

Josephine Yang

PIANO

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Based in Chicago, IL, Josephine Yang performs internationally as a soloist and collaborator. She received the Master of Music degree in piano performance in 2016 under the direction of world-renowned concert pianist [Daniel Pollack](#) at the University of Southern California Thornton School of Music. Comfortable in diverse settings, her performance scope ranges from the traditional concert hall to rock concerts and street festivals. Josephine performed as the solo pianist with the symphonic rock band Evanescence on their Synthesis orchestra tour in 2018 at Chicago's Ravinia Festival and well as at Indiana's Ruoff Home Mortgage Music Center. In the summer of 2018, she performed in Chicago's only classical music street festival, the Thirsty Ears Festival, produced by Chicago's Access Contemporary Music. In the 2014-15 season she made her debut performances with Orquesta Filarmonica de Sonora (Mexico), Arizona Repertory Orchestra, and Sierra Vista Symphony Orchestra, in a performance which won the city's *Hessy Award* for "Best Performance of the Year." She has performed at several music festivals including [Pianofest in the Hamptons](#) (2015), directed by [Paul Schenly](#), where she studied with Mr. Schenly, [Kathryn Brown](#), and [Orion Weiss](#), the 36th Annual Daniel Pollack Masterclass in Seattle (2014), co-sponsored by Steinway, and [MusicFest Perugia](#) (2009, 2011), directed by [Ilana Vered](#). She was also featured as a pianist on a television show from Japan's Shinagawa district, which aired in 2015, and in *The Real Pianists of the Hamptons* Youtube show.

In her freshman year at Arizona State University, Josephine won the 2011 annual Concert of Soloists competition, which led to a performance of Rachmaninoff's Piano Concerto No. 1 with the ASU Symphony. Other honors include the Grand Prize Winner at the 2009 Arizona Musicfest Competition, first prize in the Senior Concerto Division of the 2009 Schimmel/Arizona Piano Young Artist Competition, and 2008 MTNA Arizona State Senior Division Winner. In May 2014, she received the Bachelor of Music, summa cum laude, in piano performance from Herberger Institute for Design and the Arts of Arizona State University. Her mentors include Dr. Baruch Meir and Dr. Hamilton Tescarollo.

Since her middle school years, Josephine has performed regularly with numerous orchestras around her home state of Arizona and has been presented in Italy with

Solisti di Perugia Orchestra (2009) and with the orchestra in residence at Music Fest Perugia in Perugia's historic Basilica di San Pietro (2011). Her piano performances have been consistently recorded and broadcast on public radio by Arizona's 89.5 KBAQ Production Studio. In 2018 she performed live on radio at 98.7 WFMT in Chicago, where she performed *Arizona Mirage* by Mauricio Arias and *On a Windswept Plain* by Trevor Watkins, with the composer performing on flute.

An avid collaborator as well as a soloist, Josephine has performed with members of the Cincinnati Symphony, Classical Revolution Chicago, and many young artists in recitals and competitions, including the CSYO Concerto Competition in November 2016, of which the two top prize-winning performances were her collaborations. She made her Weill Recital Hall at Carnegie Hall collaborative debut in November 2016 with cellist Miriam Smith, who was also her private piano student. Josephine is a passionate teacher who sees teaching as an essential expression of her personality and musicianship. She also believes deeply in interdisciplinary art collaboration and presenting great music of all genres, and is launching a concert concept that combines the forces of living music, lighting design, art film, and fashion design in an ongoing, large-scale project with Lanly Le as the videographer and photographer. She also champions new music written by living composers, and she has premiered several new works around the world.

A recipient of the National Merit Scholarship, Josephine attained the distinct honor of valedictorian of her class at Desert Vista High School. She also performs on violin and has collaborated with many musicians in orchestras and chamber groups in the United States. In 2004, she co-founded the Phantasie Ensemble, a dynamic group of young musicians dedicated to bringing classical music to the public through community service concerts. She holds the title of Miss Phoenix Chinese 2011. Josephine's modeling activities are managed by Prestigious Models/Image Powerhouse in Los Angeles. She resides in Chicago with her constant inspiration, [Koray Tarhan](#), and their two rescued dogs, Bella and Luna.

