

# Dr. Hye-Gyung Ji

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**Professor of Music in Piano**  
**Fine Arts Department, South Plains College**  
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## EDUCATION

**Doctor of Musical Arts in Piano Pedagogy** 2004 - 2007

Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX

- Major Professor: Dr. Lora Deahl, a co-author of *“Adaptive Strategies for Small-Handed Pianists (Oxford, 2017)”*
- Piano Pedagogy Professor: Dr. Jason Sifford and Dr. Jane Ann Wilson
- Dissertation: *“Issues of Performance Practice and Interpretation in Sergei Prokofiev’s Third Piano Concerto”*
- 3.949 G.P.A.

**Master of Music in Piano Performance and Piano Pedagogy** 2001 - 2004

Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX

- Major Professor: Dr. Lora Deahl
- *Summa cum laude*, 4.0 G.P.A.

**Bachelor of Music in Piano Performance** 1995 - 1999

Chung-Ang University, South Korea

- Major Professors: Dr. Wan-Kyu Chung and Dr. Sung Min Park
- Chamber Music Professor: Prof. Chi-Ho Cho
- *Summa cum laude*, 3.73 G.P.A.

## CONTINUING EDUCATION

**Certification in “Introduction to Classical Music”** 2019

- Yale University Online Learning
- Major Professor: Dr. Craig Wright, Professor of Music History

**Music and Medicine Peabody Online Program, “Playing Well”** 2018 – 2019

The Peabody Institute of Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD

- Major Professors: Dr. Serap Bastepe-Gray and Dr. Scott Brown

**Certification in Performing Arts and Medicine, “Essentials of Performing Arts Health”** 2018

- Accredited by the American College of Sports Medicine (ACSM) and the Performing Arts Medicine Association (PAMA)

## PROFESSIONAL TEACHING RECORD

**Tenured Professor of Music in Piano** 2007 – Present  
South Plains College, Levelland, TX

- Teaching an Honors course and all levels of applied piano, class piano, keyboard skills, musicianship, piano ensemble, music fundamentals, and music appreciation
- Teaching in multiple modalities such as in-person, online, and hybrid
- Title V guided pathways/Transfer guide advisor
- Certified faculty for Blackboard Ultra
- Collaborating with music faculty and students for solo performances, degree recitals, musicals, symphonic band, jazz band, and jazz vocal ensemble
- Coordinating accompanying assignments and accompanying college concert choir
- Developing department curriculum for courses and piano proficiency
- Organizing departmental events
- Adjudicating juries, piano proficiency exams, and auditions
- Recruiting and advising students
- Maintaining a piano lab

**Adjunct Professor of Music in Piano** 2005 – 2007  
Lubbock Christian University, Lubbock, TX

- Taught all levels of applied piano for music majors and electives
- Adjudicated keyboard proficiency exam and juries/Organized recitals

**Graduate Teaching Assistant of Piano and Accompanying Assistant** 2001 – 2007  
Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX

- Taught all levels of undergraduate applied piano and a four-semester sequence of class piano
- Accompanied faculty recitals and graduate/undergraduate degree recitals
- Collaborative pianist for chamber music and symphonic band

**Piano Instructor** 2005  
Dunbar Junior High School, Lubbock, TX

- Teaching internship
- Teaching group piano classes, developing piano courses, and organizing recitals

### **FACULTY SERVICE**

Honors College Instructor, South Plains College	Fall 2024 – Present
Title V Pathways Advisor, South Plains College	Fall 2024 – Present
Transfer Guide Advisor, South Plains College	2007 – Present
Coordinator of Collaborative Piano, South Plains College	2007 – Present
Scholarship Committee, South Plains College	2012 – 2015, 2021 – Present
Trumpet Faculty Search Committee as an Accompanist for Texas Tech University	2012
Vocal Faculty Search Committee, South Plains College	2010

## ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL HONORS AND AWARDS

First Place Winner, American Protégé International Competition	2022
Awarded 15 Year Service Award, South Plains College	2022
Received a rank promotion to Full Professor, South Plains College	2019
Awarded 10-Year Service Award, South Plains College	2017
Received a rank promotion to Associate Professor, South Plains College	2013
Awarded 5-Year Service Award, South Plains College	2012
Received Faculty Tenure, South Plains College	2011
Received a rank promotion to Assistant Professor, South Plains College	2008
Elected to Phi Beta Delta, Honor Society for International Scholars	2007
> Chi Chapter, Texas Tech University	
Elected to Phi Kappa Phi, Academic Honorary, Texas Tech University	2005
Finalist, Texas Tech University Concerto Competition	2005
Summer Dissertation / Thesis Research Award	2007
Elected to Religion and Race Scholarship	2002 – 2007
> Northwest Texas Conference United Methodist Church	
Awarded Summer Scholarship, Texas Tech University	2002 – 2007
Awarded Excellence in Performance Award by Pi Kappa Lambda	2002, 2005
Elected to Pi Kappa Lambda, Music Honorary, Texas Tech University	2002
First Place Winner, Texas Tech University Concerto Competition	2002
Janice K. Hodges Performance Award, Texas Music Teachers Association Competition	2002
Awarded <i>Klavier</i> Certification by the Korean Piano Pedagogy Association	2002
Awarded Chancellor's Endowed Fellowship, Texas Tech University	2001 – 2002
Awarded Excellence in Academic Record Award	1999
> by the President of Chung-Ang University, South Korea	
Department Honor Scholarship, Chung-Ang University, South Korea	1998
Junior Honor Scholarship, Chung-Ang University, South Korea	1998
Sophomore Honor Scholarship, Chung-Ang University, South Korea	1996 – 1997
Department Secondary Honor Scholarship, Chung-Ang University, Korea	1995 – 1996
Winner, Young Artist Piano Competition, Gyung-Ki State, South Korea	1994
Winner, Young Artist Piano Competition, Chung-Nam State, South Korea	1991

