

# Music Curriculum Vitae

Charlie Albright, Pianist

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Young Concert Artists, Inc., Management

## Reviews:

“Albright is among the most gifted musicians of his generation.” “An impressive range of differently colored sounds was matched by overwhelming virtuosity. Albright leapt the most outrageous technical hurdles...with a sense of dangerous self-abandon that was thrilling to hear.” “At the same time, musical shape was never sacrificed to showmanship.”

–*The Washington Post*, 2/15/11

“Jaw-dropping technique.” “Virtuosity meshed with distinctive musicality.” “Intelligently wrought interpretation.”

–*The New York Times*, 3/8/11

“What can’t the man do? He played...like a consummate actor whose pianistic skill was a mere bonus...with tireless dexterity, split-second timing and booming power in the low register, but his polish and poise disguised the hard work in a cloak of drama. His hands coursed down like white-hot bolts onto the keys. He leaned back like a dignified matron and took everyone to finishing school...and jetted through it as if it were the most natural thing in the world. The crowd wouldn’t let Albright go.”

“A level of polish that pianists twice his age would envy.”

–*Democrat and Chronicle*, Rochester, NY

“Pianist Charlie Albright steals Phoenix Symphony show”

–*The Phoenix Republic*, 11/5/11

“Charlie Albright is poet of the piano, one of the most engaging, sensitive and thoughtful young artists I’ve heard in years.”

–Robert Sherman, WQXR Radio, NY

## Education:

Juilliard School of Music, 2014 Artist Diploma (A.D.) Candidate

New England Conservatory of Music, 2012 Masters of Music (M.M.) Recipient

Harvard College, 2011 Bachelors of Economics (B.A.) Recipient

Centralia College, 2007 Associate of Science (A.S.) Recipient

Centralia High School, 2007 Diploma Recipient

## Principal Instructors:

Wha-Kyung Byun, 2007-Present

Nancy Adsit, 1995-2007

### **Competitions:**

- 2009 Young Concert Artist International Auditions/Competition
  - \*First Prize
- 2009 Gilmore Young Artist Award
- 2009 Vendome Prize International Piano Competition (*Lisbon, Portugal*)
  - \*Elizabeth Leonskaya Special Award
  - \*Semi-Finalist Award (Top 15 of 1250+)
- 2009 Top of the World International Piano Competition (*Tromso, Norway*)
  - \*Semi-Finalist Award (Top 12)
- 2008 Grand Prix Animato International Piano Competition (*Paris, France*)
  - \*Semi-Finalist Award (Top Six)
- 2008 Sydney International Piano Competition of Australia (*Sydney, Australia*)
  - \**Best Performance of a Study by Liszt in Stage I*
  - \*Semi-Finalist Award (Top Twelve)
- 2007 Hilton Head International Piano Competition (*Hilton Head Island, SC, USA*)
  - \*Third Prize
- 2006 Eastman Young Artists International Piano Competition (*Rochester, NY*)
  - \*First Prize
  - \**Best Performance of a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Work*
  - \**Best Performance in a Master Class*
  - \**Audience Award*
- 2006 Biennial New York Piano Competition (*New York, NY*)
  - \*First Prize, Solo Division
  - \*First Prize, Duo (4-hands, 1-piano) Division
- 2006 Schimmel International Piano Competition (*Phoenix, AZ*)
  - \*Second Prize
- 2005 ILYM International Piano Competition (*Lawrence, KS*)
  - \*First Prize

### **Performance Experiences:**

- Continuous** - Repeated engagements with major orchestras, including San Francisco Symphony Orchestra.
- September 27, 2011** – Performance with Cellist Yo-Yo Ma
- October 22, 2009** - Performance with Cellist Yo-Yo Ma and the Silk Road Project
- March 3, 2009** – Performance with Cellist Yo-Yo Ma and the Silk Road Project for *Witness*, a commemoration of the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.
- December 1, 2008** – Performance with Cellist Yo-Yo Ma for Senator Ted Kennedy’s Honorary Harvard Degree Ceremony. Guests included Vice President-Elect Joe Biden, Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer, and Senator John Kerry.
- 2003-2008** - Various Guest Artist Performances with Orchestras, including the Hilton Head Symphony Orchestra, the 2007-2008 Harvard Bach Society Orchestra, the Seattle Philharmonic Orchestra, the Port Angeles Symphony Orchestra, the Northwest Wind Symphony Orchestra, and the Olympia Symphony Orchestra

**2005-2008** – Various Solo Engagements in New York City, NY; Philadelphia, PA; Washington, D.C.; Lawrence, KS; White Plains, NY; Seattle, WA; Olympia, WA; and Centralia, WA

**Awards and Distinctions:**

Official Steinway Artist  
2010 Young Concert Artist Award  
2009 Gilmore Young Artist Award  
2011 American Public Media/National Public Radio *Performance Today* Artist-in-Residence  
2011 Louis Sudler Prize in the Arts, Harvard University  
15 Most Interesting Seniors, Harvard Class of 2011  
2011-2012 Harvard University Leverett House Artist-in-Residence  
*Charlie Albright Piano* Spokesman  
*Charlie Albright Scholarship* Spokesman  
Harvard Faculty of Arts and Sciences Financial Aid Recipient  
Rotary Scholarship Recipient  
Centralia Community Concerts Scholarship Recipient

**Festivals:**

2007 Paris Piano Institute  
2005 International Institute for Young Musicians  
2004 TCU/Cliburn Piano Institute