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International Competitions

Gina Bachauer International Piano Competition	Live Competitor	2024
Naumburg International Music Comp.	Live Competitor	2023
Palma d'Oro International Piano Comp.	6 th Prize	2023
Weatherford College International Piano Comp.	Jury Discretionary Award	2023
Heida International Music Comp.	Finalist	2022
Queen Elisabeth Comp.	Live Competitor	2021
Chicago International Music Comp.	2 nd Place, Concert Artist Division	2020
World Piano Teachers Assc. Finland Int. Piano Comp.	Absolute (Grand) Prize	2020
World Piano Teachers Assc. Int. Piano Comp.	1 st Place	2020
Vienna International Music Comp.	Distinction Award	2020
Seattle International Piano Comp.	Finalist	2019
Thousand Islands International Piano Comp.	1 st Place, Senior Division	2019
Los Angeles International Piano Comp.	2 nd Place	2019
Texas State International Piano Comp.	1 st Place	2019
PianoTexas Concerto Comp.	1 st Place Winner	2018
Ben I. Gomez International Piano Comp.	2 nd Place	2018
New York International Piano Comp.	Solo Finalist, Ensemble 2 nd Place	2016
Emilio del Rosario Int. Piano Concerto Comp.	1 st Place, Young Artist Division	2015
Emilio del Rosario Int. Piano Concerto Comp.	Honorable Mention, Young Artist Division	2014
Astana (Kazakhstan) Piano Passion Comp.	Semi-Finalist, Senior Division	2013
Schmidbauer International Piano Comp.	Semi-finalist, Junior Division	2012
Minnesota International Piano-e-Comp.	Participant, Junior Division	2011
Virginia Waring International Piano Comp.	Participant, Intermediate Division	2011
Viardo International Piano Comp.	3 rd Place, Junior Division	2008
Connecticut International Piano Comp.	2 nd Place, Age 12 and Under	2008
Bradshaw and Buono Int. Piano Comp.	1 st Place, Elementary Solo Division	2007
Virginia Waring International Piano Comp.	2 nd Place, Junior Division	2007

National and Regional Competitions

Charles Wadsworth Piano Comp.	Semi-finalist	2022
Norah Sande Award	Semi-finalist (competition canceled)	2020
Music Teachers National Association	1 st Place, New York, Collegiate Division	2018
Lowry (Eastman) Piano Comp.	Finalist, all graduate students	2018
Music Teachers National Association	2 nd Place, New York, Collegiate Division	2017
University of Michigan Concerto Comp.	1 st Place, Undergraduate (all instruments)	2016
YoungArts Foundation	Winner (all instruments)	2014
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Texas Music Teachers Association	1 st Place, Solo, 11 th and 12 th Grade	2012
Denton Bach Society	1 st Place, Senior Division	2012
Wysong-Joplin Young Artist Comp.	Grand Prize Winner	2012
Music Teachers National Association	National Finalist, Senior Division	2012
Hubbard Chamber Music Series Comp.	1 st Place (Piano), 2 nd Place (all instruments)	2011
National Piano Inst. for Young Artists Comp.	1 st Place, Advanced II Division	2010
Texas Music Teachers Association	1 st Place, Solo, 9 th and 10 th Grade	2010
Dakota Valley Symphony Concerto Comp.	1 st Place, Concerto and Aria Division	2010
Dallas Symphonic Festival Concerto Comp.	1 st Place, Junior Grand Prize Winner	2010
Vernell Gregg Young Artists Concerto Comp.	Grand Prize Winner	2010
Music Teachers National Association	2 nd Place, Texas, Junior Division	2009
Texas Music Teachers Association	1 st Place, Solo, 7 th and 8 th Grade Division	2009
Music Teachers National Association	National Finalist, Junior Division	2009
Tucson Chamber Orchestra Concerto Comp.	1 st Place, Age 12 and Under	2008
Dallas Piano Solo Competition	1 st Place, 8 th Grade Division	2007
Dallas Piano Solo Competition	1 st Place, 7 th Grade Division	2006

