

# GMG Online Recital

April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024

10:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

## Program

L: Live Y: YouTube recording

L	Michael Brounoff	Franz Schubert	1797-1828	Piano Sonata in A-Major, D959, iv. Rondo
L	Sam Smith	Scott Joplin	1868-1917	Elite Syncopations
Y	Mia HyeYeon Kim	Franz Schubert	1797-1828	Impromptu in F minor, Op. 142 No. 1
Y	Ed Ewing	Ed Ewing		Spring Morning
Y	Utako Tanigawa	W.A. Mozart	1556 - 1791	Piano Concerto No.21 in C major K.467 Piano part
	Paul Zampol			
	Carol Wazlavek			

**Playlist Link** [https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLJQld07KKitMMhdDOXf\\_kg02kqnTpVCqw](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLJQld07KKitMMhdDOXf_kg02kqnTpVCqw)

## Performer's bio

### MICHAEL BROUNOFF

Although he suspended formal piano study after high school, Michael continued to play for personal enjoyment, serving as musical director of the satirical review, "Assault and Flattery" while in law school. As a practicing attorney, he still found time to direct the music for local productions of Broadway musicals, including Brigadoon, The Fantasticks, Anything Goes, The Grass Harp, Fiddler on the Roof, Oklahoma, and Guys & Dolls. He resumed formal piano study at age 53 with Dr. Tamas Ungar of Texas Christian University and—after accepting an appointment as Administrative Law Judge for the Social Security Administration in Syracuse, NY—with Dr. Fred Karpoff of Syracuse University. Transferring back to Dallas, he resumed study with Dr. Ungar. He has competed in the Van Cliburn Foundation's, International Piano Competition for Outstanding Amateurs four times, advancing to the semi-final round three times. He has attended Piano Texas Academy and Festival at TCU in 22 out of the last 24 years and won in competition the privilege of concerto performance with the Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra five times. Michael is now retired and lives in Plano, TX with his wife of 43 years, Martha Jane, their son, David Franklin, and Michael's piano, a 9-foot Knabe named "Obiwan."

### ED EWING

Ed is an amateur pianist who took piano lessons and played the tuba as a youth, then returned to the piano decades later following retirement. In the meantime, he enjoyed a medical career at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention where, as a board-certified pathologist, he specialized in infectious disease pathology as a diagnostic consultant, researcher, teacher, and published author. He also led the team that developed new information technology still featured on the agency's website. Ed has traveled extensively, formally studied multiple foreign languages, successfully represented himself in court both as plaintiff and defendant, and actively participated in local politics. He is an Army veteran. Today, he teaches weekly classes in English for refugee speakers of other languages as a

volunteer for the International Rescue Committee and serves weekly as a volunteer docent at the Fernbank Museum of Natural History. At home, he enjoys flower and vegetable gardening, woodworking, and oil painting. As a former city league basketball player, then longtime 10K runner

### **MIA HEYE YEON KIM**

Mia Hye Yeon Kim, an accomplished pianist, has earned recognition with victories in prestigious competitions, including the Texas International Piano Competition, the University of Washington Concerto Competition, and more. She has presented masterclasses for renowned pianists Richard Goode and Gary Graffman. Currently pursuing a doctoral degree at the University of Washington under Craig Sheppard, she previously studied at the New England Conservatory with Victor Rosenbaum for her Master of Music degree, and at the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music with Kate Soyeon Lee, earning an Artist Diploma on full scholarship. Since 2022, Ms. Kim has been an adjunct instructor at Wesleyan College.

### **SAM SMITH**

Sam had a few years of piano lessons as a kid, but they didn't take! He retired in 2014 from Georgia Tech, where he worked in IT. He started piano lessons again in 2010, only missing six months in 2014 so that he could do a thru-hike of the Appalachian Trail, starting in Maine and walking 2100 miles home to Georgia. In 2016 he enrolled in the University of West Georgia, pursuing a Bachelor of Music degree in Piano Performance. With luck, and the help of his friends, he should graduate in the Spring

### **UTAKO TANIGAWA**

After owning a private school and a restaurant in Japan, Utako moved to the United States and earned seven degrees including a Ph.D. in Computer Science and Information Systems. She held executive positions in global corporations for thirty years and was a lecturer at multiple universities including Stanford and Boston University. Following a life-threatening diagnosis, she returned to music for solace and therapy. She has since participated in several international amateur piano competitions. Driven to share her experience with others, she created GMG where she found new music repertoire and interpretations, friendships, and inspiring experiences from others.