REFERENCES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST - LAST UPDATE 08.2018

EDUCATION | MASTERCLASS

University of Southern California : M.M. Piano Performance | Studio: Daniel Pollack
2014-16

Mikhail Korzhev Extended Instruction | Los Angeles, CA 1-8.2016

Awadagin Pratt Masterclass | Cincinnati, OH 11.2015

Antonio Pompa-Baldi Masterclass | Cleveland, OH 11.2015

Paul Schenly Masterclass | Cleveland, OH 11.2015

Kathryn Brown Masterclass | Cleveland, OH 11.2015

Pianofest in the Hamptons: Session 1 Fellow | NY 06-07.2015

Orion Weiss Masterclass | East Hampton, NY 07.2015

Kathryn Brown Masterclass | East Hampton, NY 06.2015

Paul Schenly Masterclass | East Hampton, NY 06.2015

Daniel Pollack Masterclass Festival | Bellevue, WA 06.2014

Arizona State University : B.M. Piano Performance | Studio: Baruch Meir 2010-2014

Faina Lushtak Masterclass | Tempe, AZ 01.2014

Jerome Lowenthal Masterclass | Tempe, AZ 11.2012

Juilliard String Quartet Masterclass/Coaching | Tempe, AZ 10.2012

Music Fest Perugia | Perugia, Italy 08.2011

Orion String Quartet Masterclass/Coaching | Tempe, AZ 04.2011

Music Fest Perugia | Perugia, Italy 08.2009

Adamant Music School | Piano Camp | Adamant, VT 07.2008

Idyllwild Arts Summer Music Camp | Idyllwild, CA 06-08.2006

Studio of Dr. Baruch Meir | Tempe, AZ | 2008-2014

Studio of Dr. Hamilton Tescarollo | Phoenix, AZ | 1999-2008

ORCHESTRA SOLOIST PERFORMANCE

Evanescence Synthesis Tour | Solo Pianist | Ravinia Music Festival | Chicago, IL |
07.2018

Evanescence Synthesis Tour | Solo Pianist | Ruoff Home Mortgage Music Center |
Noblesville, IN | 07.2018

Orquesta Filarmónica de Sonora | Rachmaninoff Piano Concerto No. 3 | Hermosillo,
Sonora, México 11.2014

Sierra Vista Symphony Orchestra | Rachmaninoff Piano Concerto No. 3 | Sierra Vista,
AZ 10.2014

Arizona Repertory Orchestra | Rachmaninoff Piano Concerto No. 3 | Chandler, AZ
06.2014

Music Fest Perugia Orchestra | Chopin Piano Concerto No. 2, Op. 21 | Perugia, Italy
08.2011

Arizona State University Orchestra | Rachmaninoff Piano Concerto No. 1 | Tempe, AZ
03.2011

Desert Vista High School Orchestra | Butterfly Lover's Concerto (Violin) | Phoenix, AZ 05.2010

I Solisti di Perugia Orchestra | Haydn Piano Concerto No. 11 in D major | Perugia, Italy 08.2009

RECITAL PERFORMANCE

Thirsty Ears Music Festival: Midwest Premiere of Mauricio Arias *Arizona Mirage*; Brahms Intermezzo AM, Ravel Alborada, Faure, Watkins *On A Windswept Plain*, Amos Gillespie *Of Nature's Palette* | Chicago, IL | 08.2018

Collaborative Tuba Recital: Franck Violin Sonata and Blue Bells of Scotland | DePaul Concert Hall | Chicago, IL | 04.2018

Classical Revolution: Bach Collaborative Performance | Gallery Cabaret | Chicago, IL | 03.2018

Classical Revolution: Collaborative Violin and Tuba Performance (Brahms Violin Sonata 1) | The Store | Chicago, IL | 02.2018

Collaborative (Vocal) and Solo Piano Holiday Music Performance | Anthropologie on Fremont | Chicago, IL 10.2017

Collaborative Violin Recital | Cincinnati, OH | 05.2015

Collaborative Cello Recital | Cincinnati, OH | 05.2017

Collaborative Violin Performance at Midori Masterclass | SCPA Corbett Hall | Cincinnati, OH | 05.2017

Collaborative Violin Performance | SCPA Meyer Hall | Cincinnati, OH | 04.2017

Collaborative Cello Performance | Walnut Hills High School | Cincinnati, OH | 04.2017

Martin Hintz Viola Collaborative Recital | Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music | Cincinnati, OH | 04.2017 (Shostakovich Viola Sonata, Brahms Violin Sonata 1)

Jonathan Moore Viola Collaborative Recital | Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music | Cincinnati, OH | 04.2017 (Bax Sonata, Shostakovich Sonata)

