

Dr. Archie Chen

A native of Spokane, pianist Archie Chen has gained international recognition for his poetic imagination, drama and virtuosic technical prowess. He has performed both as soloist & collaborator throughout the United States, Asia, the Middle East and Europe, including such prestigious venues as Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center, the Gewandhaus, Vatican Auditorium, Benaroya Hall, and on radio, television, as well as in movies. He has recorded for both Sony Classical and Carnegie Artists Records. He obtained his Bachelors & Masters degrees from Indiana University, earning the school's highest honor, obtaining a Doctorate degree under John O' Conor in Dublin, Ireland, where he resided for 15 years. Chen is Co-founder & Director of the Dublin International Piano Festival & the Piano Academy of Ireland. He enjoys a successful teaching career, regularly giving masterclasses at festivals and institutions internationally and his students have won top prizes in competitions and have been accepted to major universities and conservatories. Chen is delighted to return to Spokane, while serving on the board of Musicfest Northwest and maintaining a private studio with his wife Rhona. Dr. Chen previously served as Assistant Professor of Piano at the Royal Irish Academy of Music and at the Conservatory of Music & Drama at TU Dublin.