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Education

Artist Diploma, Indiana University, 1997

Konzertexam, Hochschule der Künste Berlin, 1995

Abschluß, Hochschule der Künste Berlin, 1990

Seoul Arts High & Yewon School, 1986

Prof. György Sebök (1995-99)

Prof. Hans Leygraf (1990-95)

Prof. Klaus Hellwig (1986-90)

Prof. Joong-Won Koh (1980-86)

Awards & Prizes

Arts Award of the Year (Korea, 2005)

Research Award for outstanding faculties SNU (Korea, 2003)

Nanpa Music Award (Korea, 2002)

Maria Callas International Competition, 1st Nomination (Athen, Greece, 1998)

Concours Internatioanl de Piano Clara Haskil, Laureate (Vevey, Switzerland, 1997)

Concours International de Piano d'Épinal, 2nd prize (France, 1993)

William Kapell International Piano Competition, 3rd prize (USA, 1992)

Concorso Pianistico Internazionale F. Busoni, 4th prize & Mozart special prize (Bolzano, Italy, 1990)

G. B. Viotti International Music Competition, 3rd prize & Best female prize (Vercelli, Italy, 1987)

Arthur Schnabel Klavierwettbewerb des UdK Berlin, 1st prize (Berlin, Germany, 1986)

Dong-A Music Competition, 1st prize (Seoul, Korea, 1985)

Joong-Ang Music Competition, 1st prize (Seoul, Korea, 1983)

Korea Times Music Competition, 1st prize (Seoul, Korea, 1982)

Ehwa Music Competition, 1st prize (Seoul, Korea, 1981)

Incheon Symphony Music Competition, 1st prize (Incheon, Korea, 1974)

Performing Activities

Soloist with

Seoul Philharmonic (Markus Stenz; Kwame Ryan; Pascal Ropez; Roland Kluttig; Chi-Yong Chung; Jae-Dong Jung)

KBS Symphony (Dmitri Kitajenko; Soo-Yeol Choi; Kisun Sung)

Northern Sinfonia (Thomas Zehetmair)

National Symphony of Washington DC (Michael Hermann)

Lausanne Chamber (Jesus-Lopez Cobos)

Philharmonie de Lorraine (Jacques Houtmann)

Rundfunkorchester Berlin (Hans-Dieter Baum)

Korean Symphony (Hee-Chuhn Choi; Rüdiger Bohn; Kyung-Soo Won)

Korea Chamber (Peter Hirsch; Hee-Chuhn Choi)

Busan Philharmonic (Soo-Yeol Choi)

Suwon Symphony (Soo-Yeol Choi)

Incheon Symphony (Chen Zuohuang; Joong-Suk Kim)

Daejun Philharmonic (Edmond Conlon)

Gyeong-Gi Philharmonic (Philipp Bender)

Pucheon Philharmonic (Hun-Jung Lim; Chi-Young Chung)

Ulsan Philharmonic (Hong-Jae Kim; Dae-Wook Lee)

Wonju Philharmonic (Hun-Jung Lim; Chi-Young Chung)

Chun-Cheon Philharmonic (Hee-Chuhn Choi; Jongjin Lee)

Chang-Won Philharmonic

Gwa-Chun Symphony (Jin Suh; Kyung-Hee Kim)

Jeju Philharmonic (Inhyuck Jung)

Das Sinfonie Orchester Berlin (Thomas David; Borislav Iwanov 1987, 88, 89, 90)

Berliner Symphoniker

Orchestra Ensemble Seoul (Gyu-Seo Lee)

New Seoul Philharmonic (Young-Tae Park)

Musikalischer Sommer Ostfriesland Festivalorchester

Camera Antiqua (Soo-Yeol Choi)

Isai Philharmonic

Capella Istropolitana (Volker Schmid-Gertenbach)

Season Symphony
IU Philharmonic (David Loebel)
IU Symphony
Denver Youth (Horst Buchholz)
Jeuness Ensemble Seoul (Won-Sik Lim)

Solo Recitals in

LG Arts Centre, Seoul, Korea
Hoam Art Hall, Seoul
IBK Chamber Hall, Seoul Arts Center (2011, 2019, 2021)
Kumho Art Hall, Seoul (French Series 2017; 2010; 2006; Beethoven Piano Sonata Cycle 2002-05)
Kumho Gallery Seoul (Millennium Special)
Il-Shin Hall, Seoul (Debussy & Chin; York Höller; Peter Eötvös)
Perigee Hall, Seoul (Opening Series)
Artist's House, Arko, The House Concert, Seoul
Arte TV Hall, Seoul

