

JAMES CHO, PIANO

Sam Houston State University
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EDUCATION

Rice University, Shepherd School of Music - USA
Doctor of Musical Arts in Piano Performance, 2007

Dissertation, *Unifying Elements in Leon Kirchner's Piano Sonata*
April 2007, UMI Microform: 3256674

Johns Hopkins University, Peabody Conservatory of Music -USA
Master of Music in Piano Performance, 2000

Oberlin College, Oberlin Conservatory of Music - USA
Bachelor of Music in Piano Performance, 1998

New Millennium Piano Festival - Gijón Spain
Summer Festival and School, 2001

Aspen Music Festival - USA
Summer Festival and School, 1989-94, 1996-2000

Centre d'Arts Orford - Orford Canada
Summer Festival and School, 1995 and 2002

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Sam Houston State University, School of Music - Huntsville, TX
Adjunct Professor of Piano, 2012-present

- Instructor for Applied Piano Performance Majors and Minors, Class Piano, Collaborative Piano, Piano Pedagogy, Survey of Keyboard Literature, Music Appreciation, Chamber Music Seminar
- Accompanist for Chorale, Symphonic Choir, Juries, Student Recitals, Studio Classes, Vocal Forums

Musicalta Academy Summer Festival – Rouffach, France
Piano Faculty, 2015-present

St. Francis Episcopal Church, School of Music - Houston, TX
Piano Faculty, 2012-2013

Rice University, Michael P. Hammond Preparatory Program - Houston, TX
Piano Faculty, 2000-2007

Rice University, Shepherd School of Music - Houston, TX
Graduate Teaching Assistant, 2000-2007

- Class Piano, Concentration Piano, Secondary Piano, Survey of Orchestral Repertoire for Conducting Majors

COMPETITIONS, FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS

New Orleans International Piano Competition, 2003, Semi-Finalist
Kingsville International Piano Competition, 2001, First Prize
Isabel Scionti International Piano Competition, 2001, First Prize
Rice University, Charlotte A. Rothwell Endowed Award, 2000-2007
MTNA Collegiate Artist Piano Competition (National Round), 1998, Second Prize
Oberlin Concerto Competition, 1998, Winner
Young Artist Guild Award, Christine Piper Plumb Award, 1994-1997
John Stern Piano Scholarship, Aspen Music Festival, 1989-2000
Arthur Dann Piano Competition, 1996, Prizewinner
Glendale Piano Competition, 1994, Prizewinner
Los Angeles MTAC Piano Competition, 1994, First Prize
Los Angeles Liszt International Piano Competition, 1992, First Prize
Joanna Hodges International Piano Competition, 1990, Third Prize
Korea Times Piano Competition, 1989, First Prize

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Acceptances and Full Scholarships to Graduate Programs
Rice University, Master Program for Piano Performance, 2017-2018
Indiana State University, Master Program for Piano Performance, 2017-2018
Memorial Hermann Hospital, Full Internship as Music Therapist, 2016
University of Houston, Doctorate Program for Piano Performance, 2016
Peabody Conservatory of Music, Bachelor Program for Piano Performance, 2015

Houston Forum Festival and Piano Competition, 2010-2018
University of Houston, Moores School of Music, Houston, TX
Total of 18 students winning 1st, 2nd, 3rd prizes

Montecito International Summer Music Festival, 2014
California Lutheran University, Thousand Oaks, CA

Young Artists Piano State Competition, 2014
Texas Music Teachers Association (TMTA) 100th National Convention, Hyatt
Regency Hotel, Houston, TX
Kyungok Kim: 2nd Prize
Kara Reed: Finalist

Masterworks Festival Concerto Competition, 2013
Masterworks Summer Festival, Winona Lake, IN
Kyungok Kim: Winner, performed Grieg Piano Concerto with Masterworks
Festival Orchestra under Christopher Russell, conductor

NOTABLE PERFORMANCES

- North Houston Symphony Orchestra, Reynaldo Ochoa, conductor
Northwoods Presbyterian Church – Early Spring Concert, 2017
Mozart Piano Concerto No. 10 in Eb major for 2 Pianos (K.365)
- Lubbock Symphony Orchestra and Guild, David Cho, conductor
Benefit “Piano Duel” Concert, helped raise \$250,000 in donations, 2016
- New Orleans International Piano Competition
University of New Orleans Performing Arts Center, 2003
- Aspen Music Festival, Harris Concert Hall, Aspen, CO
Contemporary Music Festival featuring guest artist Samuel Adler, 2000
- Curtis Institute of Music, Field Concert Hall, Philadelphia, PA
Ignaz Solzhenitzyn Piano Competition, Winner’s Concert, 2000
- Oberlin Orchestra, Louis Lane, conductor
Oberlin Conservatory of Music, Finney Chapel, Oberlin, OH
Rachmaninoff Rhapsody on a theme by Paganini, 1998
- American Liszt Society Concert Series
Harbeson Hall, Los Angeles CA
Liszt Piano Concerto No. 1, 1997
- Young Artist Guild, Guest Artist Recital Series: Palm Springs, San Jose, Seal Beach,
Santa Monica, San Francisco, 1994-1998
- Joanna Hodges International Piano Competition, Winner’s Concert
McCallum Theater, Palm Desert, CA
Mozart Piano Concerto No. 23, K.488