Notable Performances

Solo Recital (upcoming)	Sol Joseph Recital Hall, San Francisco, CA	2024
Solo Recital	Barbro Osher Recital Hall, San Francisco, CA	2023
Solo Recital	Brani Piano, San Francisco, CA	2023
Chamber Recital (x3)	Circle of Friends ADHC, San Francisco, CA	2023
Solo Recital	Slotkapel, Egmond aan den Hoef, Netherlands	2023
Recital	Cultuurkoepel, Heiloo, Netherlands	2023
Recital	It Breahtûs, Balk, Netherlands	2023

Recital	Ruïnekerk, Bergen, Netherlands	2023
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Recital	Remonstrant Church, Alkmaar, Netherlands	2023
Lone Star Wind Orchestra	Eisemann Center, Richardson, TX	2023
Solo Recital	Brani Piano, San Francisco, CA	2023
Solo Recital	Barbro Osher Hall, San Francisco, CA	2023
Solo Recital	Brani Piano, San Francisco, CA	2022
Solo Recital	Sudler Hall, New Haven, CT	2022
Solo Recital	Whitney Center, New Haven, CT	2021
City of Cambridge Symphony Orchestra	West Road Concert Hall, Cambridge, UK	2021
Solo Recital	Cambridge University, Cambridge, UK	2021
Solo Recital	Lift Music Fund (Online)	2021
Solo Recital	Sprague Hall, New Haven, CT	2021
Solo Recital	5pm Series (Online)	2021
Solo Recital	World Piano Teachers Assc. Conference (Online)	2020
Solo Recital	5pm Series (Online)	2020
Solo Recital	Recital Hall, Royal College of Music, London, UK	2020
Solo Recital	Caruth Auditorium, Dallas, TX	2019
Round Rock Symphony	Performing Arts Center, San Marcos, TX	2019
Solo Recital	Uptown Blanco Ballroom, Blanco, TX	2019
Solo Recital	Kilbourn Hall, Rochester, NY	2019
Round Rock Symphony	Klett Perf. Arts Center, Georgetown, TX	2018
Fort Worth Symphony	Landreth Auditorium, Fort Worth, TX	2018
Solo Recital	Xi'an Conservatory, Xi'an, China	2018
Shanxi ShuoZilun Symphony	Radio Hall, Taiyuan, China	2018
Solo Recital	Eastman School of Music, Rochester, NY	2018
Solo Recital	Summit Series, Rochester, NY	2017
Solo Recital	Studebaker Theater, Chicago, IL	2017
Solo Recital	Britton Recital Hall, Ann Arbor, MI	2017
University Philharmonia Orchestra	Hill Auditorium, Ann Arbor, MI	2016
New Millennium Orchestra	Orchestra Hall, Chicago, IL	2015
Solo Performance	Palace of Peace & Harmony, Kazakhstan	2013
Van Cliburn Foundation Concerts	Dallas-Fort Worth area schools	2010, 2012
Solo Performance	New Friends New Life Charity, Dallas, TX	2011
Solo Performance	Meyerson Symphony Auditorium, Dallas, TX	2011
Solo Performance (Cliburn at the Modern Series)	Museum of Modern Art, Fort Worth, TX	2011
Solo Performance	New Friends New Life Charity, Dallas, TX	2010
Solo Performance	World Presidents' Organization, Dallas, TX	2010
Dakota Valley Symphony	Burnsville Perf. Arts Center, Minneapolis, MN	2010
Meadows Symphony Orchestra	Caruth Auditorium, Dallas, TX	2010
Lewisville Lake Symphony	Lakeland Baptist Church, Lewisville, TX	2010

Keyboard Wonders Concert (Half Recital)	Zale Auditorium, Dallas, TX	2010
Solo Performance (Opera House Inauguration)	Winspear Opera House, Dallas, TX	2009
Solo Performance	Caruth Auditorium, Dallas, TX	2009
Solo Performance	Salle Cortot, Paris, France	2008
Solo Performance	Weill Recital Hall, Carnegie Hall, New York	2007
Solo Performance (Mozart Festival)	Bosendorfer Hall, Vienna, Austria	2006

