

Charlotte's *Mission*



A superlative mix of virtuosic talent, unfailing determination, and a commitment to empowering young artists serve as the foundation of Charlotte's international career as a concert pianist, educator, and entrepreneurial leader.

Since winning top prizes at the **12th Rubinstein International Piano Master Competition** and **Concert Artists Guild International Competition**, she has astounded audiences across the U.S., Europe, and Asia, performing sold-out concerts at many of the world's leading venues — including Alice Tully Hall, Carnegie Hall, the Kennedy Center, Wigmore Hall, and Taipei National Concert Hall.

But for Charlotte, being a musician in the 21st century isn't just about playing the piano well — it's about making classical music more accessible through captivating programs that tell human stories inclusive of gender and race. By juxtaposing audience favorites with underperformed treasures and newly commissioned works, Charlotte's performances consistently offer musical and narrative contrasts that encourage people to listen deeply and discover anew the work of even the most well-known composers.

TESTIMONIALS

"One of the rarest artists in the world I would pay a ticket to hear. It was a real revelation to hear her. She is not just one from the many excellent pianists nowadays but an exciting artist to whom one has to listen. Beyond the spellbinding technique she mastered, she is a real interpreter of poetic feelings, great temperament and a delightful sound. She is unfailingly capable of charming her public. She has the spontaneity giving the impression that the work performed under her fingers is just created at that moment." --- Tamás Vásáry

"...truly one of the most original pianists of her generation. She is capable of hypnotizing her audience. Her sound is unique and warm, her performances full of colors and imagination. And she has an exceptional technical command of the piano." --- Sergei Babayan

"...a marvelous pianist. I've heard her in the repertoire of Chopin, Alkan, Rachmanionff and Ravel, all performed with great artistry and virtuosity." --- Gary Graffman

(On Charlotte Hu's performance of the complete Rachmaninoff Études-Tableaux, Op. 39)

"This is one of the most brilliant and emotionally charged performances that exist. What a triumph. Ching-Yun's playing covers the gamut of dynamics, especially when playing softly enough, which most pianists fail to do. Above all, each and every phrase carries a profound and dramatic musical meaning. It's as though the music is playing her." --- Seymour Bernstein

"... praises follow her all around the world..." --- International Piano

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"... first class talent...superb pianist" --- Philadelphia Inquirer

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About Charlotte

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A “first-class talent” (*Philadelphia Inquirer*) possessing a “superstar quality — musical, energetic, and full of flair” (*Jerusalem Post*), Taiwanese American pianist **CHARLOTTE HU** (formerly known as Ching-Yun Hu) has been praised by audiences and critics across the globe for her dazzling virtuosity, captivating musicianship, and magnetic stage presence.

At the heart of Charlotte’s success is a story of strength, dedication, and resilience that has powered her dream of becoming a world-class artist. Moving to the United States from Taiwan at age 14 without her parents to begin studies at The Juilliard School was the first of many challenges Charlotte has overcome in building her illustrious career — one that’s included winning top prizes at the **12th Arthur Rubinstein International Piano Competition** and the **Concert Artists Guild Competition**, performing on classical music’s biggest stages, and fostering the next generation of musicians as an advocate for classical music through entrepreneurial and philanthropic initiatives.

As a soloist, Charlotte has astounded audiences across the U.S., Europe, and Asia, performing sold-out concerts at many of the world’s most prestigious venues — including **Lincoln Center, Carnegie Hall, the Kennedy Center, Wigmore Hall, the Concertgebouw, Taipei National Concert Hall, and Osaka’s Symphony Hall**. She is a frequent guest at music

festivals, such as the **Aspen Music Festival, Ruhr-Klavier Festival, Oregon Bach Festival.** Concerto engagements have included performances with the **Philadelphia Orchestra, Israel Philharmonic Orchestra, and Taiwan Philharmonic,** among others.

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An **active recording artist**, her debut album of Chopin works on ArchiMusic was named Best Classical Album of the Year by Taiwan's prestigious Golden Melody Award, and recordings released on Naxos/CAG Records and BMOP/sound with Boston Modern Orchestra Project have received overwhelming critical acclaim. Her Rachmaninoff album on Centaur/Naxos received a five-star review by the U.K.'s *Pianist* magazine, which called it "essential listening for Rachmaninoff admirers." Her upcoming album, **Liszt Metamorphosis**, released by **PENTATONE** will be available worldwide on July 19, 2024.

Charlotte Hu is the founder of two piano festivals across two continents: the **Yun-Hsiang International Music Festival** in Taipei and the **PYPA Piano Festival** in Philadelphia. Now in its 12th year, PYPA has become an important fixture in the classical music world, cultivating a deeper appreciation for classical music and serving as a bridge of cultural partnerships between West and East.

A tireless advocate for humanity, Charlotte **raised \$27,000 for youth education charities** through a **Hope Charity Concert** live-streamed on her Facebook page in June 2020. The online concert **reached more than 140,000 people across the globe.**

A **Steinway Artist**, Charlotte Hu serves as an **artist in residence at Temple University** in Philadelphia, in addition to her busy performance schedule. She is a frequent guest artist, leading master classes and artist residencies at universities and music festivals worldwide. She holds degrees from The Juilliard School, Cleveland Institute of Music, and Germany's Hanover University of Music, Drama, and Media, where she studied with Herbert Stessin, Sergei Babayan, and Karl-Heinz Kammerling, respectively.

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