

Zoomdojo Career Conversation

Guest Performing Artist: Jiayi Sun

Jiayi Sun is one of the most remarkable Chinese pianists among her generation. Jiayi displayed her talent early at the age of 5 while learning piano alongside world-renowned soloist Lang Lang and his father Lang Guoyin. At the age of 6, she won her first major piano competition and since then has won prizes at numerous national and international piano competitions including:

- 1999 First Prize, *Sino-France 6 Class Mi-Duo Piano Competition*
- 2000 First Prize, Professional Group, *China Xinghai Children Piano Competition*
- 2002 First Prize, Group Age 12~16, *St. Petersburg Fourth International Children Piano "A Step to Master" Competition*
- 2004 First Prize, *The Fourth Moscow International Frederick Chopin Competition for Young Pianists*



Jiayi was admitted in 2001, as the first place entry to the Central Conservatory of Music in Beijing and majored in piano performance. She obtained a full scholarship to the prestigious Curtis Institute of Music, graduating in 2012.

In 2010, Jiayi was invited by Maestro Tan Dun as piano soloist for the piano concerto of *The Banquet* with the China Youth Symphony at the Shanghai 2010 World Expo and at the Shanghai Grand Theater. In January 2011, she was again invited by Maestro Tan Dun to perform *The Banquet* with the Shanghai Philharmonic Orchestra in Xi'an and in July 2011 at the Lincoln Center Summer Festival with the Metropolis Ensemble.

Jiayi is originally from Shenyang, Liaoning Province in China.