

中華表演藝術基金會
Foundation for Chinese Performing Arts
The 17th Annual
Music Festival at Walnut Hill
Concerts and Master Class

August 1 - 22, 2008

Except the August 20's Esplanade Concert, all the events will be held at the Walnut Hill School, 12 Highland St. Natick, MA 01760.

(\$5 donation at door)

Tuesday, August 12, 2008, 7:30 PM

Hung-Kuan Chen, Piano
Boswell Recital Hall

Program

Brahms: Op. 116 no.4
Beethoven: Sonata No. 28, Op. 101
Brahms: Variations on a Theme of Paganini
Bartok: Out of Doors Suite
Rachmaninoff: Sonata
Allegro Agitato
Non Allegro
Allegro Molto

Professor Hung-Kuan Chen 陳宏寬, pianist

“Back in the ‘80’s, Apollo and Dionysus, Florestan and Eusebius, were at war in Chen’s pianistic personality. He could play with poetic insight, he could also erupt into an almost terrifying overdrive. But now there is the repose and the forces have been brought into complimentary harmony.This man plays music with uncommon understanding and the instrument with uncommon imagination!” Richard Dyer, Boston Globe. (January 1999)

Mr. Hung-Kuan Chen is probably the most decorated pianist in Boston. He won the Gold Medals both in Arthur Rubinstein International Piano Master Competition in Israel and the Ferruccio Busoni International Piano Competitions in Italy. He gathered prizes in Geza Anda, the Queen Elisabeth and the Chopin competitions and when the New York Times failed to cover Chen’s Alice Tully debut, after winning Young Concert Artists, Ruth Laredo in another NY publication exclaimed, *“rarely have I heard such eloquence and musical understanding. Is anyone listening?”*

A true recitalist, he has performed in major venues worldwide. In New York at Carnegie and Merkin Halls, Davis Hall in San Francisco, Jordan, Symphony and Sanders Theatres in Boston. In Europe Mr. Chen performed at the Hercules Saal, Salla Verdi Milan. He has played in halls in Beijing, Tapei, Japan, Warsaw, Tel Aviv, Jerusalem, Munich, Zurich, and in many cities in

Canada. He has performed the complete Beethoven Sonata cycle, the Chopin Preludes & Etudes in recital and recorded under the BMG label. He has collaborated with such conductors as Christoph Eschenbach, Andrew Parrett, George Cleve, Becker, Yuav Talmi, Uri Segal, Silverstein, Sui Lan, and Hans Graf and Henry Mazer, Mr. Chen has been a soloist with orchestras such as Pittsburgh, Baltimore, Houston, Grant Park, Colorado, Montreal, Tonhalle, Jerusalem, and the Israel Symphony.

Hung-Kuan Chen believes in making music with others and has collaborated with Yo-Yo Ma, Jimmy Lin, Anthony Gigliotti, Lawrence Lesser, Pi-hsien Chen, Peter Eotvos, Anthony diBonaventura. He formed a piano duo with pianist Tema Blackstone and has worked with the Tokyo String Quartet, the Shanghai String Quartet, and many others.

As a pedagogue, he has inspired a studio of international caliber. He taught at Boston University since 1984, himself just 25 years old. A faculty member of New England Conservatory and Walnut Hill since 1993, he is also very involved with the Music Bridge program in China where he helps choose brilliant young students to come study in Canada, where he is presently based, as artist in residence at Mount Royal Conservatory and University of Calgary. Mr. Chen will be the Chairman of the Piano Department, Shanghai Conservatory of Music beginning September of 2005.

Updated details at: www.ChinesePerformingArts.net
Concerts and Master Classes Schedule, August 1-22, 2008

1. Monday, 8/4: 7:30 PM: (at Orchard Cove Retirement Center, Canton, MA)

Mr. Nai-Yuan Hu 胡乃元, violin and Prof. Pi-Hsien Chen 陳必先 piano

Program: All Schubert Program

Sonatina in D Major, Op. 137, No. 1, D. 384

Sonata in A Minor, Op. 137, NO. 2, D. 385

Sonata in G Minor, Op. 137, No. 3, D. 408

2. Thursday, 8/7: 1 pm: concerto competition: Prokofiev Piano Concerto No. 1

3. Friday, 8/8, 7:30 PM: Faculty recital

Faculty members including Lynn Chang 張萬鈞, Pi-Hsien Chen 陳必先, Bion Tsang 章雨亭, Nai-Yuan Hu 胡乃元, and others will perform.

4. Saturday, 8/9: 7:30 PM:

Performance by the rising stars of this festival: Kathy Lee, YinFei Wang, Gemma Chang, Yating Yang, Tina Huang, Ta-wei Tsai, Dennis Hsiang, Qi Kong

Program: piano and violin works by Bach, Chopin, Liszt, Wieniawski, Mozart, Snding, and Ravel.