Concert Hall, Gum-Jung Art Hall, Pusan (2002, 2004)
Hyundai Art Hall, Ulsan
Concert Hall, Gyeong-Gi Cultural Center, Suwon
Concert Hall, Daejun Arts Center
Chamber Hall, Daejun Arts Center
Expo Art Hall, Daejun
Concert Hall, Sori Arts Center, Cheon-Ju
Concert Hall, Cultural Center, Dae-Gu (2002, 2006, 2009)
Concert Hall, Cultural Center, Gimhae
Concert Hall, Pyong-Chon Art Hall
Concert Hall, Sung-Nam Arts Center
Chapel Hall, Yonsei University, Wonju

Yokohama International Piano Concert, Kanagawa Prefectural Hall, Japan
Otsubo Memorial Hall, Miyazaki, Japan
Kita-Kyushu Civic Theatre, Japan
Sue Azalea Hall, Fukuoka, Japan

Bruno Walter Auditorium, Lincoln Center New York, NY, US

Dame Myra Hess Concert; Chicago Cultural Center, IL, US
Roosevelt University, Chicago, IL, US
Knoxville Young Pianist Series; Museum of Art; Bijou Theatre, TN, US
Britton Hall, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, US (2005, 2018, 2020)
University of Cincinnati, OH, US
Louisville Theological Seminary, OH, US
Auer Hall, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN, US
Henderson State University, AK, US
Porter Performing Center, Brevard College, US

Chateau de Bourglinster, Luxemburg
Art et Musique Sierre, Switzerland
Festival des Zukunfts, Ernen Musikdorf, St. George, Wallis, Switzerland
Assisi International Music Festival, Italy
Teatro Filharmonico, Verona, Italy
Kammarmusikföreningen i Kalmar, Sweden
Forum Teater, Kammar Konsert Orkesterförbund, Köping, Sweden
St. Nikolai Kyrka, Halmstad, Sweden
Universität der Künste Berlin, Germany
Hochschule für Künste Bremen, Germany
Akademie der Tonkünste Darmstadt, Germany
Musikalischer Sommer Ostfriesland, Germany (Beethoven Piano Sonata Cycle, 2013-2023)
Max Reger Tage, Weiden, Germany
Thürmer Concert, Bochum, Germany
Museum am Dom, Trier, Germany
Rhein-Ruhr Matinee, Mülheim, Germany
Kloster Kamp Kammerkonzert in Rokokosaal, Essen, Germany
Ruhpolding International Klavierwoche, Germany
Bürgermeisterhaus, Essen, Germany
Spiegelsaal, Berlin-Mitte, Germany
Palais Lichtenau, Potsdam, Germany
Katholisches Zentrum, Vienna, Austria
Varazdin, Open-Air Summer Series, Croatia
Amalfi Music Festival, Italy
White Nights Piano Festival, Russia

Mikyung Lee, Violin (Beethoven Violin Sonata Cycle)

Ulf Wallin, Violin

Ik-Whan Baet, Violin

Dong-Suk Kang, Violin

Jennifer Koh, Violin

Soovin Kim, Violin

Kyung-Sun Lee, Violin

Ju-Young Baek, Violin

Dami Kim, Violin

Donghyun Kim, Violin

Ensik Choi, Viola

Truls Mørk, Cello (2018, 2022)

Tsuyoshi Tsutsumi, Cello (Beethoven Cello Sonata & Variation Cycle)

Mark Kosower, Cello

Peter Stump, Cello

Wen-Sinn Yang, Cello

Lluis Claret, Cello

Jens-Peter Maintz, Cello

Young Song, Cello

Sung-Won Yang, Cello

Young-Chang Cho, Cello

Philippe Mueller, Cello

Joonho Shim, Cello

Stephan Dohr, Horn

Frank Lloyd, Horn

Erik Ruske, Horn

Chen Halevi, Clarinet

Inn-Hyuck Cho, Clarinet

Yeon-Hee Kwack, Oboe

Seoul Philharmonic Members (2018, 2019, 2021)

Romain Guyot (Clar), Mathieu Dufour (Fl), Olivier Doise (Ob), Laurent Lefevre (Fg), Herve Joulain (Hn)

Villa Ensemble Musica (Ingo Goritzki, Ulf Rodenhäuser, Klaus Thunemann, Radovan Vlatkovic)

