

## SeungYun Sharon Suh

Pianist SeungYun Sharon Suh is known for creating a beautiful and warm tone as well as a sensitive touch on piano. Ms. Suh was recently inaugurated as the President of World Piano Teachers Association France. In 2016, she was appointed as permanent world-wide judge for WPTA International Piano Competition. Ms.Suh's international career includes invitation by prestigious international residency programs, 'Cite Internationale des Arts' in Paris, France and St. Petersburg International Artist Program as artist in residence to do a concert project.

SeungYun Sharon Suh was born in Seoul, Korea and started her first piano lesson at age 5. She started to appear at many national piano competitions at age 7 and has won many awards. In 1991, Suh immigrated to United States with her family and resided in San Jose, California. She continued her piano study by attending San Francisco Conservatory Music Preparatory Division.

Afterwards, Suh was accepted into a prestigious music school, Indiana University and graduated with a degree of Bachelor of Music, Master of Music and Performer Diploma in Piano Performance. While her attendance at Indiana University, she has received Music Dean's Award. She started Doctor of Musical Arts in Piano Performance and Literature at University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign where she was awarded a full scholarship and she is currently a Doctoral Candidate and expected to confer her degree in 2017 with a Doctoral Thesis, "George Enescu's f-sharp minor Piano Sonata and Its Parallel Relationship with the Opera 'Oedipe'" Suh has participated in many master classes given by world famous artists such as Richard Goode, Paul Badura-Skoda and many others. She was invited to compete in prestigious international competitions such as Vienna International Beethoven Competition, and Scriabin International Competition, Italy. She has also revealed her artistry by giving many solo performances at Recital Hall, Auer Hall, Ford Hall, Smith Hall, Kumho Art Hall and recently at Mongolian State Philharmonic Concert Hall.

Suh made her first debut in Korea in June, 2011 at 3. 15 Art Center Grand Theater by performing Mozart Piano Concerto K. 467 in C Major with Masan Philharmonic Orchestra under the baton of a famous Spanish conductor, Jesus Amigo which was very successful. She was invited to play with orchestras in Stara Zagora, Bulgaria and Constanta, Romania. Suh shows a great interest in chamber music and strives to establish herself as a reputable chamber musician. Suh studied chamber music with many world renowned soloists, Sharon Robinson, Mark Kaplan, Yael Weiss, Ik Hwan Bae as well as Simin Ganatra of Pacifica Quartet. After her return to Korea, she has founded and joined Ropeco Piano Trio as a member and made TV appearances sponsored by Dong-A Television Network on several occasions.

After her appointment as an Assistant Professor at Mongolia International University in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, she has joined several concerts with well-known Mongolian artists. In September, 2015, she was invited by BusanMaru International Music Festival in Korea as a guest artist along with Mongolian national opera singers. Suh has appeared in music festivals and international masterclasses in Europe and gave performances in Portugal, Germany and Italy.

Suh studied with Professor Shigeo Neriki at Indiana University Bloomington and Distinguished Professor Ian Hobson at University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign. Suh not only focuses on her performance career but on educating the future generations as well. She was appointed as Assistant Professor at Mongolia International University from 2013-2017. Suh plans to appear at various stages worldwide to touch and communicate with audiences by displaying high artistry.