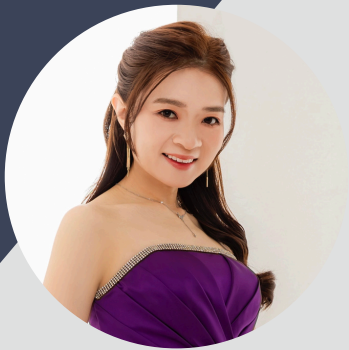


# KAREN YONG



## ABOUT

A dedicated and detail-oriented piano educator with extensive experience in higher education. Areas of expertise include piano pedagogy, piano performance, piano collaboration, and music theory.

## CONTACT

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## EDUCATION

D.M.A. in Piano Pedagogy  
University of South Carolina | 2021

M.M. in Piano Performance  
Texas State University | 2017

B.M. in Piano Performance  
University of Malaya | 2015

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Georgia Music Teachers Association  
2022 - Present

Music Teachers National Association  
2017 - Present

## LANGUAGE

English | Mandarin | Cantonese | Malay

## CURRENT POSITIONS

### ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF MUSIC

Albany State University | 2022 - Present

- Oversees and manages the piano area, including curriculum development, instructional planning, and student progress assessment.
- Teaches both introductory and advanced college-level music courses, including applied and class piano, keyboard technique, music theory, and music appreciation.
- Advises students on educational issues, career planning, and personal development.
- Participates in campus events, including organizing concerts and recitals.

### PRINCIPAL KEYBOARDIST

Albany Symphony Orchestra | 2023 - Present

- Performs as a soloist and as a member of the orchestra, playing the keyboard instruments such as piano, harpsichord, organ, or synthesizer.
- Provides necessary support and musical expression to the ensemble.
- Attends rehearsals with the orchestra, actively participating in sectional and full-ensemble rehearsals.

## RECENT PUBLICATIONS

### MAGAZINE

Ernst, Sara, Karen Yong, Lady Imperio, Allison Keep, Chan Kiat Lim, and Andrea McAlister. Piano Inspires Kids, March 2025.

### DMA DISSERTATION

Yong, Karen Kai Yuan. "A Stylistic and Pedagogical Analysis of Select Classical Pieces in Alicia's Piano Books by Ananda Sukarlan." D.M.A. diss., University of South Carolina, 2021.

## RECENT PRESENTATIONS

### EXPLORING ANANDA SUKARLAN'S ALICIA'S PIANO BOOKS: A FUSION OF WESTERN AND EASTERN TRADITIONS

Presenter, The Piano Conference: NCKP, 2025

### DESIGNING YOUR LIFE: PERSPECTIVE AND TIPS FROM EMERGING PIANO PROFESSIONALS

Co-Presenter, The Piano Conference: NCKP, 2025

### UNLOCKING THE SCALE SECRETS: CREATIVE APPROACHES TO COLLEGE GROUP PIANO INSTRUCTION

Co-Presenter, MTNA TEMPO: A Virtual Conference, 2025

## RECENT PERFORMANCES

### DR. KAREN YONG PIANO STUDIO RECITAL | 2025

Performed works by Ravel and Saint-Saens

### KEYBOARDIST OF ALBANY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA | 2024

Performed works and arrangements by Krogstad, Tiomkin, Bass, Brubaker, and Williams

## RECENT AWARDS AND CREDENTIALS

### NATIONALLY CERTIFIED TEACHER OF MUSIC IN PIANO

Music Teachers National Association | 2024 - Present

### OUTSTANDING GRADUATE STUDENT TEACHING ASSISTANT AWARD

University of South Carolina | 2021