Education

San Francisco Conserv. of Music (Adv. Cert.)	Jeremy Denk, Jon Nakamatsu	2022 – present
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3.98 GPA • Chang Mooi Scholarship 		
Yale School of Music (Master of Musical Arts)	Boris Berman	2020 – 2022
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3.99 GPA • Stephen and Denise Adams Fellowship • Julia Loomis Havemeyer Scholarship 		
Royal College of Music (Artist Diploma)	Ian Jones, Norma Fisher	2019 – 2020
Eastman School of Music (Master of Music)	Alexander Kobrin	2017 – 2019
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3.81 GPA • Merit scholarship 		
University of Michigan (Bachelor of Music)	Dr. Logan Skelton	2013 – 2017
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3.91 GPA • Merit scholarship 		
Private Instruction	Dr. Carol Leone, Dallas	2004 – 2013
SMU Prep. Department Instruction	Dr. Cathy Lysinger, Dallas	2008 – 2013
Private Instruction	Ethel Fang, Dallas	1999 – 2004

Teaching

Private teacher	San Francisco, CA	Present
Gave masterclass	Westport, CA	2022
Secondary/undergraduate piano teacher	Yale School of Music	2021 – 2022
Teaching Assistant to A. Kobrin	Eastman School of Music	2018 – 2019
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Taught undergraduates in studio • Scheduled lessons and practice time 		
Private substitute teacher	Dallas, TX	Summer 2018
Guest lecturer/masterclass teacher	Xi'an Conservatory, Xi'an, China	2018

- Gave masterclass
- Lectured on music degrees at American conservatories/universities

Music Festivals

International Holland Music Sessions	Netherlands (various cities)	2023
Texas State International Piano Festival	San Marcos, TX	2012/2014/2016-19/2023
Soundboard Music Festival	Wabash, IN	2021
Virtuoso & Belcanto Festival	Online	2020
Bowdoin International Music Festival	Brunswick, ME	2017, 2019
Óbidos International Piano Master Classes	Óbidos, Portugal	2018
Amalfi Coast Music Festival	Amalfi Coast, Italy	2018
PianoTexas	Fort Worth, TX	2018
Gijón International Piano Festival	Gijón, Spain	2016
Aspen Music Festival and School	Aspen, CO	2014 – 2016
Valencia International Piano Academy	Valencia, Spain	2012
International Keyboard Institute & Festival	New York, NY	2011
National Piano Institute	Dallas, TX	2007 – 2010
Bösendorfer International Piano Academy	Vienna, Austria	2006

Masterclasses and Additional Private Instruction

Robert McDonald	San Francisco, CA	2022
Melvin Chen	New Haven, CT	2022
Boris Slutsky	Multiple festivals	2016, 2018, 2021
Stephen Hough	London, UK	2020
Alexander Tutunov	Seattle Int. Piano Competition	2019
Matti Raekallio	Bowdoin Int. Music Festival	2019
Julian Martin	Multiple festivals	2012 – 2019
Enrico Elisi	Multiple festivals	2014 – 2019
Boris Berman	Multiple festivals	2018
Boris Slutsky	Multiple festivals	2012, 2016, 2018
Jura Margulis	Óbidos Int. Piano Masterclasses, Portugal	2018
James Giles	Amalfi Coast Music Festival, Italy	2018
Anton Nel	Texas St. International Piano Festival	2018
Boaz Sharon	Dallas, TX	2018
Paul Lewis	Rochester, NY	2017
Yong Hi Moon	Multiple festivals	2012, 2016

Robert McDonald	Gijón International Piano Festival, Spain	2016
Yoheved Kaplinsky	Aspen Music Festival and School	2016
Inon Barnatan	Ann Arbor, MI	2016
Arie Vardi	Aspen Music Festival	2015
John O'Conor	Astana Piano Passion Comp., Kazakhstan	2013
Rebecca Penneys	Dallas, TX	2012
Nelita True	Schmidbauer Int. Piano Comp., Nacogdoches, TX	2012
Alessio Bax	Dallas, TX	2012
Jerome Rose	Int. Keyboard Institute and Festival, NYC, NY	2011
Mykola Suk	Int. Keyboard Institute and Festival, NYC, NY	2011
William Bolcom	Fort Worth, TX	2011
Domenico Codispoti	Dallas, TX	2010
Earl Wild	Palm Springs, CA	2009
Hans Boepple	Virginia Waring Int. Piano Comp., Palm Desert, CA	2007
Wolfgang Watzinger	Bösendorfer Int. Academy, Vienna, Austria	2006