

Koki Sato

A native of Tokyo, Japan, Koki Sato began studying piano when he was 8 years old with Vera Gornostaeva and with Humiko Eguchi in a Yamaha Master Class. Then he enrolled in the music school for children at Toho Gakuen School of Music in Tokyo, where he won a special scholarship. Later he was accepted to the school's soloist diploma program. He studied piano performance with Yoshimi Tamaki and Hidemitsu Hayashi and composition with Masahiro Ishijima.



Koki has performed as a soloist with orchestras such as the New Japan Philharmonic, the Sendai Philharmonic Orchestra and the Schwob Philharmonic in Columbus, Ga. He also has played at Suntory Hall in Tokyo with the Toho Gakuen Orchestra, conducted by Leon Fleisher. This performance was at the conclusion of a workshop co-produced by Suntory Hall and Carnegie Hall.

In 2004, Koki won first prize at the 58th Student Music Competition of Japan. As an undergraduate at Columbus State University's Schwob School of Music, Koki received the Woodruff Award and the Music Talent Scholarship. He has studied here with Alexander Kobrin, Tatiana Muzanova and Eric Zuber. Koki also has performed in master classes with Mikhail Voskresensky and Dang Thai Song, and he has participated in the Oxford Philomusica Piano Festival and Summer Academy in England, the International Keyboard Institute and Festival in New York City and the Kirishima International Music Festival in Japan.