

Dr. Gloria Shih

PIANIST

“Rich in emotion, technically masterful, with interpretations that are precise and tasteful - graceful without exaggeration, and skillfully infused with a sincere and distinctive personal character.”

Born in Taipei, Taiwan, Dr. Gloria Shih is a versatile and accomplished pianist and collaborative artist. She has performed with members of the Emerson String Quartet, the Meridian Arts Ensemble, and the Metropolitan Opera, appearing at prestigious venues such as Carnegie Hall's Weill Recital Hall, Merkin Concert Hall in New York, and Oji Hall in Tokyo.

Her performance career spans Asia, Europe, and North America, receiving critical acclaim. She has performed in Philadelphia, North Carolina, Westchester, California, Maine, Maryland, Oregon, Minnesota, Southampton (England), Japan, and South Korea. An active chamber musician, she founded the Gracieux Trio in 2003, whose debut and second albums were well received. The trio regularly gives concerts and master classes in Taiwan and Japan. In recent years, she has also premiered and performed numerous works by contemporary composers, continuously expanding the depth and breadth of her repertoire and musical expression.

Dr. Shih received comprehensive musical training in Taiwan, studying with renowned teachers including Mei Fu Chen, Li-Hui Chen, and Se-Se Chang, laying a solid foundation in classical music. She graduated from Soochow University's Department of Music before pursuing advanced studies abroad.

She earned her Master's degree from Mannes College of Music and a Doctor of Musical Arts degree from Stony Brook University. During her time at the university, she was awarded a full scholarship, won first prize in the concerto competition, and served as an undergraduate piano instructor, demonstrating outstanding achievement. Her principal teachers in the US included Lilian Kallir, Gilbert Kalish, Christina Dahl, Seymour Lipkin, as well as members of the Orion and Emerson String Quartets.

Dr. Shih has taught at the Brooklyn Conservatory of Music and served as a collaborative pianist at Montclair State University, working closely with vocal and instrumental students, demonstrating her strong teaching and accompaniment skills. She is annually invited to perform with various musical organizations in Minnesota, actively participating in solo, chamber music, and master class events.

In summer 2025, Dr. Shih was a soloist for Rachmaninoff's Piano Concerto No. 2 during the Children's Orchestra Society Asia tour. The performances were embraced with heartfelt applause and deep appreciation in both countries, leaving a lasting impression on audiences and forging meaningful connections through music.

In 2026, she is invited to perform the *Yellow River* Piano Concerto with the Litha Symphony Orchestra, showcasing once again her powerful yet poetic musical interpretation.

Currently, Dr. Shih serves as a collaborative pianist for the voice and string departments at Hofstra University and is the Director of the Majors Program at the Children's Orchestra Society. She is also a pianist for the Formosa Society for Performing Arts, continuing to promote Taiwan-US cultural exchanges and enhance the international visibility of Taiwanese music.