



# Robert Finley

Robert Finley was born in Hull, England, and started to play the piano at the age of seven. He won a scholarship to Trinity College of Music in London to study piano and musicianship on Saturdays while he was at high school. He went to the University of Sussex to study for a Bachelor of Science degree in Electronics but continued his musical education with various concert pianists including Norma Fisher, Albert Ferber (protege of Rachmaninoff), Vlado Perlemuter, Louis Kentner and Jorge Bolet. He was awarded the Associate for the Royal College of Music diploma with honors in 1976. He has given recitals in England, the USA, Israel, Germany, France, Poland and Argentina, and played concertos with symphony orchestras in England. He has performed on television and radio.

He emigrated to the USA in 1980 and worked for GTE Government Systems Corporation (now General Dynamics) as an engineer. He took early retirement in 2006 and now spends his time teaching the piano at his Northborough home, playing wedding receptions and parties, and giving formal recitals in the USA and Europe. In 2001, he founded the Boston Piano Amateurs Association, a non-profit organization that runs a bi-annual international piano competition for outstanding amateurs. He has been a contestant in piano competitions in Washington DC, Colorado Springs, Paris France, Berlin Germany and recently (September) in Warsaw Poland where he was a finalist in the first International Chopin Piano Competition and was a winner in the 2008 Piano Texas Concerto Competition where he was a soloist with the Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra in the first movement of Rachmaninoff's 1st Piano Concerto. An expert in MIDI and electronic synthesis, he recorded three albums for the QRS Pianomation™ player piano system, which are being sold all over the world.