

= Key Sounds Label =

Key Sounds Label is a Japanese independent record label formed in 2001 as a brand of the publishing company VisualArt 's . Key Sounds Label was formed to catalog and release music related to visual novels produced by the brand Key , also under VisualArt 's , known for developing such titles as Kanon and Air . Excluding two albums and one single that were released by Key and VisualArt 's before the label 's formation , the majority of releases on the label all have a basis from one of Key 's titles . There are other albums and singles on the label not directly related to the visual novels , such as two singles by Lia and one album by Riya . Unlike typical record labels , Key Sounds Label does not license any of the artists featured on albums and singles released on the label .

When Key Sounds Label formed , Jun Maeda , Shinji Orito , and Magome Togoshi were Key 's signature composers and have continued to produce the majority of the music on the label , though Togoshi is no longer affiliated with Key or VisualArt 's . Key often sells albums and singles on this label at the convention Comiket . Key Sounds Label is not under contract with JASRAC , or any other Japanese copyright collecting agency . As such , the releases on the label are not sold in Japanese stores with other music albums and singles , but are still widely available for online purchase .

= = History = =

Key Sounds Label has its origins in 1999 , two years before the first album on the label was released . When the visual novel company Key , under the publisher VisualArt 's , was about to release their debut title Kanon , Key produced the arrange album Anemoscope and bundled it with the first @-@ print release of Kanon released in June 1999 . The second music release , a single , occurred in November 1999 . The third release , another arrange album , followed in September 2000 bundled with the first @-@ print release of Key 's second title Air , and was the first music release by Key to bear a catalog number , KYCD @-@ 0303 . Each of these three were released in limited editions , and thus were not widely sold .

In 2001 , VisualArt 's and Key decided to form Key Sounds Label and start cataloging the albums and singles released by Key with the tag " KSLA ? " followed by the four @-@ digit label number . For example , the first release bears the catalog number KSLA @-@ 0001 . The first two releases on the label were an album and a single released at the convention Comiket 60 in August 2001 , and were sold by Key . Since then , Key has regularly sold singles and albums under Key Sounds Label at subsequent Comiket conventions . Following the convention established with Kanon and Air , Key has released three more arrange albums bundled with the first @-@ print releases of Key 's later titles Clannad , Little Busters ! , and Little Busters ! Ecstasy . These three albums were never @-@ released for general sale . In early 2008 , three of the albums on the label became available through the iTunes Store ? partial albums of -Memento- and Recollections , and the complete album Ma @-@ Na ? under the name Key Sound Team . Later , -Memento- was removed , and the full Recollections album became available .

Most of the releases on the label contain music directly related to Key 's visual novels , whether they be original soundtracks , remix albums , or image song singles and albums . There are other music singles and albums produced by members of Key not related to Key 's titles . For example , the first album released on the label , Humanity ... , is the only album released by Work @-@ S , a band produced by Shinji Orito . Two maxi singles containing songs sung by Lia were released on the label in December 2002 and August 2003 . An album entitled Love Song was released in August 2005 containing songs sung by Riya of Eufonius . In December 2006 , Key Sounds Label produced the first drama CD on the label , and two more followed in July 2007 . In December 2006 , the first anime music single to commemorate the second anime TV series adaptation of Kanon was produced on the label , and an anime single for the Clannad anime TV series followed in October 2007 . A third anime music single , this time for the Clannad After Story anime TV series , was released in November 2008 . A short remix album for Clannad After Story was released in

December 2008 . Music singles and albums for the anime Angel Beats ! were released between April and December 2010 . A single for the Little Busters ! anime TV series was released in October 2012 . Two singles for the Little Busters ! Refrain anime TV series were released : the first in October 2013 and the second in November 2013 .

The first EP on Key Sounds Label contained songs from Air and was only released during the first concert of the Japanese trance music group OTSU held in May 2006 . The second EP contained songs from Little Busters ! and was only released during the second OTSU concert held in May 2008 . Both concerts were sponsored by Key Sounds Label , and both EPs were released on gramophone records . The first OTSU Club Music Compilation album primarily containing remixed music from Key 's visual novels was released in June 2006 . The second OTSU Club Music Compilation album was released in February 2008 as a promotion for the second concert , and contains remixed music from Little Busters ! . The third OTSU release , OTSU : Blasterhead , contains remixed music from Key 's visual novels and was released in February 2009 .

= = = Concerts = = =

Key hosted a concert as a part of Key 's tenth anniversary commemoration called KSL Live World 2008 : Way to the Little Busters ! EX which was held on May 10 , 2008 in Tokyo , Japan , and again on May 17 , 2008 in Osaka , Japan . Each time , the concert lasted for two and a half hours and featured songs sung by Lia , Rita , Chata , and Tomoe Tamiyasu who have previously sung songs for singles and albums released under Key Sounds Label . Tickets for the event were first available through mail order online on March 26 , 2008 . A two @-@ CD remix album entitled KSL Live World 2008 : Pamphlet and Memorial Disc was sold at both concert showings bearing the catalog numbers KSLC @-@ 0001 ? 0002 and contains six remixed vocal versions of Kanon 's opening theme " Last regrets " on the album 's A @-@ side ; two of the tracks appeared on previous Key Sounds Label releases , and one is from the 1999 I 've Sound compilation album Regret . The B @-@ side of the album contains a recording of a group talk of the live performers from the concert . A live album containing the recording of the second concert held in Osaka was released in December 2008 entitled KSL Live World 2008 : Way to the Little Busters ! EX .

Another concert called KSL Live World 2010 : Way to the Kud @-@ Wafter was held in Tokyo on May 21 , 2010 and again twice more on May 22 , 2010 . The concert featured songs sung by Keiko Suzuki , Miyako Suzuta , Aoi Tada , Tomoe Tamiyasu , Chata , Marina , Lia , LiSA , Rita and Eufonius ; however , Eufonius only appeared at the May 22 concerts . The MCs at the concerts were Shinji Orito and Rita ; Jun Maeda also made appearances at the concerts . Tickets for the event were first available through mail order online on March 30 , 2010 . A live album containing the recording of one of the May 22 concerts was released in December 2010 titled KSL Live World 2010 : Way to the Kud Wafter .

A third concert called KSL Live World 2013 : Way to the Little Busters ! Refrain was held in Koto , Tokyo on September 16 , 2013 . The concert featured songs sung by Tomoe Tamiyasu , Keiko Suzuki , Rita , Suzuyu , Ayaka Kitazawa and Lia . Jun Maeda and Shinji Orito once again made appearances at the concert . A fourth concert called KSL Live World : Way to the Angel Beats ! -1st- was held in Akihabara , Tokyo on April 11 and April 12 , 2015 . A fifth concert called KSL Live World 2016 : The Animation Charlotte & Rewrite was held in Toyosu , Tokyo on April 30 , 2016 .

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Japanese bands and singers , several of which originated from the I 've Sound techno / trance music production group under VisualArt 's , such as Ayana , Kotoko , Lia , Mell , Mami Kawada and Eiko Shimamiya . Other artists including Annabel , Chata , Karuta , Ayaka Kitazawa , LiSA , Marina , Runa Mizutani , Psychic Lover , Rita , Riya , Harumi Sakurai , Haruka Shimotsuki , Keiko Suzuki , Miyako Suzuta , Suzuyu , Aoi Tada , Tomoe Tamiyasu , and Nagi Yanagi have also been released on records through the label . The musical units Work @-@ S , Eufonius , OTSU , PMMK , and MintJam have also produced music on Key Sounds Label . Musicians from I 've Sound have been working with Key Sounds Label on the arrangement of songs , as have many others .