Hyojin Kim Violin Collaborative Recital | Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music | Cincinnati, OH | 04.2017 (Brahms Sonata 2, Wieniawski Faust Fantasy)

Luke Bryson Oboe Collaborative Recital | Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music | Cincinnati, OH | 04.2017 (Schumann Adagio Allegro, Poulenc Sonata, Krommer Concerto)

LaSalle Collaborative Recital with members of the CSO | Scarlet Oaks Community | Cincinnati, OH | 01.2017

Solo Recital | Sagewood Center | Phoenix, AZ 12.2016

Collaborative Recital, Studio of Gabe Pegis | School for Creative & Performing Arts | Cincinnati, OH 12.2016

Collaborative Cello Recital, Studio of Sarah Kim | Schott Recital Hall | Cincinnati, OH 12.2016

Collaborative Recital | Weill Recital Hall, Carnegie Hall | New York, NY 11.2016

Collaborative Cello Recital | First Presbyterian Church | Cincinnati, OH 10.2016

Solo Recital | USC Schoenfeld Hall | Los Angeles, CA 04.2016

Solo Recital | Retirement Center | Los Angeles, CA 03.2016
Solo Recital | Sagewood Center | Phoenix, AZ 01.2016
Solo Recital | Village at Ocotillo | Chandler, AZ 01.2016
Solo Recital | USC Schoenfeld Hall | Los Angeles, CA 05.2015
Solo Recital | Gainey Ranch | Scottsdale, AZ 03.2015
Solo Recital | Village at Ocotillo | Chandler, AZ 03.2015
Solo Recital | Hawthorn Court | Phoenix, AZ | 03.2015
Arizona ProArte Orchestra | Education Concert | Wickenburg, AZ 11.2013
Solo Recital | Gainey Ranch | Scottsdale, AZ 11.2013
Solo Recital | Katzin Concert Hall | Tempe, AZ 11.2013
Solo Recital | Hawthorne Court | Phoenix, AZ 11.2013
Solo Recital | Village at Ocotillo | Chandler, AZ 10.2013
Solo Recital | Arizona State University Concert Hall | Tempe, AZ 12.2012
Solo Recital | 100 year Birthday Celebration of Republic of China | Phoenix, AZ 10.2012
Chamber Recital | Katzin Concert Hall | Tempe, AZ 10.2012
Solo Recital | Arizona State University Convocation | Tempe, AZ 10.2012
Solo Recital | Christ Presbyterian Church | Goodyear, AZ 03.2012
Ensemble Recital | Katzin Concert Hall | Tempe, AZ 11.2011
Solo Recital | Music Fest Perugia | Perugia, Italy 08.2011
Chamber Recital | Katzin Concert Hall | Tempe, AZ 04.2011
Solo Recital | AZ Musicfest Young Artist Concert Series | Scottsdale, AZ 10.2009
Solo Recital | KBAQ 89.9 fm performance & recording | Phoenix, AZ 10.2009
Solo Recital | Arizona State Music Teachers Association | Phoenix, AZ 05.2009
Solo Recital | AZ Musicfest Recital Series | Paradise Valley, AZ 04.2009
Solo Recital | KBAQ 89.9 fm performance & recording | Phoenix, AZ 03.2009
Solo Recital | KBAQ 89.9 fm performance & recording | Phoenix, AZ 01.2009
Solo Recital | MTNA National Piano Competition | AZ Representative | Phoenix, AZ 01.2009
Solo Recital | Kerr Cultural Center | Scottsdale, AZ 08.2008
Solo Recital | St. Barnabas Desert Episcopal Church | Paradise Valley, AZ 04.2007
Solo Recital | MTNA National Piano Competition | AZ Representative | Phoenix, AZ 01.2007
Honors Recital | Arizona State Music Teachers Association | Phoenix, AZ 06.2006

COMPETITION

SCPA Scholarship Competition (Accompanied violinist) | SCPA | Cincinnati, OH 05.2017
CSYO Competition (Accompanist for 7 soloists, 1st and 2nd place winners) | Cincinnati College-Conservatory | Cincinnati, OH 11.2016
Young Artist Competition (Accompanist, division winner and 2nd place overall) | University of Louisville | Louisville, KY 10.2016

