

KIIRO

With its sample based beats and hard-hitting drums blasting ‘bakibaki’ through the speakers, the Rotterdam artist makes Dutch hip-hop with influences from his Japanese background.

Aran Abe aka KIIRO, born 2000 Tokyo Japan, lives and works in Rotterdam. The stage name KIIRO is a nod to his Japanese background. KIIRO means yellow in Japanese. KIIRO’s concise lyrics, in combination with his choice of words, low voice and lazy way of rapping demand immediate attention.

In 2022 he won **the Sena Performers Grote Prijs of Rotterdam** for best Hip-hop act, and he has been nominated for the Rotterdam Music Awards in the category “The Promise”.

In 2023, he released **his debut EP “Gogetter”**. For this he has done two radio interviews at FunX and a mini-tour of three shows including: Bevrijdingsfestival South Holland, BIRD & PAARD.

In 2023 KIIRO did a **tour of three shows in DJ Bar Oath Shibuya** during “Funktion”.

His second EP “Tokyo Joe” was released in 2024, together with a national tour named the “SELFMADE TOUR” alongside support act WOWI. They played four shows in: Tivoli Vredenburg, Melkweg, Paard & BIRD.

In addition to rapping on his own tracks, KIIRO regularly collaborates on productions for commercials & TV with a number of companies including: Sizzer & Massivemusic.

See an overview of his works here.

For the full list of Kiiro’s tracks & productions **see this playlist.** His ambition is to be an established name in Japan and the Netherlands within the next two years.