

Dr. Jiao Sun enjoys an international performing career, featuring a broad range of styles from the prior Baroque era to the avant-garde. Born in Harbin China and studied piano at age 4, Sun has nationally won the first prize to be admitted at Beijing Central Conservatory of Music at age 9 followed by her solo debut with orchestra at age 11 and winning the prestigious Chinese “Chengxian Fu” memorial Scholarship. At the beginning of her teenager years, she was semifinalist at Tchaikovsky International Piano Competition for Young Musicians and has advanced in Chopin International Piano Competition for Young Musicians. She has also advanced in British Hastings International Concerto Competition and Wideman International Concerto Competition. Sun has won top prizes at the Washington International Piano Competition, Memphis Repertoire Orchestra International Concerto Competition, Cincinnati Conservatory Concerto Competition, two Chautauqua Piano Competitions, Ohio “Tuesday” Scholarship Competition, Russian “A Step Towards Mastery” International Piano Competition, Chinese Golden Bell National Competition for Young Musicians among others. She has performed extensively across North America, Europe, and Asia.

Sun has performed in major concert series including Chicago Dame Myra Hess Memorial Concert, New York Rising Stars Piano Series, Cincinnati Zemlinsky Prize Concerts, Washington International Music Competition Concert among others. She has attended Bowdoin International Music Festival, Aspen Music Festival, PianoFest in the Hamptons, and two Chautauqua Music Festivals. She has soloed with Memphis Repertory Orchestra, Cincinnati Conservatory Philharmonia Orchestra, and Saint Petersburg Academic Philharmonia Orchestra. She has soloed in Britain, Russia, and at many universities include University of Chicago, Hong Kong Caritas College of Careers, several in mainland China such as Remin’s University, China Conservatory of Music, Tianjin Conservatory of Music. Her concert has been aired on Chicago WFMT 98.7 and Cincinnati WGUC 90.9 radios. She performed at major concert halls in China such as the Forbidden City Concert Hall and Beijing Zhong Shan Concert Hall. Sun has judged international competitions include the 2022 Ohio Piano Duo and Duet International Piano Competition and the 2023 Hong Kong Global Music Talent Contest.

Highlights of her 2023-2024 season, Sun has been invited to give solo recital as guest artist at University of British Columbia in Vancouver, Canada. She will judge Vivace French International Piano Competition and Orbifold Los Angeles Global Music Competition which she will also serve as the Ohio regional director. She has performed in Ohio and Kentucky concert series as a returning guest artist, soloed and taught masterclass at Ohio Denison University. She has been appointed as the editor-in-chief of Rochester (NY) based Chinese and English bilingual magazine “ALONG 同行” 2024 summer edition featuring worldwide professional living artists with diverse races, including women and colored artists. She has been appointed to perform in Bognor Regis, England and in many places in the U.S such as Maryland and Utah for the upcoming seasons.

An active chamber musician, Sun's "SunRix Trio" has been acknowledged by Fischhoff National Chamber Music Competition for their Outstanding Performance as one of the six piano trios worldwide advanced as quarterfinalist. They have won 1st place at the Hong Kong International Chamber Music Competition and 2nd prize at the Cincinnati Conservatory Chamber Music Competition. She has attended the Cincinnati Chamber Music Festival as a fellowship artist and has been selected as a fellow for the Toronto Chamber Music Festival. She has guest performed and lectured at numerous concerts such as at Cincinnati "La Salle" music series, two Eastman Honors recitals, Northern Kentucky University, and Ohio Walnut High School. She recently performed at Society of Composers Inc regional concerts with brass and percussion ensemble featuring American and Asian living composers. She has performed with world top musicians including Patricia Seymour Alexander, Vincent and Gabriel Dimartino, Hongsup Lee, Jason Smith among others. She has also collaborated with dancers, and with a wide range of various instruments and vocal styles such as percussion, strings, brass, woodwinds, classical voice, and musical theater.

Sun holds a Doctoral of Musical Arts degree in piano performance and an Artist Diploma with Soyeon Kate Lee at University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music (CCM) where she won the Graduate Excellence in Teaching Award as the head of graduate teaching assistants besides twice winning the Dorothy Stolzenbach Payne Scholarship; she has also earned a minor in piano pedagogy with Michelle Conda. Sun has gained a Master of Music degree in piano performance and literature with Douglas Humpherys and a Bachelor of Music degree in piano performance with Rebecca Penneys at the Eastman School of Music, University of Rochester. Her other mentors include Hwaen Ch'ugi, Ann Schine, James Tocco, Bernadene Blaha, Amy I-Lin Cheng, members of Ariel and Ying quartets among others.

Dr. Sun has served as coordinator on site for the OhioMTA Piano Competition for Young Musicians, has presented twice at the National Conference on Keyboard Pedagogy (NCKP) and at the Music Teachers National Association (MTNA) Collegiate Chapters Piano Pedagogy Symposium. She has won 3rd prize for the poster session at the OhioMTA conference and has been published in the MTNA E-Journal as an invited reporter at the National Group Piano and Piano Pedagogy Forum (GP3).

Began to serve as an adjunct piano faculty and collaborative artist-in-residence at Ohio University School of Music in 2021, Sun has taught lessons and group piano to music performance and non-music major students in addition to collaborate with a substantial number of students. The students Sun has accompanied have won two New Albany Symphony Orchestra Concerto Competitions, National Association of Teachers of Singing Competition, Ohio University Concerto Competitions. She also teaches at Athens Community Music School where she is a Master Teacher of Piano for pre-college students whose age and level ranges widely from young beginner to high school advanced level.

The Newspapers Sun has been featured in:

“Pianist Jiao Sun wowed the audience with her expressive range and stunning technique” – **WFMT Chicago** (Chicago, IL, 2023)

“The pianist Jiao Sun is the perfect ambassador for classical music in an era when cultural organizations are rethinking their approach to audience building...She offered a hearty tasting menu of works spanning the centuries, along with her own friendly and informative prefaces... Her gifts are prodigious. She is the perfect ambassador for classical music... Ms. Sun has a secure technical foundation, which she uses in service to the composer... Ms. Sun has all the skills needed for a successful career as a performing artist. Her gifts are prodigious and her preparation is rigorous...” – **New York Concert Review** (New York City, NY, 2022)

“Pianist Jiao Sun” – “**ALONG 同行**” **Chinese and English Magazine** (Rochester, NY, 2022)

“Sun was the only Chinese won prize at the Washington International Piano Competition 2021” - **Sing Tao Daily** (Los Angeles, CA, 2021)

“CCM pianist won second prize at Performance Competition” - **UC News** (Cincinnati, OH 2021)

“Sun shared more than musical notes...she gave her heart and more...her playing reveals that passionate and imaginative spirit.” - **The Chautauquan Daily** (Chautauqua, NY, 2012)

“Twelve years old pianist Jiao Sun will be giving piano recital during Chinese National Day Holidays” - **Harbin Daily** (Harbin, China, 2002)

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