

SACHIKA TANIYAMA

Biography

Born in Toyota City, Japan, Sachika grew up in Birmingham, UK. She has performed internationally; her global appearances range from places such as Belgium, Turkey and Japan. Sachika has performed in major concert venues such as the Royal Festival Hall and the Purcell Room and has performed in numerous international music festivals such as the Aberystwyth Musicfest, Gümüşlük International Classical Music Festival, the Edinburgh Festival and many more. At the GSMD, Sachika became the official accompanist for the classes of cellist Alexander Baillie and is currently working as official accompanist with Dame Sarah Walker at the RAM. She performed with Sarah Walker in a concert in Devon in January this year. Sachika has recently won the Oxford Lieder Young Artists Platform Competition 2013 with Kangmin Justin Kim (countertenor). Being hugely interested in collaborative work, Sachika has recently worked with the Donmar Warehouse, coaching actors on piano playing and recording music for their productions.

Sachika was awarded both an Undergraduate degree and a Master's degree in Solo Piano from the Guildhall School of Music & Drama and was taught by Charles Owen. She currently studies Piano Accompaniment with Michael Dussek at the Royal Academy of Music. Sachika has received coaching and played in masterclasses led by Stephen Kovacevich, Helmut Deutsch, Graham Johnson, Angelika Kirschlager, Barbara Bonney, Imogen Cooper and many more.

Sachika teaches piano at St Paul's Cathedral School and will be giving masterclasses at Piano Week, a new music festival taking place in North Wales this summer.

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