## Clavier-Werke Fall Festival

## Featuring guest judge Dominik Wachtel



Dates: Saturday, 11/17 and Sunday, 11/18 Times: To be determined

\*\*This is a great opportunity for students to perform their recital piece!\*\*

Please talk to your teacher for more details.

Dominik Wachtel grew up in Vienna Austria where he received his bachelors in Classical Piano and Jazz Piano. His teachers were Krassimira Jordan and Thomas Kreuzberger. The snare drum was Dominik's first instrument. He continued to study drums throughout his piano studies. Dominik taught piano privately in Vienna for 4 years, both classical and jazz. His passions for improvising lead him to earn a M.M. in Jazz piano from UNT. Aside from studying Dominik spent his time in Texas teaching in music schools and performing in the Dallas/Fortworth area.

Dominik has given concerts in Vienna, Hungary, Japan, Libya, Pakistan and the US. He led Jamsessions at a well-known Jazz workshop in Slovenia called Jazzinty. In the US Dominik gained more experience playing jazz in different projects with other musicians at UNT and musicians from the Dallas/Fort Worth area.

Since moving to Austin in January 2018 Dominik has been part of different musical projects and performances. He played at the SXSW music festival with Austin born Hailey Tuck (recorded for Sony music), is a member of the award-winning band 'A Is Red', has accompanied the American Ballet Theater for their summer intensive program and played Jazz in different settings in Austin and San Antonio.

Dominik's goal as a teacher is to create a discipline for the art in the student, something that can be helpful in any job or life situation not only for future musicians. Aside from harmony and theory, it is important to Dominik to teach his students a good feeling for time and rhythm. Creating a balance between having fun and disciplined learning in a student is of high importance to him.