

WORLD TOUR 2016 - LONDON

# MOTOKI HIRAI piano

In Aid of the Japan Tsunami - 5 Years On

**Thurs, 3 March 2016 - 7:30 pm**

Milton Court Concert Hall, Barbican Centre

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Acclaimed worldwide for his imagination and sensitivity, London-based composer-pianist **Motoki Hirai** will be giving a piano recital on March 3rd at London's Milton Court Concert Hall, Guildhall School, in aid of the earthquake and tsunami in Japan which is marking its fifth anniversary. The concert will be followed by recitals in prestigious venues such as Concertgebouw, Amsterdam; Konzerthaus, Vienna; and Ginza Oji Hall, Tokyo; as part of his 2016 World Tour. His appealing programme will include a world première of his own work alongside masterpieces from the standard repertoire.

<b>Beethoven:</b>	Piano Sonata No.27 in E minor, Op.90
<b>Schubert:</b>	Piano Sonata No.21 in B-flat major, D.960
<b>Motoki Hirai:</b>	Tone Poems on 'Hyakunin-Isshū' (2016) [world première] (Specially selected by Kimiko Reizei)
	Grace and Hope (2011) - Dedicated to the Victims and Survivors of the Earthquake and Tsunami
<b>Chopin:</b>	Mazurka in C-sharp minor, Op.63-3 Nocturne in F, Op. 15-1 Scherzo in B-flat minor, Op.31

Motoki Hirai has appeared in Europe, Africa, Middle East, Asia, North and South America, performing regularly in prestigious venues including London's Wigmore Hall and NY's Carnegie Hall. As a composer, Motoki's works have been performed in venues including Cadogan Hall, South Bank Centre (London); Expo Milano 2015 (Milan); Smetana Hall (Prague); Maison de la culture du Japon à Paris (Paris); Auditori Pau Casals (Barcelona); Royal Concertgebouw (Amsterdam); Carnegie Hall (NY); as well as Tokyo Opera City, and NHK Hall (Tokyo). Since the Tsunami devastated Japan in March 2011, Motoki has organized and participated in over 30 charity concerts across UK, Europe, US and Japan, raising over £80,000. 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](http://www.motoki-hirai.com)

**Tickets:**

£25, £15, £10  
(Concessions: 20% discount)

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*\*Proceeds from this concert will be donated to the Tohoku Earthquake Fukushima Orphans Fund ('Higashi-Nihon Daishinsai Fukushima Kodomo Kifukin' at the Fukushima prefectural office).*

*\*The artist has worked in association with the Royal Marsden Cancer Charity to invite children fighting against cancer alongside their families, in order to encourage them and give them hope for the future.*

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