Amsterdam Concertgebow String Quartet

Janacek String Quartet

Kumho-Asiana String Quartet
Jacques Thibaudet String Trio
Faust String Quartet

Kwang-Chul Yeon, Bariton (Schubert Winterresie)
Locky Chung, Bariton (Brahms & Wolf Lieder)
Ki-Hoon Kim, Bariton

[Lecture Recitals @](#) "Salon de Piano" KBS Classic FM, Seoul, Korea

<Schubert, my friend>
<Frank's present>
<Beethoven's friendship>
<Beethoven's love>
<ETA Hoffman's influence>
<pour les enfants>
<le temps>
<un voyage ensemble>
<la vita è bella>
<homage à italien>
<Bach's trace in Mendelssohn>
<Why did Wagner really>
<The Poet Mendelssohn>
<Modernism of Debussy>
<Beethoven's New Way>
<Beethoven's early traits>
<My encores>

Publications

<The Great Sonatas>; Beethoven Sonatas "Tempest", "Waldstein", "Appassionata"; UMG (Solo CD 2021; rec. 2020)
<Debussy Douze Etudes>; UMG (Solo Digital 2020; rec. 2016)
<Schubert Sonata D960>; Decca (in preparation for digital-release; rec. 2016)
<Beethoven Sonatas No. 18, 26, 27, 30>; Decca UMG Korea (Solo CD 2019; rec. 2015)
<Chopin Etudes Op. 10 & 25>; Idagio.com (Solo Digital 2016; rec. 2001); Aulos (Solo CD 2005; rec.

2001)

<Isang Yun 5 Klavierstücke>; Institut für Neue Musik der Hochschule der Künste Berlin IfNM 1001
(CD 1993; rec. 1985/92)

<Liszt 6 Paganini Etudes>; Parke & Davis Company (LP 1988; rec. 1988)

<Beethoven 32 Piano Sonata by Jürgen Uhde Vol.1> Korean-Translation by HieYon Choi, Jeong-Eun
Seo, Jinson Kim, Jihoon Jun, Young-Ju Lee; Seoul National University Press, 2016

More Performances broadcasted on KBS TV, KBS FM, Arts TV (Korea), NDR TV (Germany), Radio TV
Suisse, SFB (current RBB, Germany), RIAS Berlin (Germany), RAI (Italy), Sveriges Riskradio (Sweden)

Pedagogical Experiences

[Piano Faculty](#) at College of Music, Seoul National University

Associate Dean (2020-21); Chair of Piano (2018-19 & 2009-12); tenured Professor (since 2011);
Associate Professor (2006-11); Assistant Professor (2002-06); Full-time Lecturer (1999-2002)

[Guest Faculty](#) at International Music Courses

Talented Music Summer, Brescia, Italy	2018, 2019
Academie de la musique d'Orleans, France	2018, 2019
Wiener Musikseminar, Austria	2017
White Nights Piano Festival, St. Petersburg, Russia	2017, 2018
Amalfi Music Festival, Italy	2016, 2019
Euro Arts Music Festival, Halle, Germany	2014
Auer Summer Piano Workshop at Indiana University, US	2014
CCM International Summer Piano Institute Prague, Czech	2011-2012
International Piano Academy SNU, Korea	2008-2017

More Music Courses in Korea (1999-2006) such as Eum-Yeon, Ye-Eum, Korea Times, Euro Arts

[Master Classes](#)

Steinway Gallery Korea	2021
Colburn Piano Seminar, LA, US (Virtual)	2021
Summer Academy at Uniarts Helsinki, Finland (Virtual)	2021
Roosevelt University, Chicago, US (Virtual)	2020

Manhattan School of Music, New York, US (Chamber Music)	2020
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, US	2020
Korea Piano Pedagogy Conference, Seoul, Korea	2019
University of Kansas, US	2019
Guildhall School of Music & Drama, London, UK	2018, 2016
Cheng-Du University, China	2018
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, US	2018, 2009
Roosevelt University, Chicago, US	2018
Academy of Performing Arts, HongKong	2018
L'École Normale Supérieure, Paris, France	2018
Hochschule für Musik Freiburg, Germany (Lecture & Master Classes)	2017
Yonsei University, Korea	2017, 2015
Hochschule für Musik Karlsruhe, Germany	2016
Robert-Schumann Hochschule für Musik Düsseldorf, Germany	2016
Kukmin University, Korea	2015
Kyung-Hee University, Korea	2014
Yamaha Grand Fair, Seoul, Korea	2013
University of Cincinnati, US	2013
Henderson State University, US	2013
Piano Teacher's Association, Korea	1999, 2010

