



# A Faculty Recital by

# Minsoo Sohn piano

#### **PROGRAM**

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# Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

#### Prelude and Fughetta in G Major, BWV 902

#### Aria with 30 Variations, BWV 988 "Goldberg"

Aria

Variatio 1. a 1 Clav.

Variatio 2. a 1 Clav.

Variatio 3. Canone all'Unisuono. a 1 Clav.

Variatio 4. a 1 Clav.

Variatio 5. a 1 ô vero 2 Clav.

Variatio 6. Canone alla Seconda. a 1 Clav.

Variatio 7. a 1 ô vero 2 Clav. al tempo di Giga

Variatio 8. a 2 Clav.

Variatio 9. Canone alla Terza. a 1 Clav.

Variatio 10. Fughetta. a 1 Clav.

Variatio 11. a 2 Clav.

Variatio 12. Canone alla Quarta. a 1 Clav.

Variatio 13. a 2 Clav.

Variatio 14. a 2 Clav.

Variatio 15. Canone alla Quinta. a 1 Clav.

Variatio 16. Ouverture. a 1 Clav.

Variatio 17. a 2 Clav.

Variatio 18. Canone alla Sexta. a 1 Clav.

Variatio 19. a 1 Clav.

Variatio 20. a 2 Clav.

Variatio 21. Canone alla Settima. a 1 Clav.

Variatio 22. a 1 Clay.

Variatio 23. a 2 Clay.

Variatio 24. Canone alla Ottava. a 1 Clav.

Variatio 25. a 2 Clav.

Variatio 26, a 2 Clay.

Variatio 27. Canone alla Nona, a 2 Clay.

Variatio 28. a 2 Clay.

Variatio 29. a 1 ô vero 2 Clav.

Variatio 30. Quodlibet. a 1 Clav.

Aria da capo

Pianist **Minsoo Sohn** is known for his musical intelligence and masterful virtuosity. Described by the *New York Times* as "a genuine artist, with a thoughtful and poetic interpretation," and by the *Boston Globe* as "born to play the piano," Sohn continues to expand his reputation as one of the foremost pianists of his day. Sohn has toured extensively throughout North and South America, Europe, Israel, and Korea, appearing in important venues and festivals.

Sohn is particularly noted for his interpretation of Bach's *Goldberg Variations*, and the *New York Times* praised his Honens label recording of the work as a "beautifully articulated, radiant interpretation," placing it as one of the top classical recordings of 2011. His recordings also received critical acclaim from *New Yorker Magazine*, *Plain Dealer*, *Gramophone*, *Calgary Herald*, and *Toronto Star* among others.

In 2020, coinciding with the 250th anniversary of Beethoven's birth, Mr. Sohn concluded his four-year immersion in the composer's music, which included a concert series, recordings, and writings. Over the course of his Beethoven project, Mr. Sohn performed and recorded the composer's thirty-two sonatas in a series of recitals at Seoul Arts Center and recording sessions at Tongyeong Concert Hall. The recital series also included Beethoven's monumental *Diabelli Variations* and *Bagatelles*. Sony Classical released the highly anticipated nine-album set of *Complete Beethoven Piano Sonatas* in the Fall of 2020.

He held positions at Michigan State University and Korean National University of Arts before joining his alma mater, New England Conservatory, in the Fall of 2023.

He is indebted to Russell Sherman and Wha Kyung Byun for guiding him to follow his bliss.

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