

## DR JIAN LIU

Internationally celebrated concert pianist, **Dr Jian Liu** has performed throughout Europe, Asia, and North America. His artistry has taken him to some of the world's most prestigious concert halls, including Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center, and Steinway Hall in New York, Sprague Hall and Woolsey Hall of Yale University, and Paul Hall of Julliard School. He has performed as guest soloist with orchestras including the Symphony Orchestra of the National Philharmonic Society of Ukraine, China National Symphony Orchestra and New Zealand Symphony Orchestra. He has also recorded many CDs and is a champion for New Zealand music. In 2021, his *New Zealand Piano Works* publication project was awarded a Creative New Zealand Arts Grant.



Dr Liu has been awarded many prizes in international competitions including the Horowitz International Piano Competition (Ukraine) and the Missouri Southern International Competition (USA). He has featured in festivals in countries including New Zealand, the USA, China, Switzerland and Poland and has been an adjudicator for several international music competitions.

Dr Liu is the founding pianist of Te Kōkī Trio, resident trio at the New Zealand School of Music. He has also collaborated with many world-class musicians, including cellist Jian Wang, clarinetist David Shifrin, flutist Ransom Wilson and Boston Symphony Orchestra cellist Alexandre Lecarme.

Equally committed to education, Dr Liu served for four years on the faculty of the Yale Department of Music. He is currently the Programme Director of Classical Performance and Head of Piano Studies at New Zealand School of Music, Victoria University of Wellington, where he has established his reputation as an outstanding pedagogue. His students have been prize-winners at international and national competitions in New Zealand and overseas. He has also given master classes and lectures in China, Israel, the USA, Singapore, Poland and Australia, amongst others.

Dr Liu studied with Professor Jin Zhang in China and with Dr Caio Pagano in the USA. He holds Master of Music, Doctor and Master of Musical Arts degrees from Yale School of Music, where he was a student and assistant of Professor Claude Frank.

*Dr Liu gives a piano masterclass in Christchurch Sunday 23 October 10am – 12pm*