

## ARCHIE CHEN - PIANO

*“The grand gesture, whether of gorgeously full tone or daring velocity, seems to be at the heart of Chen’s approach to romantic repertoire. The eagerness with which he launched himself into the most daunting of challenges suggests a fiery temperament, and the necessary elements of technique are there to support it.”*

-Michael Dervan, Irish Times

American pianist Archie Chen is a charismatic and commanding performer of solo and chamber music repertoire and is noted for his warm, varied tone, and his unusual and compelling interpretations. Beginning his piano studies at the age of six, Archie made his first concerto appearance at the age of 11. Since then he has performed throughout the United States, in addition to recording for both radio and television. A recipient of the prestigious Bluthner Piano Scholarship (Leipzig), Mr. Chen has also won several first prizes in piano competitions across the United States.

Based in Ireland since 2003, he has already performed as soloist at all the major concert venues throughout the country. Throughout the rest of Europe his performances include a concert for the late Pope John Paul II at the Vatican Auditorium, the Gewandhaus-Mendelssohn Hall, Liszt House (Weimar) and at the Mendelssohn House in Leipzig. Recent concerto performances have included collaboration with trumpeter John Wallace in Scotland and with the principal conductor of the English Chamber Orchestra, Ralph Gothoni. Earlier this year Mr. Chen toured China with cellist William Butt, and due to its great success they have been re-invited again in 2010.

Archie Chen is a graduate of Indiana University where he was a student of Menahem Pressler and Edmund Battersby receiving his Bachelor of Music and Master of Music degrees. Among his many scholarships and awards at Indiana University were the Nina Neal Piano Scholarship and the prestigious Performer’s Certificate, the school’s highest honor. Other teachers and mentors have included Alicia De Laroccha, Leonard Hokanson, Wynton Marsalis and Charles Neidich.

Archie enjoys a busy teaching career. Together with his wife he is Co-Director of Rathgar Piano, a private school for Piano in Dublin. Mr. Chen is also Assistant Lecturer of Piano at the Royal Irish Academy of Music, where he is pursuing a Doctorate in Performance with John O’Conor. In addition Archie was also Assistant Lecturer of Piano and Piano Accompanying at the Dublin Institute of Technology Conservatory of Music and Drama.

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