



Motoki Hirai piano

Thu, 27 Feb. 2014 – 7:30 pm
Cadogan Hall

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J. S. Bach (arr. M. Hirai):
Organ Concerto in D minor, BWV 596 after Vivaldi
[UK première]

Tchaikovsky:
Dumka – Scene in a Village, Op.59

M. Hirai:
Grace and Hope – *Dedicated to the victims and survivors of the earthquake and tsunami* (2011)
Scenes from a Native Land (2005)
Homage to Grieg (1987/rev.2007)
Improvisation on EDvArD GriEG
[*New Work* – UK première]

Grieg:
Poetic Tone Picture, Op.3-4
Norwegian Dance, Op.35-2
Dance Caprice, Op.28-3 *from Album Leaves*
Anitra's Dance, Op.46-3 *from Peer Gynt Suite No. 1*
Lyric Pieces (*Selections*)

Acclaimed worldwide for his imagination and sensitivity, Japanese composer-pianist Motoki Hirai returns to London's Cadogan Hall. His appealing programme is aligned with that of his Carnegie Hall recital earlier in the month.

Motoki Hirai has appeared in the music capitals of the Far East, America and Europe, performing regularly in prestigious venues including London's Wigmore Hall and New York's Carnegie Hall. As a composer, Motoki's works have been performed and premièred in venues such as Carnegie Hall (NY); Smetana Hall (Prague); Maison de la culture du Japon à Paris (Paris); Auditori Pau Casals (Barcelona); Wigmore Hall, South Bank Centre, Chelsea Flower Show (London); as well as Tokyo Opera City, and NHK Hall (Tokyo). Since the Tsunami devastated Japan in 2011, Motoki has organized and participated in numerous charity concerts both in Europe and Japan, raising over £75,000 so far. Motoki has broadcast internationally on radio and television (Classic FM, BBC, ITV, and NHK), and has made a number of recordings on CD.

www.motoki-hirai.com

Tickets*: £25, £22, £18, £12

(Cadogan Hall Encore members and Students' discount: 10% off all tickets)



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*Part of the proceeds from this concert will go to the Japan Society Tohoku Earthquake Relief Fund, for the rebuilding of lives and livelihoods through local projects in the most affected areas.

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