

LAURA GARRITSON

CONCERT PIANIST

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Education

2005- : Doctor of Musical Arts, University of Hartford, The Hartt School
2005: Artist Diploma. Yale University, Yale School of Music
2003: Master of Music. University of Hartford, The Hartt School
2001: Bachelor of Music, summa cum laude. University of Hartford, The Hartt School

Awards

2006, 2003: Prizewinner, Hartford Symphony Orchestra Concerto Competition
2005, 2000: Quarter-finalist, Sixth American National Chopin Piano Competition
2005: Prizewinner, Eastern Collegiate Division--Music Teachers National Association
2005, 2004, 2002, 1999, 1996: 1st place, Connecticut Music Teachers National Association
2003: Winner, Alcan String Quartet Competition, Barcelona
2002: Winner, Emerson String Quartet Competition
2002: Winner, Artist Presentation Society Competition, St. Louis, Missouri
2000: 1st place, Van Rooy Competition for Musical Excellence, The Hartt School
1997: 1st place, The World Piano Competition, Young Artist Division
1997: Winner, Paronov Concerto Competition, The Hartt School
1997: 1st place, Fite Family Festival, Missouri
1996: 1st place, Missouri Western Young Artists Competition
1996: Winner, St. Louis Symphony Youth Orchestra Concerto Competition

Scholarships

2004: Full scholarship, Norfolk Chamber Music Festival
2004: Joseph D. Feuerstein Memorial Scholarship, Shandee Music Festival, New York
2002: Full scholarship, Sarasota Music Festival, Florida
2002: Full scholarship, Kent/Blossom Music Festival, Ohio
1996-2003: Full scholarship to The Hartt School—20/20 Chamber music program
2002: Evelyn Bonar Storrs Scholarship
1999: The Chopin Foundation of the United States, Inc.
1999: Mary Loftus Scholarship, Shandee Music Festival
1998: Joseph D. Feuerstein Memorial Scholarship, Shandee Music Festival
1995-96: Anna Wehrle Scholarship, St. Louis Symphony Community Music School

Solo appearances

2005: Artist-in-Residence, Quinnipiac University, CT	2003: Whitney Center Music Committee Concert Series, Hamden, Connecticut
2005: Hudson Valley Piano Club, New York	2003, 1999: South Windsor Library Concert Series
2005, 2004: Klavierhaus, New York	2003, 2001, 1997-99: Amalfi Coast Music Festival, Italy
2004: Shandee Music Festival, "Outstanding Alumni" Festival	2003: Artist Presentation Society, St. Louis
2004: Hudson Valley Piano Club, New York	2002: American Liszt Society, Springfield, Massachusetts
2003, 2002: Music Series at South Church, New Britain, Connecticut	

2002: The Sheldon, St. Louis
2001: Villa Betramka, Prague, Czech Republic
2001: Rencontres Musicale en Lorraine, France
2000: Shandee Music Festival Sunset Concert Series
2000: Principia College, Elsah, Illinois

1999: International Arts Festival, Venezuela
1999: Liszt Festival, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
1999: Bryant Park, New York, New York
1999: World Piano Pedagogy Conference
1997: Carnegie Recital Hall
1997: Centre Le Phenix, Fribourg, Switzerland

Concerto Appearances

2004: Hartford Symphony Orchestra, two separate appearances
2002: Parkway Central High School Orchestra, St. Louis
1999: Philharmonia Sudecka, Poland
1999: Sliven Philharmonic, Bulgaria
1998: The Hartt Symphony Orchestra
1996: St. Louis Symphony Youth Orchestra

1995: Kirkwood Symphony Orchestra, Missouri
1991: Musical Diversions Society Chamber Orchestra, St. Louis
1991: Alton Symphony
1989: St. Louis Symphony Community Music School Orchestra, St. Louis

Reviews

See enclosed *St. Louis Post Dispatch*, Monday, March 25, 1996

Festivals

2004: Norfolk Chamber Music Festival
2004, 1999, 1998: Shandee Music Festival
2003, 2001, 1997-99: Amalfi Coast Music Festival, Italy
2003: Forum Internacional de Música, Barcelona
2002: Sarasota Music Festival
2002: Kent/Blossom Music Festival
2001: Rencontres Musicale en Lorraine, France

1998-2001: International Piano Masterclasses, Prague, Czech Republic
2000: International Music Academy, Novouralsk, Russia
2000: International Piano Masterclasses, Paris, France
1998: Villaler Music Festival, Spain
1997: International Institute for Young Musicians, Kansas

Master Classes

Emanuel Ax
Leon Fleisher
Peter Frankl
Emerson String Quartet
Tokyo String Quartet

Teachers

2005- : Luiz de Moura Castro
2003-2005: Boris Berman
1996-2003: Luiz de Moura Castro
1991-1996: Jane Allen
1984-1991: Laura Schindler

Other Musical Activities

1981-1998: Formal violin studies
Violin concerto appearances with: Alton Symphony, Illinois; Gateway Festival Orchestra, St. Louis; Kammergild Chamber Orchestra, St. Louis
1998: Concertmaster, The Hartt School Symphony Orchestra
1996, 1997: Participant in Round Top Festival, Texas
1996: Concertmaster, Missouri All-State Orchestra
1996: Associate Concertmaster, St. Louis Symphony Youth Orchestra

Other Awards

2001, 1999, 1998: Member of Alpha Lambda Delta and Alpha Chi, National Academic Honor Societies, University of Hartford