

# Introduction – What is this book?

What you have in your hand right now is a "Concert Guide". For all of you who are new to going to a Live, or have went to one before but went in blank and was overwhelmed by the atmosphere, this is for you, and hopefully it will help you in your preparations before the day of the Live/Live Viewing if you are attending one. Even if you aren't attending one, hopefully this book will give you an insight on preparations that you can do if you are able to attend a future Aqours Live/Live Viewing.

#### General checklist

- 1) Water
- Cheering for idols will dry your throat and you don't want to lose your voice!
- 2) Lozenges
- You'll need it if you scream yourself hoarse during the concert.
- 3) Towel
- You will sweat during the concert if you get into it! Also, it's likely that there will be a song or two that has the seiyuu waving towels on stage, so you'll be using yours to join in the fun as well!
- 4) Go to the toilet beforehand (so you don't miss any of the MCs or songs!)

### Extra (Optional) Checklist

- 1) Kingblade, or penlight(s)
  - For best results, you'll want to get an electronic stick that can change colors for all 9 members. If you bought the official Aqours blade, you'll be fine.
  - We encourage bringing several UOs (Ultra Oranges) as well, to show your excitement during your favorite songs, and UBs (Ultra Blues) for Koi ni Naritai Aquarium and MIRAI TICKET.
- 2) Have spare batteries/replace the current ones in your light stick

#### The Love Liver checklist

- 1) Know where your UOs are/put them in an easy to access place
- 2) If you have the Kingblade x10iii's or any penlight which allows you to configure it on your phone, make sure to adjust them to Aqours colours using the QR code below. If you have the official Aqours blade, you'll be fine.
- 3) Don't lead calls unless you're 100% sure on what to do, you will confuse people

### Etiquette

- Shower/Get some deodorant. No one wants to sit next to someone with bad BO for 3 hours.
- 2) Keep in mind to stay within your own area and not invade others. Some wota movements will require you to move your arms rapidly so be mindful to not hit others.
- 3) Most importantly, do not, under any circumstances, take pictures or record video of the concert/stream. This is standard etiquette for all Japanese concerts, and doing so can and *will* jeopardize your chances of getting future Live Viewings. Cinema staff can and have thrown people out for taking pictures before.

## Sitting/Standing

If you are at the actual Live, then it would be natural for everyone to stand during the Live even though there are seats since it is, after all, a concert. But if you are at a Live Viewing, then it will be a satellite stream on a movie screen in a theater, so there might be people sitting down, for various reasons. While sitting down and enjoying the Live Viewing as if it were a regular movie is acceptable, we would strongly recommend against it, and instead to enjoy the stream as if you were watching the concert at the location instead. There will be many other fans who will stand and cheer loudly, and your view might be obstructed if you are sitting down. Instead of sitting down, why not grab a penlight/lightstick and join in the atmosphere instead? Once the BD is released, you can enjoy the BD in the comfort of your own home without any distractions. But if you are planning on sitting down during the Live Viewing, then we recommend getting a seat in front or at the sides, where it is less likely that you will be obstructed by standing fans.



# Equipment

When reading the above, you might have several more questions. What is a kingblade? What is a penlight? What is an Ultra Orange? It's normal for inexperienced concert-goers to have those questions, so here are some explanations on what those weird terms mean.

# Penlight

Penlights are electrically powered LED lights that can either display one or more colors. They are also known as Kingblades, named after a popular brand of electric lights. Because idols usually have image colors, of which Love Live! Sunshine!! is not exempt from, waving penlights in the colors of your favorite idols is a standard way of supporting them in their lives, while not being too obstructive. There are a variety of popular penlight brands, all which can be used for Aqours without much issue.



#### Kingblade x10iii

A brand of popular penlights. The most recent model, the x10iii, was upgraded with the ability to be programmed from a smartphone to store custom colors in memory. If you don't have a 1st Live Blade, this would be the next best thing to have for the Aqours 1st Live.

There are two variants: Shining and Smoke. The Shining variant has a glittery cover, giving it a bit of a shine, while the Smoke variant has a matte cover, dulling the brightness a little.

If you live in Singapore, the fastest way to acquire one is to order them off <u>Qoo10</u>. Both Smoke and Shining variants are available. If you live elsewhere in the world, other options are to ship one from Amazon US (<u>Shining/Smoke</u>). Note that free shipping from Japan is generally unregistered SAL, so if you need it quick, you'll need to fork out more for expedited shipping, or search for a seller that offers Prime shipping if you are in the US. Another alternative is to purchase from Amazon JP (<u>Shining/Smoke</u>) with the use of a proxy service, such as <u>Buyee</u> or <u>FromJapan</u>.



#### Lumiace 2 Omega

Another brand of popular penlights. Unlike the x10iii, it can't have custom colors, but it has a higher selection of 24 default colors to choose from, as well as a different button design.

