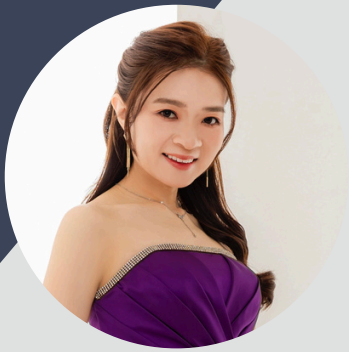


KAREN YONG



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.

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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

OUTSTANDING GRADUATE STUDENT TEACHING ASSISTANT AWARD

University of South Carolina | 2021