

HELEN HOU

EDUCATION

Eastman School of Music, Rochester, NY September 2006 – May 2008
Master of Music, Piano Accompanying and Chamber Music

Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, VA August 2003 – May 2006
Bachelor of Music, Magna cum laude, Music Performance – piano

Major Teachers

Jean Barr	2006 – 2007	Landon Bilyeu	2003 – 2005
Dmitri Shteinberg	2005 – 2006	Suzanne Guy	1997 – 2003

Coaches

Eteri Andjaparidze	Beryl Garver	Russell Miller
Francile Bilyeu	David Gilliland	Doug Richards
Bonita Boyd	John Graham	Rex Richardson
Charles Castleman	Kenneth Grant	Beverly Rinaldi
Larry Combs	Michelle Harman-Gulick	James Smith-Parham
Kathryn Cowdrick	Alan Harris	Robert Swensen
Mary Creswell	Benton Hess	George Taylor
Tina Curren	Mark Kellogg	Michael Unger (organ)
Melanie Day	Lisa Litteral	Robert Waters
Julie DeRoche	Ardyth Lohuis (organ)	Charles West
Jelena Dirks	Oksana Lutsyshyn	Russell Wilson
Cynthia Donnell	Robert McIver	Zvi Zeitlin

Masterclasses

Dickran Atamian	Miami String Quartet	Richard Stoltzman
Gary Hoffman	Alexander Paley	George Taylor
Tom Lanners	Arthur Rowe	Mira Zakai
Jon Nakamatsu	André-Michel Schub	
Gustavo Romero	Orli Shaham	

AWARDS AND HONORS

- Eastman School of Music 2007 – 2008
Vice President of the Graduate Student Association
- Eastman School of Music 2006 – 2008
Graduate Award in Studio Accompanying
- Virginia Commonwealth University 2003 – 2006
Provost Scholarship (full tuition and fees)

- Virginia Commonwealth University 2004
Sigma Alpha Iota Alumni Scholarship
- Virginia Commonwealth University 2004
Pi Kappa Lambda Outstanding Freshman Award

WORK EXPERIENCE

Web Developer, Eastman School of Music October 2008 – Present

- Analyze, design, and develop web sites, databases, and Internet applications based on user business requirements
- Initiate, manage, and report progress for web-based projects.
- Test, trouble-shoot, and document web sites, databases, and Internet applications
- Comment code extensively and write technical and end-user documentation for web applications and databases.
- Advise, support, and collaborate with other web content providers and users within the School
- Receive and respond to requests for web services from the Eastman Community
- Provide training for web-based applications to users individually or in groups
- Collaborate with users to understand and implement business requirements
- Maintain the security, technical compatibility, and information accuracy of Eastman's web sites, databases, and Internet applications
- Ensure that all aspects of Eastman websites meet current web standards and University policy; address compatibility issues related to web use and web-enabled devices, and maintain accessibility standards in accordance with ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) regulations
- Continuously monitor and research industry trends and emerging technologies to promote and recommend appropriate academic/administrative web strategies
- Aiding in instruction of the Digital Portfolio Creation classes within the Arts Leadership Program
- Perform other related duties as assigned

9:30am Keyboard Player/Choir Accompanist, First Unitarian Church September 2008 – Present

- Weekly Tuesday evening rehearsals
- Play service music and hymns at 9:30am service on 1st and 3rd Sundays
- Provide music for other services as requested

Choir Accompanist, Rochester Institute of Technology September 2008 – May 2009

- Accompany weekly rehearsals for the RIT Singers
- Coach the RIT Chamber Singers
- Play for concerts and other events as needed

Freelance Pianist, DePaul University/Chicago area May 2007 – June 2008

- Rehearsed and played with DePaul students for lessons, juries, and recitals
- Was available for weddings, receptions, and parties

Vice President, ESM Graduate Student Association September 2007 – May 2008

- Created the Graduate Student and Faculty Lounge
- Created a \$12,000 spring semester budget approved by the University of Rochester
- Created the basic layout and groundwork for a new GSA website
- Set up and hosted successful open forums between ESM deans and the graduate student body
- Planned several social events

Lab Assistant, ESM Media Lab November 2007 – May 2008

- Provided assistance to students with questions about computing, hardware, software, and audio/visual production
- PC/Windows research and implementation of solutions related to the first Blackboard-administered final exam
- Began a web programming project for the Accompanying program
- Updated the Media Lab website
- Delivery, set up, and tear down for audiovisual requests
- Created signs and tutorials
- Monitored and maintained quiet and clean lab environment

Graduate Assistant in Studio Accompanying, ESM September 2006 – May 2008

- Served as the regular pianist for five students, rehearsing regularly and playing for lessons, masterclasses, auditions, and recitals
- Played piano and celeste in the Wind Ensemble, Eastman School Symphony Orchestra, and Philharmonia

Staff Pianist, Interlochen Arts Camp Summer 2007

- Accompanied weekly voice lessons for 20 students in the studios of Beverly Rinaldi, Lisa Litteral, and Mary Creswell
- Coached students in basic musical style and diction
- Played for choral placement auditions

Organist/Pianist, Christ Clarion Presbyterian Church September 2006 – May 2007

- Played for Wednesday evening choir rehearsals and Sunday morning services
- Played for extra services and rehearsals

Organist/Pianist, Tabernacle Baptist Church, Newport News, VA April 2004 – June 2006