There are also two variants: Sparkling and Matte. The Sparkling variant corresponds to the x10iii Shining, and the Matte variant corresponds to the x10iii Smoke.

If you live in the US, then the easiest way to acquire these would be to directly email the Lumica USA office at <u>lumicausa.office@gmail.com</u> and request for a quote from them for whichever variant you would like to buy. If you are going to the <u>Sydney Live Viewing</u>, Madman Entertainment will be selling Madman branded Lumiaces at the location itself. For the rest of the world, you can buy Lumiace 2 Omegas from Amazon JP (<u>Sparkling/Matte</u>), and the delivery is very fast. Remember to ensure that the item is sold by Amazon.co.jp or else it will not be eligible for international shipping.



Aqours First Live Blade

Easily the most suitable penlights for the Aqours 1st Live. It comes with all 9 colors of the members, and you can also program it to have a different order than the default.

The only downside of this penlight is that it is the most expensive and hardest to acquire. It will most definitely be sold at Yokohama Arena and Live Viewing locations across Japan, and might be carried at some international Live Viewing locations, albeit with a markup. These will be sold at the <u>Sydney Live Viewing</u> for 75 AUD each, and at the <u>Bangkok Live Viewing</u> for 1650 THB each, and at the <u>Singapore Live Viewing</u> for 63 SGD each, and likely at the Kuala Lumpur Live Viewing as well, but there is a limited stock available, so you might want to consider lining up early if you would like one. But if you are able to acquire one without financial issues, then we will definitely recommend you to get one, or even two. It will also serve as a good memento of the Live and can also be used for future Aqours lives.

# Chemical Lights

Chemical Lights (lightsticks) differ from penlights in that they generate light chemically and as such can only be used once; once their light fades, they are useless. For the purposes of a live, regular lightsticks are strictly inferior to penlights as they are generally dimmer in most cases, with one general exception and one other exception specific to Aqours.



#### Ultra Oranges

Somewhere along the way in idol history, some company manufactured a special lightstick known as "Ultra Orange", commonly referred to as simply UOs. Though that original company has since gone bankrupt, the name UO has become a generic term for any lightstick that functions the same way.

UOs are orange lightsticks that cost more than other lightsticks, because they flare intensely bright upon cracking. Their flare is so great, they outshine even penlights. This is because concert venues actually regulate the luminosity allowed by each penlight so as to not disturb the audience around you.

UOs, however, are exempt from this rule because of their duration. UOs burn out intensely fast and will fade to the intensity of any regular lightstick within a few minutes, not even the length of a full song. As such, they are usually only used at the most hyped part of your favorite song within a concert- and not anywhere else because of the extra cost you would

quickly rack up with each UO. This is a convention that exists across all idol concerts, not just within Love Live!.

The best UO available in the market right now is the Lumica Daisenkou Kiwami Orange, which has a duration of roughly 2-3 minutes of full shine before fading. Failing that, a regular Lumica Daisenkou Orange is also acceptable; while it isn't as bright as a Kiwami Orange, it shines for a slightly longer period of time at 5 minutes, and still outshines regular penlights.

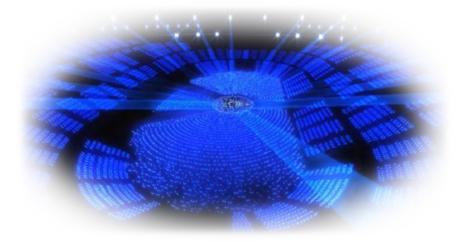
In the US, the most convenient way to acquire UOs would be to directly email the Lumica USA office at <u>lumicausa.office@gmail.com</u> and request for a quote from them for Lumica Daisenkou Kiwami Orange, or regular Orange if that is unavailable. Outside of the US, Malaysians can contact this <u>fan distributor</u>, Singaporeans can contact this <u>fan distributor</u>, and Filipinos can contact this <u>fan distributor</u>. Anyone else in other countries can acquire them directly from Amazon JP (<u>Kiwami Orange/Orange</u>). Note that only UOs sold directly by Amazon JP can be shipped overseas; Fulfilled by Amazon is insufficient.

#### Ultra Blues

Love Live! Sunshine!! has featured the color blue in two song PVs, the first in *Koi ni Naritai AQUARIUM*, where a blue line is seen slowly extending from You towards the front of the stage during her solo near the end, and the second near the end of *Mirai TICKET*, when the stadium grows dark and then a wave of blue is seen to expand from the center out to the sides. To replicate this during the actual Live, we recommend that all attending a Live Viewing or the Live at Yokohama Arena also turn their penlights to blue during those points in the song.

