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Brian Ganz, piano

Sunday, November 1st, 2026, at 3:00PM

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Calvary Lutheran Church, 9545 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (free parking, between 495 & GA ave.)

Q&A, Reception follows.



Brian Ganz is widely regarded as one of the leading pianists of his generation.

Mr. Ganz shared first prize in the 1989 Marguerite Long Jacques Thibaud International Piano Competition and was third prize-winner of the 1991 Queen Elisabeth of Belgium International Piano Competition. He has appeared as soloist with such orchestras as the St. Louis Symphony, the St. Petersburg Philharmonic, the Baltimore Symphony, the National Symphony (USA), the National Philharmonic, the City of London Sinfonia, and the Taipei Philharmonic Orchestra. Among the conductors he has performed with are Leonard Slatkin, Marin Alsop, Mstislav Rostropovich, Piotr Gajewski, and Yoel Levi. *The Washington Post* has written: "One comes away from a recital by pianist Brian Ganz not

only exhilarated by the power of the performance but also moved by his search for artistic truth." For many years Mr. Ganz has made it his mission to join vivid music making with warmth and intimacy onstage to produce a new kind of listening experience, in which great works come to life with authentic emotional power. As one of Belgium's leading newspapers, *La Libre Belgique*, put it, "We don't have the words to speak of this fabulous musician who lives music with a generous urgency and brings his public into a state of intense joy."

In January of 2011 Mr. Ganz began a multi-year project in partnership with the National Philharmonic in which he will perform the complete works of Frédéric Chopin at the Music Center at Strathmore. After the inaugural recital, *The Washington Post* wrote: "Brian Ganz was masterly in his first installment of the complete works [of Chopin]." His April, 2026 recital, entitled "Extreme Chopin: the Finale," marked the end of 15 years of Chopin Journey and will start new beginning: Brian Ganz Plays Beethoven on April 10th, 2027 at Strathmore Center. Mr. Ganz is on the piano faculty of St. Mary's College of Maryland, where he is artist-in-residence, and has recently retired after 21 years on the piano faculty of the Peabody Conservatory. He is the artist-editor of the Schirmer Performance Edition of Chopin's *Preludes* (2005). Pre-pandemic performance highlights include Chopin's Piano Concerto No. 2 at the Alba Music Festival in Italy and with the National Philharmonic at Strathmore, Mozart's Piano Concerto K. 466 with the Annapolis Symphony, and Beethoven's "Emperor" Concerto with the Billings Symphony ([now viewable on YouTube](#)). Photo by Bruno Murialdo

Li-Ly Chang, pianist, composer, has won many awards and grants. Performed in Asia, Europe and United States including Kennedy Center, Parilla Performing Arts Center, Montpellier Cultural Center, Harmony Hall, Strathmore Mansion, etc. In 2023, she was the subject of Xinyu Zhang's doctoral thesis "at George Mason University" A study of traditional and Innovative musical elements in Li-Ly Chang's piano works. "Ms Chang has presented webinars for Frances Clark Institute, holds NCTM certification and was listed in Teachers' Honor Roll by Music Teachers National Association in 2025 and 2026. www.lilychangpiano.com



Program: Beethoven Sonata; Chopin Mazurkas, Etudes, Schubert Fantaisie with Lily Chang; Impromptus No.5 - celebrating culture festival by Li-Ly Chang

Tickets: regular \$ 30, student \$ 20. **Eventbrite** <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/a-season-of-inspiration-tickets-1989696393474> or mail a check to MAI, PO Box 2284, Silver Spring, 20915 or call 301-933-3715

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