- Played for Wednesday evening choir rehearsals and Sunday morning rehearsals services
- Played for extra services and rehearsals
- Rehearsed with Praise Team
- Played with occasional children's choir and bell choir performances
- Occasionally sang in choir

Camp Aide, Mad Science of Virginia Summer 2005

- Served as a classroom aide for various week-long summer camps

- Basic duties were set up, clean up, supporting the lead teacher, and classroom discipline

Audition Pianist, Virginia Commonwealth University March 2004 – March 2006

- Played for voice department auditions

Substitute Teacher, Magic of Music Piano Studio (Suzanne Guy) March 2003

- Taught hour-long weekly lessons to 12 students in the absence of Professor Suzanne Guy
- Graded and assigned theory homework

PERFORMANCE EXPERIENCE

Collaborative Recitals

- Eastman School of Music November 2009
Works by Guastavino, Gabaye, Scriabin, and Franaix
- Eastman School of Music November 2009
Debussy – Prelude to the Afternoon of a Faun, arr. for piano four-hands by Ravel
- Eastman School of Music April 2009
Works by Brahms, Corigliano, and Verdi arr. Bassi
- Eastman School of Music September 2008
Brahms – Sonata for Viola and Piano in F minor, op. 120 no. 1
- DePaul University June 2008
Works by Nielsen and Debussy
- DePaul University June 2008
Works by Lutoslawski and Mendelssohn
- DePaul University June 2008
Works by Schumann, Weber, and Mendelssohn
- DePaul University May 2008
Works by Kreisler and Green
- DePaul University May 2008
Prokofiev – Piano Concerto No. 3
- DePaul University May 2008
Works by Danzi, Gabaye, Kovacs, and Piazzolla
- DePaul University May 2008
Works by C.P.E. Bach, Khachaturian, Milhaud, and Bartók
- Eastman School of Music May 2008
Works by Ravel, Wolf, Cortese, Duke, Barab, Rorem, Cumming, Hoiby, and Daugherty
- Eastman School of Music April 2008
Works by Rorem, Schubert, Ravel, Ibert, Massenet, and Leigh
- OperaBuffs of Western New York April 2008
Works by Massenet, Wagner, Mozart, Floyd, Gershwin, Bizet, and Kern
- Eastman School of Music March 2008
Works by Lutoslawski, Berg, Horovitz, and Mendelssohn
- Eastman School of Music February 2008
Brahms – Viola Sonata in F minor, op. 120/1

- Eastman School of Music December 2007
Heggie – The Deepest Desire
- Eastman School of Music November 2007
Works by Fiocco, Jacob, and Raum
- DePaul University June 2007
Works by Bottesini and Hindemith
- DePaul University June 2007
Dvorak – Violin Concerto
- DePaul University June 2007
Works by Krommer, Berg, and Bassi
- Eastman School of Music April 2007
Works by Handel, Brahms, Chausson, and Heggie
- Virginia Commonwealth University April 2006
Works by Jacob, Schumann, Sarasate, and Horowitz
- Teatro de la Danza, San Jose, Costa Rica August 2005
Works by Lutoslawski, Lovreglio, Schumann arr. Liszt, and Brahms
- Virginia Commonwealth University April 2005
Works by Delmas and Brahms
- Friends of Music Gala, Virginia Commonwealth University October 2004
Weber – Grand Duo Concertant

Large Ensemble Performances

- Eastman Wind Ensemble December 2009
Maslanka – Symphony No. 4
- Eastman Philharmonia Chamber Orchestra September 2008
Heggie – The Deepest Desire
- Oistrach Symphony Orchestra June 2008
Flynn – Moods
- New Eastman Outreach Orchestra February 2008
Works by Ginastera and Prokofiev
- Eastman School Symphony Orchestra February 2008
Works by Barber and Shostakovich
- Eastman School Symphony Orchestra February 2008
Shostakovich – Cello Concerto no. 1 in E-flat, op. 107
- Eastman Philharmonia January 2008
Ravel – Rhapsodie espagnole
- Eastman Philharmonia November 2007
Sekhon – Gogi
- Eastman Philharmonia March 2007
Works by Walton and Respighi
- Eastman Wind Ensemble October 2006
Tyzik – Trilogy – Variations on Themes of Howard Hanson (premiere)
- Virginia Commonwealth University Symphonic Wind Ensemble 2004 – 2006
Works by Nelson, Benson, Williams, Grainger, Hazo, Brusick, Dzubay, and Schwantner
- Governor’s School for the Arts Symphony Orchestra May 2003
Rachmaninoff – Piano Concerto No. 2

Solo Recitals

- Senior Recital, Virginia Commonwealth University May 2006
Works by Mozart, Rachmaninoff, Bach, and Shostakovich
- Junior Recital, Virginia Commonwealth University December 2004
Works by Beethoven, Schumann arr. Liszt, and Prokofiev

Opera Preparation

- Governor's School for the Arts, Norfolk, VA 2003
Mozart – "Die Zauberflöte"

COMPUTER SKILLS

- Programming: PHP, XHTML, XML, DHTML, CSS, AJAX, JavaScript
- Relational Database Design & Maintenance: MySQL
- Wordpress customization, theme development, and use as CMS
- Systems expertise with Mac OS X and Windows-based operating systems
- Graphics and Design: Adobe Creative Suite
- Highly proficient in word processing and spreadsheet/database manipulation
- Ability to troubleshoot and solve PC/Windows software and hardware problems

INTERESTS

Computer and information technology, cooking, reading, travel, organ playing and mechanics, languages and linguistics, grammar, and Pilates.

REFERENCES

Available upon request