

MATTHEW MAYER

Pianist · Composer · Recording Artist

#1 Billboard Charting Artist · 800 Million+ Streams · 20+ Albums · 25+ Years of Independent Music

FROM A TOWN OF 700 TO A WORLD OF LISTENERS

Matthew Mayer's story began far from the traditional centers of the music industry.

He grew up in **Canistota, South Dakota**, a small Midwestern town of roughly 700 people. He began playing piano at age twelve, inspired in part by the music of George Winston.

Some of Mayer's earliest performances took place on an old upright piano in the waiting room of a chiropractic clinic in his hometown. On Wednesday evenings, he would sit down and play. Sometimes only a handful of people were there to listen.

The audience eventually became considerably larger.

More than twenty albums and twenty-five years later, Mayer's independently built catalog has generated **more than 800 million streams**, while his music has reached listeners around the world.

AN INDEPENDENT CAREER

Mayer released his first album in 1999, and continued recording and releasing original piano music while building his career outside the conventional major-label system.

His compositions center on melody and the expressive possibilities of the piano—music created to communicate directly with the listener without requiring words.

Over the course of his career, Mayer has released more than twenty albums and developed a global digital audience across streaming platforms.

In 2026, his career reached another milestone with sustained appearances on the **Billboard charts**, including reaching **#1 on Billboard's New Age Albums chart**.

His music has also found a significant audience in the children's and family-music space, demonstrating an unusual ability for instrumental piano music to connect across generations.

800 MILLION+ STREAMS

Mayer's recorded catalog has surpassed **800 million streams**, an achievement built over years of independent recording and distribution.

Behind that number is a career that began without a major-label launch or conventional path into the music business.

For Mayer, the scale of the audience is less important than the connection behind it: one composition reaching one listener at a time.

2026: THE MUSIC GOES GLOBAL

In 2026, Mayer's career increasingly moved from the digital world onto international stages.

Performances and artistic work took him through the United States and Europe, with appearances and projects spanning countries including **Croatia, Serbia, Switzerland, Italy, Austria, Brazil and Hungary**, alongside additional international engagements.

In Switzerland, Mayer brought his piano into the Alps, performing high above the landscape on top of the famous Gloria Plz Schilthorn - the location of the legendary James Bond 007 film.

In Italy, performances included appearances in southern Italy, including Ceglie Messapica all the way up to Northern Italy, Venice.

In Serbia, Mayer performed and appeared in national media, while his European work continued through collaborations and performances elsewhere on the continent.

The year represents a natural evolution of a career in which music that had already traveled internationally through recordings increasingly began taking Mayer himself around the world.

ELEVATION

That sense of movement is at the center of Mayer's 2026 album **Elevation**.

The project explores the idea of personal ascent—not simply achievement, but reflection, struggle, perspective and the process of moving beyond where one began.

Elevation features Croatian pianist and composer **Matej Meštrović** and was produced with **Malina Moye** and Grammy Award-winning Japanese artist and producer **Masa Takumi**.

The album's visual direction was created by photographer and filmmaker **Viktoria Perger**.

Set against imagery inspired by the Swiss Alps, *Elevation* connects the landscape of Mayer's international travels with the internal journey represented by the music.

PERFORMANCE

Mayer's concerts place the piano at the center of the experience.

Rather than separating performer and audience through elaborate production, his performances emphasize melody, storytelling and the relationship between the person at the instrument and the people listening.

His 2026 international appearances have ranged from intimate European environments to theaters and larger concert settings.

The format remains remarkably close to where the career began:

One pianist. One instrument. An audience.

Only the geography has changed.

RECOGNITION & MEDIA

Career highlights include:

- **#1 Billboard-charting artist**
- **800 million+ career streams**
- **20+ albums released**
- **25+ years as an independent recording artist**
- **Multiple weeks of Billboard chart activity in 2026**
- **Two Telly Awards**
- International performances across the United States and Europe
- Featured in international television and media
- Quoted by **Rolling Stone** in coverage honoring pianist George Winston
- Founder of **SoloPiano.com**

SOLOPIANO.COM

Mayer's contribution to piano music extends beyond his own recordings.

He is the founder of **SoloPiano.com**, an independent platform created to support and introduce solo piano artists and their music.

The community has grown to include hundreds of artists globally and has become another expression of Mayer's long-standing commitment to the genre that shaped his own career.

THE JOURNEY HOME

Despite an increasingly international career, South Dakota remains an important part of Mayer's story.

On **December 22, 2026**, Mayer returns to Sioux Falls for **Matthew Mayer: A Christmas Piano Miracle – Live in Concert** at the Washington Pavilion's Mary W. Sommervold Hall.

The performance brings together two very different points in the same story: the young South Dakota pianist who began performing decades ago and the artist whose music has since traveled around the world.

SELECT CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

800M+

Career Streams

#1

Billboard New Age Albums

20+

Albums

25+ YEARS

Recording & Performing

2×

Telly Award Winner

GLOBAL

Performances & Audience

BOOKING / MEDIA / COLLABORATIONS

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