INTERNATIONAL PERFORMANCES

- Musicalta Academy Summer Festival, Rouffach, Spain
Performed at Rouffach Notre Dame Church, Faculty Recital, 2015
- ACSI Korea Youth Orchestra Summer Music Festival, Daejeon, South Korea
Members from Staatskapelle Berlin Orchestra, Faculty Concert, 2014
- I Musici de Montréal, Yuli Turovsky, conductor, Gilles Lefebvre Pavilion, Canada
Glazunov Piano Concerto No. 1 in f minor, 2002
- Gijón International Piano Festival, Paseo de Begoa, Spain
Barber Piano Concerto, Marathon Concert, 2001
- Centre d’Arts Orford Music Festival, Gilles Lefebvre Pavilion Recital Hall, Canada
“Discovered Treasures” by Byrd and Couperin, Chamber Music Concerts, 1995

RECENT SOLO, CHAMBER, ORCHESTRAL PERFORMANCES

- HSPVA High School for the Performing and Visual Arts, Houston, TX
Guest Artist Recital – Rudolfo Morales Piano Academy Studio, 2017
- Lone Star College Montgomery, School of Music, Conroe, TX
Recital Hall – Guest Artist Recital, 2016
- West Texas A&M University, Annual Spring Piano Festival, Canyon, TX
Mary Moody Northen Concert Hall – Guest Artist Recital, 2016
- Sam Houston State University, School of Music, Spring Piano Festival, Huntsville, TX
James & Nancy Gaertner Recital Hall – Piano Faculty Recital, 2016
- Stephen F. Austin State University, School of Music, Nacogdoches, TX
Cole Concert Hall – Guest Artist Recital, 2015
- Sam Houston State University, School of Music, Huntsville, TX
James & Nancy Gaertner Recital Hall – Piano Faculty Recital, 2014
Beethoven Piano Concerto No. 1 and Mozart Piano Concerto No. 12 (K.414)
- Sam Houston State University's Music Therapy Program, Conroe, TX
Chamber Music Benefit Concert "Healing Concert Series"
First Baptist Church - Works by Mozart, Fauré, Japanese folksongs, 2014
- Shepherd School Symphony Orchestra, under David Cho, conductor
Hirsch Orchestra Rehearsal Hall, Houston, TX
Rachmaninoff Rhapsody on a theme by Paganini
- Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, TX
Contemporary Music Festival, Ars Perpetua Faculty New Music Recital
Ethan Wickman, Joseph Timothy Patrick, guest composers, 2014
- Rice University, Shepherd School of Music, Houston, TX
Duncan Recital Hall, all Mozart program Chamber Music Recital Series
- Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, TX
Contemporary Music Festival, Ars Perpetua New Music Student Recital, 2014
- 63rd Texoma National Association of Teachers of Singing (NATS) National
Conference, Waco, TX
Collegiate Division Competition: Accompanist for three Semi-Finalists, 2013
- Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, TX
Faculty Cello Recital, Naomi Gjevre, violin and Hayoung Lim, cello
Works by Bach, Elgar, Fauré, Gardel, Piazzolla, Rachmaninoff, Tchaikovsky, 2013
- Sam Houston State University's Music Therapy Program, The Woodlands, TX
Chamber Music Benefit Concert "Healing Concerts Series"
Works by Paganini, Fauré, Mendelssohn, Liszt, 2013
- St. Francis Episcopal Church School of Music, Houston, TX
Faculty Recital performing works by Mozart and Liszt, 2012-2013
- Sam Houston State University's Music Therapy Program, The Woodlands, TX
Chamber Music Benefit Concert "Healing Concerts"
Works by Bach, Chopin, Massenet, Piazzolla, 2012

St. Francis Episcopal Church School of Music, Houston, TX
 Faculty Recital, works for Clarinet and Violin by Brahms and Bartók, 2012

Rice University, Duncan Recital Hall, Houston, TX
 Lecture Recitals, Chamber Music Recitals, Solo Recitals, 2007

Texas A&M University, Kingsville, TX
 Jones Auditorium, Rachmaninoff Rhapsody on a theme by Paganini

Johns Hopkins University, Peabody Conservatory of Music, Baltimore, MD
 Leakin Recital Hall, works by Smetana, Haydn

