

# CITY SUBURBAN NEWS

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## 6th Annual Philadelphia Young Pianists' (PYPA) Festival

Concerts Available to the Public

Ching-Yun Hu, Founder and Director of the Philadelphia Young Pianists' Academy (PYPA), announced the dates of their sixth annual artist and student concerts that are open to the public. Throughout the eight-day event, highly respected pianists such as Ching-Yun Hu, Simone Dinnerstein, Charles Abramovic, and Jerome Lowenthal will be performing. The festival will be held at the Academy of Vocal Arts, which is located at 1920 Spruce Street, Philadelphia from **August 4 to August 12**. There will be 20 outstanding PYPA youth pianists varying in age from 12 to 26 that will be participating and receiving the amazing opportunity to learn from numerous, world-renowned pianists and speakers. General admission for each concert is \$25. For info, visit [www.pya.info](http://www.pya.info).

### **Sunday, August 5, 4 p.m. – Ching-Yun Hu Piano Recital.**

Founder and Director of PYPA, Ching-Yun Hu will open festival with first concert of the eight-day series. Included in the program will be selections from her newest solo album, "Ching-Yun Hu: Rachmaninoff." Upon the 145th anniversary of Rachmaninoff's birth, her CD features poignant works for piano that is a journey to Rachmaninoff's enduring music from love, to music and to humanity. The CD is available here: <https://store.cdbaby.com/cd/chingyunhu1>.

### **Monday, August 6, 7:30 p.m. – Jerome Lowenthal Piano Recital**

Lowenthal, who is a well-known pianist and Philadelphia native, will be featured on the second day of the series. While showcasing differing themes like "Rustles of Spring" and "Across the Centuries," Lowenthal will perform pieces from world-renowned composers such as Mozart and Chopin.

### **Wednesday, August 8, 7:30 p.m. – Simone Dinnerstein**

### **Piano Recital**

Dinnerstein is an American pianist who has taken her skill to international venues such as Carnegie Hall, Seoul Arts Center, Sydney Opera House, and many more. Her program during this series on the fourth day will include Bach Goldberg Variations.

### **Thursday, August 9, 7:30 p.m. – Chamber Music Concert: Ching-Yun Hu and Friends**

Returning to perform with friends, Ching-Yun Hu will play chamber music pieces from composers such as Franck, Mozart, and Brahms.

### **Saturday, August 11, 7:30 p.m. – Charles Abramovic Piano Recital**

Abramovic is one of Philadelphia's most loved and known pianists. Performing on the seventh day of the series, his program will include arrangements such as Alexander Scriabin's Five Preludes, Opus 16 and Ludwig van Beethoven's Six Variations on an Original Theme, Opus 34.

### **Sunday, August 12, 4:00 p.m.**

Winners from the 2018 Philadelphia International Piano Competition and Reception at 4:00 p.m. \* Program details and names of performers will be announced the day before the concert.

Founded in 2013, the Philadelphia Young Pianists' Academy (PYPA) is recognized as an important learning opportunity for some of the world's best young concert pianists. Founded by Philadelphia-based concert pianist and recording artist, Ching-Yun Hu, PYPA was launched to help young artists from Asia and the West achieve their dreams of professional careers as world class concert pianists.