



The Office of the President

In collaboration with

The Embassy of Japan

Concert

by

Mr. Hirai Motoki

Japanese Pianist

State House, Le Reduit

Thursday 25 August 2022 at 18 00 hrs



Programme

17 30 hrs Arrival of Guests

18 00 hrs Arrival of:
H.E. Mr Prithvirajsing ROOPUN, G.C.S.K.
President of the Republic of Mauritius

18 02 hrs Welcome by:
Mr Mohammad Javed Akhtar RAMSAHYE
Office of the President

18 04 hrs Remarks by:
H.E. Mr Shuichiro KAWAGUCHI
Ambassador of Japan

18 06 hrs Concert by:
Mr Motoki HIRAI
Japanese Pianist

19 15 hrs Finger Dinner

Biography of Mr. Motoki HIRAI



Acclaimed worldwide for his imagination and sensitivity, Motoki Hirai has appeared in over 100 countries across the globe as a concert-pianist, composer and artistic director, giving solo recitals in prestigious venues including Carnegie Hall (New York), Wigmore Hall (London), Royal Concertgebouw (Amsterdam) and Wiener Konzerthaus (Vienna). During the 2022-23 season Motoki will be touring throughout the UK, France, Spain, Italy, Portugal, Norway, Mauritius and his native Japan.

Born in Tokyo in 1973 into a highly gifted musical family, Motoki studied piano with his mother; violin with his grandmother; and composition with his grandfather Kozaburo Yasuki Hirai, the eminent composer. After reading philosophy and aesthetics at Keio University in Tokyo, he went to London in 1996 to study at Royal Academy of Music. Since 1991, Motoki has collaborated with internationally renowned artists and orchestras including Czech Virtuosi Chamber Orchestra, English National Ballet, Vilnius String Quartet, Michael Cox, Kalman Berkes, Doudou N'Diaye Rose and his cellist father, Takeichiro Hirai (a celebrated disciple of Pablo Casals).

As an artistic emissary of the Japanese government, Motoki has visited France, Spain, Portugal, Denmark, Lithuania, Romania, Oman, Senegal, Tanzania, South Africa, Sri Lanka and Malaysia amongst others since 1994. Over the years, Motoki Hirai has performed for the promotion of world peace and for children and people in need worldwide in association with organizations such as the Red Cross, Royal Marsden Cancer Charity, Tohoku Earthquake Fukushima Orphans Fund, UNESCO and UNICEF. In 2019 Motoki was appointed both Cultural Ambassador (Yume-Taishi) of Hirono Town in Fukushima (Japan) and Goodwill Ambassador of Reviving Old Imari (porcelain) Project at Loosdorf Castle (Austria).

Motoki has broadcast internationally on radio and television (Classic FM, BBC, NHK, etc.) and has made a number of recordings on CD/DVD. Most recently he collaborated with current England (former Japan) rugby head coach Eddie Jones in a documentary film 'A Decade of Recovery in Fukushima' (2021). Motoki is a Steinway Artist.

