



Pueblo Keyboard Arts Festival

Dates: November 3-4, 2023
Dr. Zahari Metchkov, director

Activities:

- November 4, 1.00p.m.: **Masterclass for CSU Pueblo Students** with guest artist Dr. Jooeun Pak
- Nov. 3, 6:00-8:00 p.m.: **Masterclass for Collegiate, High and Middle School students** with festival guest artist Dr. Jooeun Pak and festival director Dr. Zahari Metchkov
- Nov. 4, 9:00- 2:00 p.m.: **Young Artist Competition** Junior Solo, Senior Solo, Piano Ensemble Division (1 piano-4, 6, 8 hands, 2 pianos-4, 8, 12 hands) **More than \$1000 in Cash Awards in all divisions**
- Nov. 4, 7:00 p.m.: **Piano Monster Concert**

Guest Artist: Dr. Jooeun Pak



Dr. Jooeun Pak has appeared in major concert venues in the U.S., Korea, Italy, Jordan, and Germany including Carnegie Hall, NY, Kennedy Center in D. C., Ravinia IL, Al Hussein Cultural Center in Jordan, Theatre Vipiteno in Sterzing and was recently featured in Chicago radio station WFMT. Being a winner of a number of national and international competitions, Pak appears in concerts with winners of the renowned international competitions, including the Metropolitan National Council Audition, and the Tchaikovsky International Competition. She formerly worked as a collaborative pianist in Ravinia Steans Music Institute, Atlantic Music Festival and Indiana University String Academy. Pak is also a passionate advocate of creative interdisciplinary projects while actively commissioning and giving world premiers of compositions of our time. Upon winning the Grand Prize in the Latin American Music Competition, Pak released a CD featuring compositions by Latin American contemporary composers including Gabriela Lena Frank and Miguel del Aguila. Pak was formerly a full-time lecturer in piano in Towson Univ., Visiting Assistant Professor of Piano in the Univ. of Puget Sound, Associate Instructor in Indiana Univ., Jacobs School of Music, Performing Artist and Faculty in Orfeo Music Festival, and a Music Faculty in American Academy of Jordan Summer Music Festival. Pak has given master classes nationally and internationally, appearing in National Conservatory of Music in Amman, Stetson University, Western Connecticut State University and Biola University Conservatory of Music this season. Pak received DM in Piano Performance and Literature with minors in theory and chamber music under the mentorship of Manahem Pressler, a founder of the renowned Beaux Art Trio, to whom she also served as a teaching assistant. Pak's study was supported by IU Jacobs School of Music Doctoral Fellowship, which was awarded for academic and performance excellence.



PKAF Director: Dr. Zahari Metchkov

Both a pianist and an organist, Dr. Zahari Metchkov has performed at such venues as New York's Avery Fisher Hall and Washington's Kennedy Center. He has concertized in China, Israel, Bulgaria, and the United States. Dr. Metchkov released his first CD in 2008 - a recording of works for piano and orchestra by Franz Liszt and Cesar Franck and a second recording project featuring solo works for piano and organ completed in the

Spring of 2014. In 2022, he premiered with the Pueblo Symphony his orchestration for piano and orchestra of Rachmaninoff's Fantasy No. 1, originally for two pianos.

Native of Sofia, Bulgaria, Dr. Metchkov holds DMA in piano performance from the Cleveland Institute of Music, Cleveland, Ohio. He is a Professor of Music at Colorado State University-Pueblo, teaching applied piano, chamber music, and pedagogy. Zahari was the 2013 recipient of the CSU-Pueblo's Outstanding Service and Transformative Leadership Award and the 2014 recipient of CHASS Outstanding Faculty of the Year. In 2018, he received the Steinway & Sons Top Teacher Award. In 2022 he received the Colorado State Teachers Association "Teacher of the Year" Award. Dr. Metchkov has also taught at the Cleveland Institute of Music as well as Youngstown State University. Currently Dr. Metchkov is the Artistic Director of the Pueblo Keyboard Arts Festival and Piano Conversations Concert Series, Pueblo. From summer of 2022 he serves as Organist and Director of Concert Series at First Christian Church, Colorado Springs. Placing high priority over the education of young pianists in Southern Colorado, Dr. Metchkov has served as President of the Colorado State Music Teachers Association, a chapter of the Music Teachers National Association. He is a founding member of the Southern Colorado Music Adventure Camp. Dr. Metchkov has been enjoying an active artistic life as a soloist, chamber artist, as well as church musician.



Piano Monster Concert Details

Mission:

- Celebrate Piano Music and Generations of Pianists (Young Students and their Private Teachers, CSU Pueblo students and Faculty, CSU-Pueblo Alumni and colleagues).
- Present a balanced program that can engage all listeners from the seasoned music lover in the audience to the beginner music student.
- Share the stage with all pianist of all ages.
- Bring friends, colleagues, and families together.

How to get involved in the Piano Monster Concert:

- Come to the concert and invite your students to this celebration of piano music
- Prepare a team of students to perform in a multi piano piece-duet, trio (ex. Jamaican Rumba, Triple Dip, Schubert March).
- Prepare Student/Teacher side by side ensemble performances
- Rehearsals: Saturday, November 4 from 4.00-6.00 p.m. at Hoag Hall, and last week of October in CS by arrangement
- Support: volunteer time or donate to support this expensive even

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