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EDUCATION

Mannes School of Music

Professional Studies Diploma 2020

Master of Music 2018

Studio of Vladimir Valjarević, GPA 4.0

Northwestern University

2015

Bachelor of Music in Piano Performance

Bachelor of Arts in Economics

Studio of Alan Chow, GPA 3.85

Geneva Conservatory and International School of Geneva, Switzerland

2011

Awarded Conservatory Certificate of Musical Studies with Honors

Bilingual I.B. Diploma with 42 out of 45 points, GPA 6.88 on a 7-point scale

Pre-College Teachers: Serguei Milstein, Inna Terekhov, Neya Korsantia

AWARDS

- Winner, Mannes Piano Department Concerto Competition 2019
- Honorable Mention, Metropolitan International Piano Competition 2018
- 1st place, Geneva Conservatory Schumann, Liszt, Mendelssohn Competition 2011
- 2nd place and Polonaise Prize, Geneva Conservatory Chopin Competition 2010
- 2nd place, Ohio Music Teachers Association Southwest District Auditions 2005, 2009
- 3rd Place, DePauw University Young Artists Piano Competition 2008
- 3rd place, Clifton Music Club Piano Competition, Cincinnati, Ohio 2008
- Highest Score in the State for Levels 5, 9, and 10 and Highest Score in the City for Levels 6 and 7 in Royal Conservatory of Music Examinations 2004-2009

SUMMER FESTIVALS

- Rebecca Penneys Piano Festival 2015, 2019
- Round Top Festival Institute 2018
- MusicFest Perugia, Italy 2017
- Beijing International Music Festival and Academy, China 2012, 2015
- Musicalta Music Festival and Academy, France 2011
- Interharmony International Music Festival, Germany 2009, 2011
- Brevard Music Center Institute 2010
- New York Summer Music Festival 2008

MASTERCLASSES

- Lydia Artimiw, 2019
- Inna Faliks, 2019
- John O'Connor, 2019
- Steven Lubin (fortepiano), 2019
- Bernadene Blaha, 2018
- Irina Morozova, 2018
- Simone Dinnerstein, 2018
- Innessa Zaretsky, 2018
- Yuri Kim, 2017
- Christopher Harding, 2015
- Michael Chertock, 2009
- Elizabeth Pridonoff, 2009

SOLO PERFORMANCES

- Salon 21 Series at the Weston Art Gallery at the Aronoff Center, Cincinnati 2019
- Sfzp Fortepiano Festival at Bezaquen Hall at DiMena Center, New York 2019
- Mannes Sounds Festival at German Consulate, New York 2019
- Poona Music Society Mazda Hall, Pune India 2017, 2018
- Menezes Braganza Hall, Goa, India 2018
- Make Music New York at World Trade Center Plaza, New York 2017
- National Center for the Performing Arts, Mumbai, India 2017
- Kala Academy, Goa, India 2016
- Lang Hall, Hunter College, New York 2016
- National Opera Center, New York 2016, 2017
- Bohemian National Center, New York 2016
- Bodmer Foundation, Geneva, Switzerland 2010
- Place Neuve, Geneva, Switzerland 2010

WORK EXPERIENCE

Piano Teacher, Keys to Success NYC and Private Studio 2016-present

- Teach weekly lessons to 15 students ages 3-adult, prepare students for semester recitals
- Students have passed 21 Royal Conservatory Examinations, earned prizes at 2019 Little Mozart Competitions, performed at Carnegie Hall, and played in Piano Teachers' Congress Incentive Programs
- Substituted for teachers at Mannes Preparatory Division and the Bronx Conservatory

Mannes Sounds Festival Coordinator, Mannes School of Music 2018-2019

- Coordinated performers, publicity, and programs for over 30 concerts, lectures, and masterclasses all over New York City
- Served as a Research Assistant, finding appropriate repertoire for upcoming programs

Graduate Teaching Fellow, Class Piano, Mannes School of Music 2017-2018

- Instructed weekly freshman group piano class, incorporating scales, harmony, sight reading, score reading, ensemble playing, improvisation, harmonization, repertoire, and transposition
- Complete administrative records for class, including grading and attendance

Walmart Team Intern/Costco Account Manager, Procter & Gamble 2014, 2015-2016

- Recommended strategies as an intern to increase sales to low-income consumers, drive ecommerce, and develop new product launches in international Walmart stores
- Quadrupled P&G sales on Costco.com from \$2.3M to \$9.7M and sales to Business Centers by 19% to \$9.1M
- Trained P & G team on eCommerce fundamentals and influenced Costco buying team's online strategy, optimized online content, and created online sales and marketing analytics
- Completed 1st year training in sales, marketing, finance, and communication fundamentals

Summer Media Intern, Singapore Lyric Opera 2013

- Created and copyedited press releases, educational guides, and content for online and print publicity
- Recruited for Children's Choir and Opera Chorus by publicizing and coordinating with schools