Jury of

Maj Lind International Piano Competition (Helsinki, Finland)	2022
Pozzoli International Piano Competition (Seregno, Italy)	2021
Nanyang International Music Competition (Singapore)	2021
Concours de piano international d'Épinal (France)	2019/17
Concours de piano international d'Orléans (France), President (2018)	2018/2016
Ishikawa International Competition (Japan)	2017

National competitions & auditions in Korea such as Dong-A, Joong-Ang, Korea Times, Ehwa-Kyunghyang, Kumho Young Artist, Seoul Arts Center Young Artist, Sylvia Chamber Award, Shinhan Award, Hyundai Scholarship Award

Accomplishments of Students

CD Release "Moment Musicaux"; Genuin, Germany, 2021	Yeseul Kim
2 nd prize Chicago International Piano, US, 2021	Yunji Choi

3rd & special prize at EPTA Wallonie-Bruxelle International, Belgium, 2021	Sunmin Park
1st prize at Sugree Charoensook International, Thailand, 2021	Erin Won
1st prize at Laszlo Spezzaferri International, Verona, Italy, 2021	Sunmin Park
2nd prize Bösendorfer USASU International, 2019	Hyo-Eun Park
1st prize Amigdala International Piano Prize, Italy, 2019	Pil-Won Seo
1st prize Chicago International Piano, US, 2019	MyungHan Kim
3rd prize at Jacob Flier International, US, 2019	Hyo-Eun Park
« France Excellence » scholarship of French Government, 2019	Hyunji Kim
1st prize "Piana del Cavaliere" in Casoli, Italy, 2018	Pil-Won Seo
1st prize White Night Piano Festival, St. Petersburg, Russia, 2018	Hyunji Kim
3rd prize Beethoven Telekom International, Bonn, Germany, 2017	Ho-Jeong Lee
Finalist Maj Lind International, 2017	Hyo-Eun Park
2nd prize Concours International d'Épinal, 2017	Hyo-Eun Park
1st prize White Night Piano Festival, St. Petersburg, Russia, 2017	Hyo-Eun Park
Grand prize Ischia Piano Competition, Italy, 2017	Pil-Won Seo
2nd prize Concours International Treviso, Italy, 2016	Yena Roh
2nd prize Teresa Llacuna Ville de Valence, France, 2015	Ayoung Won
2nd prize Concours International piano de Lyon, France, 2014	Minjun Kim
1st prize Asia-Chopin Competition, Japan, 2014	Haeun Kim
Finalist Concours International piano de Lyon, France, 2013	Kyoung-Sun Park
1st prize Wei-Wei Competition Taipei, 2013	Haeun Kim
1st prize at Denver Music Festival Competition, Denver, US, 2012	Jung-Woon Shin

More winners at national level piano competitions, auditions in Korea such as Dong-Ah, Joong-Ang, Kumho Young Artist, Seoul Arst Center Young Artist, Soori, Sung-Jung, Samick-Bechstein, Beethoven Society, Korea Music Association, Korea Chopin, Henle, Music Journal, Ceramic Palace.

Majority of graduates accepted at world top music schools in the US, Germany, France for further study, winning international recognition and performing/teaching actively in Korea as well as abroad.

Projects

<서울대 레슨노트>; SNU x NAVER TV joint project (16 Lesson Videos recorded 2020-21)
 <Beethovenian>; musical research group, Founder (since 2022)
 <TripleX>, <Free Stage>, <Sound of Universe>; Academy2021 at Seoul National University;
 Contemporary Music Project; Founder & Director (2017-2021)
 <Beethoven 32 Sonatas> by Jürgen Uhde; Translation project; Leader (since 2015),
 <Music, the Language>; Lecture at University of Public Health SNU (2013); ACP Arts, MoA SNU

(2012/14); Open Piano Forum Korea (2011)

<Chopin On.Da.> on the occasion of Chopin's 200th anniversary; Collaboration of Music, Fine Arts, Human Science Department at Seoul National University, Initiator & Executive Committee Member (2012)

[Interviews & Concert Reviews](#) on newspapers and magazines in Korea including;

[Cover Story] Freedom given by the silence | By Hee-Sun Kim [Music Journal] Nov-2021

[Cover Story] Musical Siblings | By Jang-Jik Lee [Monthly Auditorium] March 2013

[Cover Story] Beautiful Life, Beautiful Music | By Ji-Youn Kook [The Piano] Nov-2011

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