

# *Miaomiao Yu, Piano*



**Miaomiao Yu** is a pianist bursting onto today's concert scene with her effervescent personality and versatility. She has performed as a solo pianist, a chamber musician and an orchestral guest artist across North America and Europe in venues such as the Toronto Centre for the Performing Arts, the Musikhalle in Hamburg, National Concert Hall in Dublin, Cadogan Hall, St. Martin-in-the-Fields and St. James Piccadilly, London. Her broadcasts on television and radio include Channel 4 (UK), BBC London, BBC World Services, RTE (Ireland), CBC and Bravo TV (Canada).

Miaomiao has gained much recognition on the international scene with top awards in the Hong Kong International Piano Competition, Toronto Symphony Piano Competition, London International Concerto Competition, Bromsgrove International Young Soloists Competition, Imperial Oils Young Performers Competition, and the Royal Overseas League Competition.

Miaomiao's international upbringing on three continents provided her with a unique set of experiences to create her rich sound palette. Studying with world-renowned pianists John O'Connor, James Anagnoson, John Perry, and Christopher Elton helped to hone her distinctive style. She received her first scholarship at the age of 11 from the Royal Irish Academy of Music, and has since garnered over 50 awards including the Wingate and the Countess of Munster Scholarships. Miaomiao attended the Young Artists' Performance Academy, a pre-college program for gifted young musicians at the Royal Conservatory of Music (RCM) in Toronto and later received her Bachelor of Music degree from RCM's Glenn Gould Professional School. In 2001, Miaomiao was chosen by Rotary International as the Canadian recipient of the prestigious Ambassadorial Scholarship, which led to her Masters in Music Performance at the Royal Academy of Music.

Since 2007, Miaomiao has been a Professor of Piano at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama in London UK. She lives in an eco-house with her husband Jo and son Mercutio Hanhan.

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