's he toured Russia, Lithuania and Germany with "Fedayen" and during his European tour with Shibusa Shirazu he performed at Moers Jazz Festival in 1998. In 2001 he formed the "Shiro Onuma Trio" featuring Tetsu Watanabe (sax) and Hiroyuki Eizuka (bass) and in 2003 he

started his ongoing trio project M.A.S.H. featuring Junji Mori (reeds) and changing piano players including Dairo Suga, Katsuyuki Itakura amongst others.

2005 marks the start of his collaboration with Swiss drummer Heinz Geisser with whom he has toured Japan several times in Duo. Shiro Onuma has worked with Danny Davis, Blaise Siwula, Bruce Eisenbeil, Andreas Dormann, Mike Ellis, Junji Hirose, Taku Amemiya and many others. His mastery is documented on over 20 albums released on Japanese, European and American labels.

Selected discography:

1991	First	Fedayen	Nutmeg Records
1993	Shibusamichi	Shibusa Shirazu	Chitei Records
1997	Live!	Fedayen	Chitei Records
2002	Danny	Shiro Onuma Trio	Chitei Records
2005	M.A.S.H.	M.A.S.H.	O2 collab
2005	Fire Atrandom	Shiro Onuma – Katsuyuki Itakura	O2 collab
2007	M.A.S.H. at the airegin	M.A.S.H.	O2 collab
2008	Live at Yokohama	Shiro Onuma – Heinz Geisser Duo	Leo Records LR 514
2009	Die Bande	Andreas Dorman – Hiroyuki Eizuka - Shiro Onuma	Pool Jazz Berlin
2009	Rain of Light	Shiro Onuma – Heinz Geisser Duo	Cadence Jazz Records CJR1228
2010	M.A.S.H.	M.A.S.H. at the Knuttel House	
2012	Dancing the Body of Time	Heinz Geisser – Guerino Mazzola - Shiro Onuma	Cadence Jazz Records CJR1239
2013	M.A.S.H. meets Nobuyoshi Ino	M.A.S.H.	O2 collab