

JUNYI NIE

Junyi Nie, a Chinese pianist, has demonstrated exceptional musical talent since childhood, embarking on her piano journey with her mother at the age of four. Her performances have taken her across Asia, Europe and North America. During the 2023-2024 season, Junyi was invited to be the director of the 2023 Chinese

New Year gala in January, organized by the Kansas City Chinese American Association in Overland Park, Kansas. The following month, she was the guest musician playing concerts at the 2023 Emerald Coast Music Alliance in Florida. Under the support of the UMKC Conservatory Alumni Fund, Junyi went to Italy to hold a concert series of *The Beauty of the Chinese Art Songs* in Italy. In April, Junyi performed in *Bartok reimagined* concert, where she also serves as the assistant director. In October, Junyi Performed C.P.E Bach marathon in Kansas City. The upcoming season includes a solo recital in Wuhan and the performance in Schumann Festival in Kansas City.

The highlight of the past seasons includes the solo performances at the Abbey Bach Festival in Oregon, *Tel-Hai Piano Masterclass* in Israel, *International Mendelssohn Festival* in Hamburg, Germany. As the 2021 Concerto/Aria competition winner, Junyi performed with the UMKC Conservatory Orchestra in Kansas City.

Beyond her performances, Junyi is dedicated to music education. She currently serves as a faculty member at Washburn University. Previously, she was an instructor at Boston University and UMKC Conservatory. In addition, Junyi is a producer of musical educational videos, promoting classical music through YouTube Channel Dr. Cat Music and writing articles on Wechat official account.

Junyi holds a Bachelor of Music Degree from Wuhan Conservatory of Music and a Master of Music Degree from Boston University. She is currently a candidate for a Doctor of Musical Arts Degree at the University of Missouri-Kansas City Conservatory.