



ANDREW BROWNELL

pianist

Since winning 2nd Prize at the 2006 Leeds Competition, Andrew Brownell has pursued an active and varied international performing career. Critics regularly remark on his creative programming and interpretive insight. *Musical Opinion* described him as “potentially one of the most significant pianists of his generation”, and *The Oregonian* wrote that Brownell “impresses as much with his mind as with his hands... the anti-Lang Lang.”

Mr. Brownell won 2nd Prize *ex aequo* at the 2002 International J.S. Bach Competition in Leipzig, making him the first American pianist to have won a prize in the history of the competition. He also won 1st Prize at the 2005 J.N. Hummel Competition in Bratislava, has since achieved widespread recognition as “one of the foremost Hummel interpreters of our time” (*Hudobný Život*), and is an honorary member of the Hummel-Gesellschaft-Weimar. His edition of the Piano Concerto in a minor, Op. 85 was published by Breitkopf & Härtel in 2016.

Mr. Brownell’s performances have aired on BBC radio and television, Classic FM (UK), NPR, CBC, and ORF Austria, among others. He has been soloist with orchestras such as the Hallé, Royal Liverpool Philharmonic, Calgary Philharmonic, and the Slovak Philharmonic; and he has collaborated with such conductors as Sir Mark Elder, Owain Arwel Hughes CBE, André Bernard, and Murray Sidlin.

A native of Portland, Oregon, Andrew Brownell began studying the piano at the age of four. His teachers have included Nancy Weems and Horacio Gutiérrez at the University of Houston; John Perry at the University of Southern California (Los Angeles); and Joan Havill at the Guildhall School of Music in London, where he earned a doctorate. An enthusiastic collaborative artist, Andrew Brownell was a member of a prize-winning trio at the Fischhoff Chamber Music Competition (USA) and has appeared in concert with principals of orchestras such as the Philharmonia, Amsterdam Concertgebouw, and Vienna Philharmonic. In autumn 2017, Andrew Brownell joined the faculty of the Butler School of Music, The University of Texas at Austin.

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Andrew Brownell – press acclaim

“... a virtuoso par excellence... with intelligence and discretion...”

- *Opera Slovakia*

“... potentially one of the most significant pianists of his generation.”

- *Musical Opinion*

“He oozed confidence, crispness and know-how; he certainly knows about interacting with an orchestra...”

- *The Times* (London)

“... an extraordinary pianist who impresses as much with his mind as with his hands... the anti-Lang Lang.”

- *The Oregonian*

“... Andrew Brownell was the *primus inter pares*... [his] confident handling of the demanding solo part providing a reminder of Hummel’s reputation as one of the most prodigious pianists of his day.”

- *International Piano*

“Brownell’s touch was alchemy and when he unleashed power it felt under control... awesome.”

- *Huddersfield Examiner*

Andrew Brownell – select concerts

2022

23 Jan.
London: Kings Place
London Chamber Music Society
With Soloists of the Philharmonia Orchestra

4-6 Mar.
Eugene, Oregon: Eugene Science Center
Oregon Mozart Players
Two-piano recital with Kelly Kuo, piano

19 Mar.
Austin, TX: South by Southwest
With Hila Plitmann and Sangeeta Kaur,
sopranos et al

3 Apr.
Las Vegas: Westgate Resort and Casino
GRAMMY Awards after-party
With Hila Plitmann and Sangeeta Kaur,
sopranos

October 15
Palm Desert, Calif.
Palm Desert Music Teachers' Assoc.

October 23
Los Angeles: St. James' Episcopal Church
Great Music at St. James'
Duet recital with Steven Vanhauwaert,
piano

November 13
Weimar: Coudray-Saal, Musikschule Johann
Nepomuk Hummel
Hummel-Gesellschaft-Weimar
With Sam Coles, flute and Tim Lowe, cello

November 18
Klaviersalon Berlin

2023

February 12
Bates Recital Hall, The University of Texas
at Austin
Two-piano recital with Patti Wolf, piano

March 10
Juneau Arts and Culture Center
Juneau Piano Series

March 31 - April 1
Eugene, Ore.: Eugene Science Center
Oregon Mozart Players
Two-piano recital with Kelly Kuo, piano

May 9
San Diego Public Library

June 5
Jessen Auditorium, The University of Texas
at Austin
Texas Bach Festival

December 3
London: Wigmore Hall
Two-piano recital with Benjamin Frith,
piano