But for maximum effect, penlights are insufficient. To recreate as much of the hype from breaking a UO, as possible, you can break what we call Ultra Blues, or UBs. Essentially, they are just blue versions of the Lumica Daisenkou Orange, but they do not shine as bright, only going to as bright as or maybe a little more than a standard penlight tuned to blue.

Acquiring UBs is similar to the process for UOs; all the distributors listed in the UO section also supply UBs. Just swap Lumica Daisenkou Orange to Lumica Daisenkou Blue and they will also be available at those outlets. Example: Amazon JP (<u>Blue/Deep Blue</u>)



# King Blade (Aqours 1st Live Blade, x10ii, x10iii) User Guide

**Basic Information** 

1. First of all, before doing anything with the blade, there should be a small flap sticking out of the battery cover. Pull it out or your blade won't turn on.

2. There are two buttons on the bottom of the blade. One smooth, and one bumpy one. The smooth button shall be henceforth referred to as Button 'A', and the bumpy button shall be referred to as Button 'B'.

3. To turn on the blade, hold down Button A until it lights up. To turn off the blade, hold down Button A until the blade powers down. (x10ii users hold down both buttons)

4. When the blade is on, press either button to cycle through the colors. Button A cycles forwards while Button B cycles backwards.

5. The default order for an Aqours 1st Live Blade: Mikan -> Sakura Pink -> Emerald Green -> Red -> Light Blue -> White -> Yellow -> Violet -> Pink

6. The default order for a Kingblade x10ii/x10iii: Red -> Blue -> White -> Orange -> Green -> Purple -> Pink -> Yellow -> Light Green -> Light Blue -> Light Pink -> Violet -> Lime -> Turquoise -> Hot Pink



## Memory Function

1. When the blade is off, hold down Button B until it starts flashing the default color (Mikan for 1st Live Blade, Red for x10ii/x10iii).

2. Press Button A to change the flashing color. Press Button B to add the currently flashing color into memory, up to 30 at most.

3. Once you have selected all the colors you want, hold down Button B until the blade turns off. The next time you turn it on, it will have the order that you just saved into memory.

## Resetting Color Memory

- 1. When the blade is off, hold down Button B until it starts flashing the default color.
- 2. Hold down Button A until the blade turns off. The blade will then return to default order.

For x10ii users, the color order that most corresponds with the Aqours 1st Live Blade colors would be Orange -> Light Pink -> Light Green -> Red -> Blue -> White -> Yellow -> Purple ->

Pink. x10iii users can use this order with the default colors and the memory function, or they can import the following color order into the King Blade app and flash it manually into the blade.



# Lumiace 2 Omega User Guide

**Basic Information** 

1. First of all, before doing anything with the blade, there should be a small flap sticking out of the battery cover. Pull it out or your blade won't turn on.

2. There are three buttons on one side of the blade. Two left and right buttons, and a square button in the middle.

3. To turn on the blade, hold down the square button until it lights up. To turn off the blade, hold down the square button until the blade powers down.

4. When the blade is on, press either the left or right button to cycle through the colors. The new color will be previewed by the backlight on the middle button. Press the middle button to change the blade's color to the preview color.

5. The default order for a Lumiace 2 Omega: Red -> White -> Sakura Pink -> Pink -> Passion Pink -> Violet -> Blue -> Pastel Blue -> Emerald Green -> Green -> Yellow -> Orange

### Memory Function

1. When the blade is off, hold down both left and right buttons until it starts flashing the default color (Red).

2. Press either left or right button to change the blade's color. Press the square button to add the blade's color into memory, up to 24 at most.

3. Once you have selected all the colors you want, hold down both left and right buttons until the blade turns off. The next time you turn it on, it will have the order that you just saved into memory.

\$. The order of colors that can be accessed from the memory function for a Lumiace 2 Omega: Red -> White -> Sakura Pink -> Pink -> Passion Pink -> Violet -> Blue -> Pastel Blue -> Emerald Green -> Green -> Yellow -> Orange -> Lime Green -> Yellow Green -> Light Blue -> Light Green -> Apple Green -> Hiyoko Yellow -> Yamabuki Orange -> Light Orange -> Hot Pink -> Peach -> Purple -> Ice Blue

### Resetting Color Memory

- 1. When the blade is off, hold down Button B until it starts flashing the default color.
- 2. Hold down Button A until the blade turns off. The blade will then return to default order.

For Lumiace 2 Omega users, the color order that most corresponds with the Aqours 1st Live Blade colors would be Orange -> Sakura Pink -> Emerald Green -> Red -> Blue -> White -> Yellow -> Purple -> Pink.

# Credits

This Concert Guide was created by the joint efforts of members from the Love Live Reddit Community (<u>reddit.com/r/LoveLive</u>), Love Live Wikia (<u>@ll\_wikia</u>) and Team ONIBE (<u>onibe.moe</u>).

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