Ohio Chamber Orchestra, under Louis Lane, conductor
 Rehearsal Hall, Oberlin, OH
 Copland: Appalachian Springs, Complete Ballet for 13 Instruments

The 20th Century Festival Recital Series, Roth Recital Hall, Santa Monica, CA
 Chamber Music Recital of Leonard Bernstein, 1998

Oberlin Orchestra, under David Cho, conductor
 Finney Chapel, Oberlin, OH
 Glazunov Piano Concerto No. 1 in f minor

Oberlin Contemporary Ensemble, under Timothy Weiss, conductor
 Finney Chapel, Oberlin, OH
 Oliver Knussen: Two Organums

The Elvin Samuel McGaughey Music Foundation, Glendale, CA
 Brand Library Concert Hall, Guest Artist, 1996

Young Artists Peninsula Music Festival
 Norris Theatre Performing Arts Center, Rancho Palos Verdes, CA
 Winner's Recital, 1995

ADJUDICATIONS AND LECTURES

Houston Forum Competition, University of Houston, TX
 Adjudicator for Piano Solo Division, 2018

Houston Music Teacher's Association, Houston Fort Bend Music Center, TX
 Adjudicator for Piano Solo Final Round, 2018

Gold Cup Competition, Rice University, TX
 Adjudicator for Piano Solo and Concerto Division, 2018

Schmidbauer Competition at Stephen F. Austin University, TX
 Final Round Competition Jury Panel, 2017

Texas and National Federation of Music Clubs, Rice University, TX
 Adjudicator for Houston District, 2017

Music Teachers National Association - Young Artist Texas State Competition
 Adjudicator for both Junior and Senior Division, 2017

Stephen F. Austin State University, School of Music, Nacogdoches, TX
 Adjudicator for East Texas Piano Solo Competition, 2016

Katy Music Teachers Association, Guest Lecturer and Masterclass, Katy, TX
 "Introducing Collaborative Piano to Intermediate and Advanced Students", 2015-2016

Conroe Music Teacher Association, Lone Star College Montgomery, Conroe, TX
 Adjudicator for Betty Clampitt Piano Competition, 2014-2016

Sam Houston State University, School of Music, Huntsville, TX
Adjudicator for Final Round Concerto Competition, 2015
Concordia University, Austin, TX
Guest Piano Masterclass, 2015
University of Austin, Butler School of Music, Austin, TX
Adjudicator for Austin District Music Teacher's Association Competition, 2015
West Texas A&M University, Annual Piano Festival, Canyon, TX
Adjudicator for Piano Competition and Guest Artist, 2015
Houston Concert Young Artists Competition, Houston, TX
Adjudicator for pre-screening video round of 156 contestants
Conroe Music Teachers Association, Conroe, TX
Adjudicator for Laurie Keyser Sonatina Tournament, 2014
Conroe Music Teachers Association, Conroe, TX
Adjudicator for Legacy Concerto Competition, 2014
Houston Piano Company, Houston, TX
Adjudicator for Dorothy Kelly Scholarship Competition, 2014
Louisiana Music Teachers Association, NSU, Natchitoches, LA
Adjudicator for Torgrimson/Swanzy Young Artist Competitions, 2014
Brazos Valley Music Teachers Association, Texas A&M, College Station, TX
Adjudicator for Beryl Baty Scholarship Auditions, 2014
Katy Music Teachers Association, Katy, TX
Adjudicator for TMTA National Convention Preliminary Round, 2014
Houston Music Teachers Association, Houston Community College, Houston, TX
Adjudicator for Young Artist Senior Division Competition, 2013
Thirteenth Annual Emmanuel and Helen B. Olshan Foundation, Houston, TX
Adjudicator for Virtuosi of Houston Concerto Competition, 2012
Houston Music Teachers Association, Houston Community College, Houston, TX
Adjudicator for Youth Division Competition, 2011

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

Chopin Society of Houston, Vice-President, Houston, Texas, 2013-present
Biannual Youth Chopin Competition and Amateur Competition for Adults
ACSI Korea Youth Orchestra Summer Music Festival, Personnel Manager and Librarian,
Daejeon, South Korea, 2014-present
Preparation of scores and parts, maintain orchestra library, coordinate auditions,
liaison between musicians and music director
Houston Youth Symphony Orchestra, Operations Manager, Houston, TX, 2003
Produce newsletters, recruit teachers and students, and clerical duties, orchestral
librarian and stage manager

FOREIGN LANGUAGES

Korean: Fluent
German: Basic

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Sam Houston State University's Music Therapy Program, Huntsville, TX
Chamber Music Series "Healing Concerts", 2012-present

Houston Presbyterian Church, Houston, TX, 2000-2004
Staff accompanist, assistant conductor for the choir and orchestra

Peabody Elderhostel Program, Baltimore, MD, 1998-2000
Performed benefit solo and chamber lecture recitals