

# Xiaoyu Liu

## Biography

“...Xiaoyu Liu’s playing is perfect to an incredible extent,”

-Arie Vardi, renowned piano pedagogue

Xiaoyu Liu was born in Paris and grew up in Montréal. He is standing out as one of the most musically dynamic and technically gifted pianists of his generation, heralded for interpretations that are “powerful, polished, and emanates from a disciplined mind” (The Telegram).

His playing has taken him around the world, and he has given recitals in Canada, China, the USA, Japan, France, Italy, Ukraine, Salvador, Poland, Israel, and Switzerland. As a soloist, he has performed with major orchestras such as the Cleveland Orchestra, Israel Philharmonic Orchestra, Montréal Symphony Orchestra, Sendai Philharmonic Orchestra, National Symphony Orchestra of Ukraine, Israel Camerata Jerusalem, Lviv Philharmonic Orchestra, YOA Orchestra of the Americas, among others.

In 2014, he took part in a North-America tour with the China NCPA Orchestra, performing Ravel’s G major Concerto, and also appeared with them at the China National Centre for the Performing Arts in Beijing. (National Post) described his interpretation “a subtle range of French colour and feeling”. In December 2018 - January 2019, he toured with the National Symphony Orchestra of Ukraine in China (Beijing Concert Hall, Shanghai Oriental Art Center, Changsha, and Fuzhou).

Winner of the Prix d’Europe and the Grand Prize at the OSM Competition, Xiaoyu is also a prizewinner at the Sendai International Piano Competition, Grand Prix Animato in Paris, Interlaken Classics in Bern, and finalist prize at the prestigious Arthur Rubinstein International Piano Master Competition in Tel-Aviv.

He has made numerous studio recordings with ICI Radio-Canada featuring works by Bach, Beethoven, Chopin, Ravel, Satie, and his music has been broadcasted worldwide.

“Melodic lines were well-defined, there was steely clarity to his articulation, a huge range of dynamic contrasts, and the lyrical episodes were lovingly shaped. Liu compelled you to listen.” (Classical Voice North America)

Currently, he is studying with renowned pianist Dang Thai Son and Richard Raymond in Montréal.