5. Sunday, 8/10: 7:30 PM:

Recital by Mr. George Li, piano

Second prize winner of 2008 Gina Bachauer International Piano Junior Artist competition

Program:

Haydn: Sonata in E major, Hob. XVI/31

Liszt: Hungarian Rhapsody No.11

Chopin: Nocturne in C# minor, Opus Posthumous

Ravel: Alborada Del Gracioso

Beethoven: Sonata No.14 in C sharp m inor, Opus 27 No. 2 (Moonlight)

Chopin: Scherzo No. 2 in B flat minor, Opus 31

6. Monday, 8/11: 7:30 PM:

Lecture/Performance by Nai-Yuan Hu 胡乃元: "The Sound of Music, Bach A minor solo sonata"

7. Tuesday, 8/12: 7:30 PM:

Recital by Prof. Hung-Kuan Chen 陳宏寬, piano

Program:

Brahms op. 116 no.4
Beethoven Sonata op. 101
Brahms Variations on a Theme of Paganini
Bartok Out of Doors Suite
Rachmaninoff Sonata

8. Wednesday, 8/13: 2:30 PM:

Mrs. MaryLou Speaker Churchill violin master class.

9. Wednesday, 8/13: 7:30 PM:

Lecture/Performance by Prof. Pi-Hsien Chen 陳必先: "Music after Schoenberg's"

10. Friday 8/15: 2:30 PM:

Ms. Gillian Rogell Chamber Music Master Class

11. Friday, 8/15, 7:30 PM:

Recital by Mr. Minsoo Sohn, piano
First Laureate of the 2006 Honens International Piano Competition
Program: TBA

12. Saturday, 8/16, 1 PM:

Mr. Laurence Lesser cello master class

13. Saturday, 8/16, 8 PM:

Longwood Symphony Orchestra, Jonathan McPhee, Music Director,
Program includes: Prokofiev Piano Concerto No.1: Wesley Chu, winner of the 2008 Foundation for Chinese Performing Arts Concerto Competition

14. Sunday, 8/17: 3:30 PM:

Mr. Russell Sherman piano master class

15. Sunday, 8/17: 7:30 PM:

Recital by Mr. Zenan Yu 于泽楠, piano
winner of 2007 New England Conservatory Piano Concerto Competition

Program:

J.S. Bach transcribed by Busoni: "Nun komm' der Heiden Heiland," BWV 659

Brahms: Piano sonata No.3 in F minor

Chopin: Scherzos Nos. 1, 2, 3, and 4

16. Monday, 8/18: 7:30 PM:

Prof. Yehudi Wyner Chamber Music Master Class

17. Wednesday, 8/20: 7:30 PM:

Longwood Symphony Orchestra at Hatch Shell on Boston Esplanade
Jonathan McPhee, Music Director,
Program includes: Prokofiev Piano Concerto No.1: Wesley Chu, winner of the 2008 Foundation for Chinese Performing Arts Concerto Competition.

18. And 19. Thursday, 8/21, 2 PM and 7:30 PM:

Student Showcase Gala Concert 1 and 2

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The Faculty Members of the 17th Annual Summer Music Festival include: (a partial list)

Piano:

Tema Blackstone, Mount Royal College, Calgary, Morningside Music Bridge

Sylvia Chambless, New England Conservatory

Hung-Kuan Chen 陳宏寬, Chairman, Piano Department of Shanghai Conservatory

Pi-Hsien Chen 陳必先, Hochschule fur Musik Freiburg

Meng-Chieh Liu 劉孟捷, Curtis Institute of Music, Roosevelt University

Russell Sherman, piano master class, Distinguished Artist-in-residence of New England Conservatory

Violin:

Lynn Chang 張萬鈞, New England Conservatory, Boston Conservatory

MaryLou Speaker Churchill: violin master class, former Boston Symphony Orchestra Principal Second violin

Nai-Yuan Hu 胡乃元, former faculty of Hartt School of Music

Viola:

Gillian Rogell: New England Conservatory

Cello:

Michael Bonner, Longy School of Music

Laurence Lesser: cello master class, President Emeritus, New England Conservatory

Carol Ou, New England Conservatory

Bion Tsang 章雨亭, University of Texas at Austin

Chamber Music:

Yehudi Wyner, Chamber Music Master Class, recipient of the 2006 Pulitzer Prize in Music

Clarinet:

Thomas Hill, New England Conservatory, Longy School of Music

Percussion:

Robert Schulz: Brandeis, Harvard and Tufts Universities. Grammy Award nominee 2004.

Coming Events
2008-2009

1. Saturday, Sept. 20, 2008 at the First Church of Boston

Youth Poetry in Silk and Bamboo: First Annual Chinese Music Instrument Competition 絲竹春吟: 第一屆青少年中國器樂比賽

2. Saturday, September 27, 2008, 8 pm at Jordan Hall

Chuan-Yun Li 李傳韻, violin

Robert Koenig, piano

3. Saturday, October 25, 2008, 8 pm at John Hancock Hall

“Sound of the Ocean” by U Theatre 優人神鼓

4. Saturday, January 10, 2009, 8 pm at Jordan Hall

Winners of Young Concert Artists International Audition:

Chu-Fang Huang, piano

Daxun Zhang, double bass

5. Saturday, March 21, 2009, 8 pm at Jordan Hall

Meng-Chieh Liu 劉孟捷, piano