

TL Piano Duo

TL Piano Duo, established in 2024, brings together pianists Dr. Taeyu S. Kwon and Dr. Laehyung Woo in a dynamic collaboration shaped by shared training and artistic vision. Both studied at the New England Conservatory before completing doctoral degrees at the University of North Texas under distinguished pianist and pedagogue Pamela Mia Paul. Her mentorship profoundly influenced their musical development and continues to shape their artistic identity as a duo.

Active internationally as soloists and chamber musicians, both pianists bring distinctive artistry, refined technique, and interpretive depth to their performances. They have appeared in Boston, the Dallas–Fort Worth area, and Seoul, and are currently recording in South Korea, with an album release forthcoming. Upcoming engagements include invitations to the Washington International Piano Festival in 2025 and the Cambridge International Festival in 2027.

In addition to their concert activities, they engage wider audiences through their YouTube channel, TL Piano Duo, where they share performances and ongoing artistic projects.

Dr. Taeyu Kwon Bio

Dr. Taeyu S. Kwon is an internationally acclaimed pianist, collaborative artist, educator, and arts leader known for performances marked by virtuosity, lyrical refinement, and expressive depth. Equally active as a soloist, concerto performer, chamber musician, and duo pianist, she has appeared at major venues throughout the United States, Europe,

and South Korea.

Her performances have taken her to musical centers including Paris, Rome, Salzburg, Boston, New York, Moscow, and Seoul, with appearances at renowned venues such as Jordan Hall, Carnegie Hall's Weil Hall, the Kennedy Center, and Seoul Arts Center. As an orchestral soloist, she has performed with ensembles including the Busan Philharmonic, Kangnam Philharmonic, Korean Symphony, and Bryansk Symphony.

A dedicated collaborator, Dr. Kwon performs regularly in chamber music and duo settings, including appearances with her violinist sister in Boston. She is also a founding artist of TL Piano Duo and has collaborated extensively with instrumentalists and vocalists in a wide range of repertoire.

Beyond the stage, Dr. Kwon serves as director of Global Arts, Inc., an organization dedicated to international piano competitions, masterclasses, and concerts, and is a board member of the Washington International Piano Festival. She is frequently invited to adjudicate major competitions and festivals in the United States and abroad.

Dr. Kwon earned her Bachelor of Music and Master of Music with Honors from the New England Conservatory and her Doctor of Musical Arts degree from the University of North Texas. Her academic career has included faculty appointments at Korea National University of Arts, Seoul National University, and Sejong University. She currently serves on the faculty of the University of North Texas and Tarrant County College.

Laehyung Woo bio

Born in Seoul, South Korea, Dr. Laehyung Woo has established an international reputation as a pianist of exceptional musicality and technical brilliance. Her professional career began at the age of fourteen, when she made her debut at Kumho Art Hall as a grand finalist in the prestigious Kumho Prodigy Audition.

An internationally active soloist, Dr. Woo has performed at major venues throughout the United States, Europe, Canada, and Asia. Her appearances include Carnegie Hall, the Kennedy Center, Williams Hall in Boston, and numerous university and community series across the United States. In South Korea, she has appeared frequently at the Seoul Arts Center and returned to Kumho Art Hall as a featured soloist in the Young Artist Series.

Dr. Woo earned her Bachelor of Music, cum laude, from Seoul National University before continuing her studies in the United States. She received a Master of Music degree from the New England Conservatory under Alexander Korsantia, an Artist Diploma from Texas Christian University under Tamás Ungár, and a Doctor of Musical Arts degree from the University of North Texas under Pamela Mia Paul.

A prizewinner in numerous international competitions, Dr. Woo received the IBLA Grand Prize at the Bartók–Kabalevsky–Prokofiev International Piano Competition, along with top honors at the Washington International Piano Festival Competition, the Schlern International Music Competition, and the Jacob Flier Piano Competition. She has also appeared at major festivals including the Mozarteum Summer Academy in Salzburg, Banff Piano Masterclasses, and PianoTexas.

Dr. Woo currently serves on the piano faculties of the University of North Texas and Tarrant County College, where she is dedicated to mentoring the next generation of pianists.