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Sandra Shen - BIOGRAPHY

Pianist Sandra Wright Shen received her BM and MM in piano performance from the Peabody Conservatory, under Ann Schein. She performed in Master Classes with Ruth Slencynska, Jerome Lowenthal, Andre Watts, and Rebecca Penneys and studied chamber music with Earl Carlyss. She studied Russian pianism with Zalina Gurevich, Oleg Barsov, and Lev Nauomov. She also collaborated in chamber music with Vesselin Parashkevov (concert master of the Vienna Philharmonic) and cellist Nina Kotova, and has worked with the Alban Berg Quartet, Jorg Demus, and Grant Johannessen.

Sandra has made guest appearances with the Taiwan National Symphony Orchestra, Hilton Head Symphony Orchestra, Redlands Symphony Orchestra, Philharmonia Moment Musical, and the Young Artist Chamber Concert Series at the Kennedy Music Center. Solo recital appearances include the Chicago Cultural Center, Texas Conservatory for Young Artists, the Peace Center, Steinway Society concerts, and solo recital tours throughout the US and Taiwan. Her Steinway concert set a record for attendance! She has also appeared in the Forbidden City Concert Hall in Beijing and the Frankfurt Cultural Center in Germany.

Sandra won first prizes in the Hilton Head International Piano Competition, the Mieczyslaw Munz Piano Competition, the Taiwan National Piano Competition, and the Peabody Frances M. Wentz Memorial Prize. Sandra has recorded 3 CDs, debuting with her Rachmaninoff's 3rd Piano Concerto. Sandra currently teaches at the Brevard Music Institute, and previously taught at Southern Illinois University.

Mixing music and philanthropy, Sandra has raised over \$25K by playing benefit concerts for earthquake victims, foster children, education and assisted-living patients. An ambassador of classical music, she has taught classical music appreciation to beginning and advanced students, young and old, CEOs, children with severe mental retardation, and orphans. She was the host of a classical radio program for FM 97.5 (Taiwan). She is currently working on a classical music program to be broadcast on PBS.

Sandra Shen - CRITICAL ACCLAIM

“Liszt would have smiled, for Wright (Shen) is a pianist of touch, agility and feeling.” (Liszt concerto No. 1)

Jean-Pierre Barricelli, The Press-Enterprise

“Her technique proofed the equal to the composer’s demanding sweeps of the keyboard”

Nelda Stuck, The Daily Facts

“Sandra Wright is a dazzling pianist with a superb technique and a marvelous tone. She is a very intelligent musician and a thrilling performer. To me, the most wonderful quality in her playing is her unique lyrical gift. The nobility of her performance of the Rachmaninoff Sonata #2 was unforgettable. In the Chopin Etude op. 10 #8, her poetry and charm were even more memorable than her total instrumental mastery. In short, Sandra Wright is a pianist of the first order. She has an important musical and pianistic voice that should be encouraged and heard by the largest audience..”

André-Michel Schub

"Sandra Wright Shen's playing was passionate and clean, a perfect match for the NMO. It was a powerful performance from a most gracious and humble soul"

Maestro Francesco Milioto, New Millennium Orchestra of Chicago

“This kind of superb technique mesmerized the audience, bringing them to listen attentively from their soul. A soloist’s stage presence, in a certain respect, is a requirement for performers, and Sandra has this kind of magical attraction. In addition, her music, with a kind of rare "sincerity", is what I most enjoyed in hearing her play.”

Performing Arts Review Magazine (Taiwan)

“Sandra Shen reminds me of my favorite 20th Century pianist, the renowned Arthur Rubenstein, whose life-embracing personality shone through his performance at the keyboard. In the same spirit, Sandra’s personality lights up the stage and transforms her superlative keyboard technique into music making of the highest order that so often touches the very soul of the listener.”

Harold J. Peters, Author (April 6, 2010)

Sandra Shen - 2010 Concert Schedule Highlight

DATE	EVENTS	LOCATION
11/5/10	Solo Recital @ Eastman School of Music	Eastman School of Music, Rochester, NY
10/30/10	Ravel Piano Concerto in G Major with Palo Alto Philharmonic	Palo Alto, CA
9/19/10	Solo Recital	Tianjin, China
7/27/10	Chamber Music: Poulenc Sextuor @ Brevard Music Festival	Brevard, NC
6/25/10 - 8/8/10	On Faculty at Brevard Summer Music Institute	Brevard, NC
3/17/10	Collaboration with Soprano Jenny Fu @ Taiwan National Recital Hall	National Recital Hall, Taiwan
3/16/10	Solo Piano Recital	Taipei, Taiwan
3/12/10	Solo Piano Recital "Inspiration From Above"	Chia-Yi, Taiwan
2/20/10	Camille Saint-Saens Carnival of the Animals @ Biola University	Biola University La Mirada, CA
2/8/10	Solo Piano Recital @ Houston Baptist University	Houston Baptist University Houston, TX
1/31/10	Solo Piano Recital "Colors of Life" @ Los Gatos Concert Series	Los Gatos, CA
1/9/10	Solo Piano Recital	Santa Clara, CA

Sandra Shen – 2009 Concert Schedule Highlight

DATE	EVENTS	LOCATION
12/5/2009	Steinway Society Concert Series Solo Piano Recital	Le Petit Trianon San Jose, CA
11/28/2009	Playing for pianist Ann Schein's 70th birthday gala	Scarsdale, NY
10/15/2009	Solo Piano Recital/Master Class	Zhejiang, China
10/9, 10/2009	Solo Piano recital @ Two Cities Art Gallery	Shanghai, China
10/1/2009	Concert/Guest Speaker for Music Teachers Assoc of CA	Los Altos, CA
9/28/2009	Solo Recital @ Univ Colorado at Boulder	Boulder, CO
9/26/2009	Pedagogy Workshop for Colorado Music Teachers National Association	Boulder, CO
9/5/2009	Violin and Piano Duo, Byron Tauchi and Sandra Shen	Santa Clara, CA
6/26/2009 - 8/8/2009	Piano Faculty - Brevard Summer Music Institute	Brevard, NC
6/19/2009	Music at Noon	Apple Inc Cupertino, CA
6/6/2009	Solo Piano Recital "Inspiration From Above"	Champaign Chinese Christian Church, Champaign, IL
5/31/2009	Sandra Wright Shen with the New Millenium Orchestra @ Chicago Cultural Center	Chicago Cultural Center, Chicago, IL
5/17/2009	Benefit Concert for Music Opportunity Grant	Music Teachers Assoc of CA Santa Clara, CA
4/25-26/2009	Piano and Strings featuring Sandra Wright Shen	Southern Illinois Univ Carbondale, IL
1/29/2009	Solo Piano Recital Works by Schumann and Haydn @ Community School of Music and Arts	Tateuchi Hall, Mountain View, CA

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Rachmaninov Piano Concerto No. 3
Sandra Wright Shen, Pianist
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Inspiration From Above

Music from Bach, Mozart, Chopin, and Liszt
Sandra Wright Shen, Pianist
Coming Soon
Recorded on Steinway D



Carnival of the Animals (Saint-Saens)

Sandra Wright Shen, Pianist
© 2008 Rolling Stone (Taiwan)
Recorded on Steinway D



Songs for the Crib

Classically Inspired Music for your Baby
Sandra Wright Shen, Pianist
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