Milwaukee PianoArts Competition | Semi-Finalist | Milwaukee, WI 06.2012
Concert of Soloists Concerto Competition Winner | Arizona State University | Tempe, AZ 11.2011
World Piano Pedagogy Conference | Sonata Invitational Division | Finalist 10.2009
World Piano Pedagogy Conference | Concerto Invitational Division | Finalist 10.2009
AZ Musicfest Young Musicians Competition | Grand Prize Winner | Scottsdale, AZ 03.2009
Schimmel/AZ Piano Young Artist Piano Competition-Concerto | Winner | Tempe, AZ 01.2009
Schimmel/AZ Piano Young Artist Piano Competition-Solo | Honorable Mention | Tempe, AZ 01.2009
MTNA National Piano Competition | Arizona Winner | Phoenix, AZ 11.2008
Schimmel/AZ Piano Young Artist Piano Competition-Junior Division| Winner | Tempe, AZ 01.2007
Schimmel/AZ Piano Young Artist Piano Competition-Concerto | 3rd Place | Tempe, AZ 01.2007
Phoenix Symphony Guild Concerto Competition - Piano | Winner | Phoenix, AZ 01.2006
Phoenix Symphony Guild Concerto Competition - Violin | Winner | Phoenix, AZ 01.2006

AWARDS

Hessy Award for Best Performance of the Year | Sierra Vista, AZ 01.2015
Sylvia Grancell Endowed Music Scholarship in Piano | Thornton School of Music | Los Angeles, CA 08.2014
Peggy Keenan Jernigan Music Scholarship | Thornton School of Music | Los Angeles, CA 08.2014
Alma and Ruth Wilson Scholarship | Arizona State University | Tempe, AZ 07.2011
Piano Concerto Competition Winner | Arizona State University | Tempe, AZ 10.2011
Valedictorian | Desert Vista High School | Phoenix, AZ 05.2010
Herberger Community Arts Foundation Scholar | \$6,000 | Phoenix, AZ 05.2010
National Merit Certificate of Merit | \$11,000 | Tempe, AZ 04.2010
Phoenix Suns Scholarship Recipient | \$2,000 | Phoenix, AZ 04.2010
Special Talent Award | Herberger College for the Arts | Tempe, AZ 03.2010
Jean Wong Memorial Endowment in Music | Arizona State University | Tempe, AZ 03.2010
MTNA National Piano Competition | Arizona State Representative | Phoenix, AZ 01.2009
Arizona State Music Teachers Association | Competition Medalist | Phoenix, AZ 06.2007

REVIEWS

Sierra Vista Herald | 10.22.2014 | By Bill Hess

Yang one powerful pianist...The first concert hit platinum with the audience, especially Josephine Yang's performance of Sergei Rachmaninoff's Piano Concerto No. 3 in D minor, Op 30....A difficult piece, it appeared far from it as Yang masterfully went up and down the keyboard – sometimes pounding out the notes with power and other times delicately and smoothly caressing the keys for the more soothing parts...The concerto is a physically and emotionally exhausting composition, and for the petite Yang it had to be even more so.The audience were not disappointed, as a long, loud standing ovation – which Yang well deserved – began even as the last note of the concerto was fading.

MISCELLANEOUS ENGAGEMENTS

Soloist and Collaborative Pianist on 98.7 WFMT Chicago, performing live | Midwest premiere of Mauricio Arias's *Arizona Mirage*, Trevor Watkins *On a Windswept Plain* | Chicago, IL | 08.2018

Collaborative Pianist | Chicago, IL | 2017-present

Independent Private Piano Teacher | Chicago, IL | 2017-present

Private Piano and Violin Teacher with Access Contemporary Music | Chicago, IL | 2017-present

Chamber Ensemble Coach | Mozart Piano Quartet in G minor | Cincinnati, OH 2017

Private Piano Teacher | Cincinnati, OH 2016-17

Accompanist and Collaborative Pianist | Cincinnati, OH 2016-17

Private Piano Teacher | Los Angeles, CA 2014-16

6th Semi Annual Bosendorfer/Yamaha USASU Piano Competition | Master of Ceremony 01.2013

Pianist & Violinist Worship Band | Christ Presbyterian Church | Goodyear, AZ 2013

Kat's Artist Tree | Teaching Private Piano & Violin Lessons | Goodyear, AZ 2012-2014

Miss Phoenix Chinese pageant queen | Winner: Talent Award Miss Photogenic 07.2011

5th Semi Annual Bosendorfer/Schimmel USASU Piano Competition | Master of Ceremony 01.2011

KBAQ 89.5 fm Production Studio | Assistant Engineer | Phoenix, AZ 2010-2013