

GCSU Department of Music

Guest Artist Recital
Beethoven Hammerklavier

Francisco Silva, piano

Tuesday, September 9, 2025, 7:30 p.m.
Max Noah Recital Hall
and live streamed on facebook.com/GCMusicDepartment



Program

Ludwig van Beethoven Piano Sonatas Francisco Silva, Pianist

Sonata in E minor Op. 90

- Mit Lebhaftigkeit und durchaus mit Empfindung und Ausdruck
- Nicht zu geschwind und sehr singbar vorgetragen

Sonata in A major Op. 101

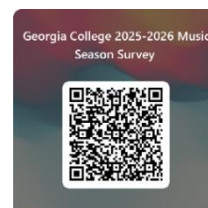
- Allegretto ma non troppo (Etwas lebhaft und mit der innigsten Empfindung)
- Vivace alla marcia (Lebhaft, Marschmäßig)
- Adagio, ma non troppo, con affetto (Langsam und sehnsuchtsvoll)
- Allegro (Geschwind, doch nicht zu sehr, und mit Entschlossenheit)

Intermission

Sonata in B-flat major Op. 106 ‘Hammerklavier’

- Allegro
- Scherzo: Assai vivace
- Adagio sostenuto
- Introduzione: Largo – Allegro
- Fuga: Allegro risoluto

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Biography

Francisco Silva has a long history performing Beethoven's music. He appeared in the musical scene of Brazil at the age of 19, performing Beethoven's 2nd Piano Concerto with the Sao Paulo State Symphony Orchestra. Four years later, he gave his first performance of the complete 32 Piano Sonatas. The cycle received rave reviews, and Silva was awarded "The Best Pianist of the Year" prize by the Arts Critics Association in his native country, an honor never before given to such a young artist. Recordings of the live performances of the sonatas were released and immediately sold out.

Other career highlights include performances of the complete Beethoven works for piano and violin, the complete solo composition of Maurice Ravel (later recorded for a French label), numerous television and radio broadcasts in the US, South America and Europe. He received research grants from institutions in Brazil and the US and holds a Doctorate in Piano Performance from the University of Michigan. Most noteworthy is a repeat performance of the Beethoven Sonata cycle in Atlanta, Georgia in 2001.

Settling down in Georgia in 1993, Francisco and his wife, pianist Mireille Gradeff established a successful music school in Marietta and taught hundreds of students, many of whom learned to play the piano using their highly effective and innovative 'Silva Piano Method'. They have two sons who are also musicians and divide their time between Marietta and Brunswick.

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Jazz at the Magnolia (Ticketed Event) https://www.milledgevillealliedarts.com/event-details/jazz-at-the-magnolia-3 Ralph Salman, guest artist Don Parker, director Saturday, Sept. 13, 7:30 p.m. Magnolia Ballroom	Guest Artist Recital Nathan Southwick, violin Hue Jang and Lev Ryabinin, piano Monday, Sept. 15, 7:30 p.m. Max Noah Recital Hall and live streamed on FB	Constitution Week Concert/Lecture Dana Gorzelany-Mostak, director Presented by Trax on the Trail Tuesday, Sept. 16, 7:30 p.m. Magnolia Ballroom
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