

Pianist **Misuzu Tanaka** has been hailed by international press as a pianist “who dispatched everything with both dizzying speed and sensitivity” (*Today’s Zaman, Turkey*) and for her “exceptionally high technical level” (*General-Anzeiger Bonn, Germany*). Ms. Tanaka has established herself as an artist of remarkable individuality with a rare combination of poetic sensitivity and breathtaking virtuosity. She has performed in prestigious concert venues throughout the world, from the Gewandhaus in Leipzig and Mozart’s Museum at Villa Bertramka in Prague to Alice Tully Hall in New York. Enjoying an active solo career in the United States, she is among the country’s brightest emerging stars.

Highlights of her 2015-2016 season included performances as soloist with the Glacier Symphony in a performance of Mozart’s Concerto No.9, and recitals at the California State University Sacramento Piano Series and the Distinguished Artists Lecture and Concert Series in Santa Cruz, California. In addition, Tanaka performed for the Warner Robins Community Concert Association in Georgia and the Rappahannock Concert Association in Heathsville, Virginia.

An avid chamber music performer, Tanaka has also collaborated with prominent artists, including James Dunham (Cleveland Quartet) and members of the National Symphony Orchestra. She is currently the pianist of the Shtrykov-Tanaka Duo with critically acclaimed clarinetist Maksim Shtrykov. Most recently, the Duo appeared as guest artists at the Shorter University in Rome, Georgia, the Endless Mountain Music Festival in Elmira, New York, and the Summer Stars Classical Series in Ocean Grove, New Jersey.

Born in London, United Kingdom, where she began her piano lessons at the age of five, she continued her studies in Japan and the United States, entering the celebrated studio of Martin Canin at the Juilliard School. Tanaka completed her master’s and doctoral degrees at the University of Michigan, where she was a full scholarship recipient studying with Logan Skelton. Other notable teachers include Ivan Moravec and Miroslav Brejcha in the Czech Republic.