## PERFORMANCE EXPERIENCE

### Solo Performances

**Faculty Recital, Lubbock, Texas** 2025

**Invited Guest Artist Recital and Masterclass, Eastern New Mexico University**

- Music by Sibelius, Schumann, Liebermann, Rachmaninoff

**Lecture Recital / Research Paper Presentation** 2025

- The Hidden Gems of Russian Lyricism: Piano Transcriptions of Sergey Rachmaninoff's Art Songs

- American Protégé Winners Recital, Weill Recital Hall, Carnegie Hall, NY** 2022
- Chosen as a First Place Winner (College Students and Professional Musicians Division) of the American Protégé International Competition
- Solo Piano Recital, Weill Recital Hall, Carnegie Hall, NY** 2022
- Music by Clara and Robert Schumann, Barber, Beethoven
  - <https://www.carnegiehall.org/Calendar/2022/06/20/HyeGyung-Ji-Piano-0800PM>
- Invited Guest Artist Recital, West Texas A & M University, Canyon, TX** 2016
- Invited Guest Artist Recital, Lubbock Christian University, Lubbock, TX**
- Faculty Recital, The Legacy, Lubbock, TX**
- Faculty Recital, South Plains College, Levelland, TX**
- Invited Guest Artist Recital, Carson-Newman University, Jefferson City, TN**
- Music by Mozart, Babajanian, Earl Wild, Beethoven
- Invited Guest Artist Recital, UCSI University, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia** 2013
- Faculty Solo Recital, South Plains College, Levelland, TX**
- Music by Beethoven, Ravel, Schumann, Liebermann
- Invited Guest Artist Faculty Recital, Texas State University, San Marcos** 2012
- Music by Bach, Beethoven, Schumann, Liebermann
- Faculty Recital, South Plains College, Levelland, TX**
- Music by Mozart, Mendelssohn, Scriabin, Earl Wild
- Faculty Recital, South Plains College, Levelland, TX** 2008
- Music by Chopin, Schumann, Kail
- New Faculty Recital, Texas Music Teachers Association, Houston, TX**
- Music by Liebermann's *Gargoyles*
- Doctoral Recital, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX** 2007
- Music by Barber, Schumann, Liebermann
- Artistic Residency, South Korea**
- Recitals and Masterclasses with Dr. Lora Deahl at the Music Academy for the Young at Seoul Arts Center, Preparatory School for Young Artists at the Korean National Univ. of Arts, Myung Ji University, BaekSeok University, Chung-Ang University, YeWon Junior High School of the Arts, Manhattan Music School, and SeYon Piano Institute
- Invited Guest Artist, West Texas A&M University, Canyon, TX**
- Guest Artist, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX**
- Doctoral Lecture Recital, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX** 2006
- Invited Guest Artist Recital, Lubbock Christian University, Lubbock, TX**
- Serge Prokofiev, *Piano Concerto No. 3, Op.*
- Finals, Texas Tech University Concerto Competition, Lubbock, TX** 2005
- Serge Prokofiev, *Piano Concerto No. 3, Op.26*
- Doctoral Chamber Recital, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX**
- Music by Schumann, Brahms, Ravel

<b>Doctoral Solo Recital, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX</b>	2004
<b>Invited Guest Artist Recital, Lubbock Christian University, Lubbock, TX</b>	
• Music by Poulenc, Beethoven, Mendelssohn, Debussy	
<b>Invited Guest Artist, Annual Meeting of Methodist Conference</b>	
<b>Invited Guest Artist, Chung-Ang United Methodist Church, Dallas, TX</b>	
<b>Composers Concert</b>	2003
• Premiere of own work entitled " <i>Two Etudes for Piano</i> "	
<b>First Winner, Texas Tech University Concerto Competition</b>	2002
• Edvard Grieg, <i>Piano Concerto in A Minor</i>	
<b>Masters Solo Recital, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX</b>	
• Music by Schubert, Scarlatti, Mozart, Prokofiev, Grieg	
<b>Solo Recital, Dunpo United Methodist Church, South Korea</b>	1998
• Music by Chopin, Ravel, Prokofiev	
<b>Senior Recital, Chung-Ang University, South Korea</b>	
<b>Honors Recital, Chung-Ang University, South Korea</b>	1997
 <b><u>Collaborative Performances</u></b>	
<b>Faculty Chamber Recital, The Legacy, Lubbock, TX</b>	2017
<b>Invited Faculty Chamber Recital, Texas State University, San Marcos, TX</b>	
• Music by Sibelius, Hindemith, Bolcom, Grieg	
<b>Faculty Showcase, South Plains College</b>	2015, 2017
<b>Faculty Chamber Recital, South Plains College</b>	2014
<b>Invited Faculty Chamber Recital, Texas State University, San Marcos, TX</b>	
• Music by Bach, Copland, Beethoven	
<b>"Play it Forward" TTU School of Medicine Charity Recital</b>	2013
<b>Faculty Recitals for Trumpet Faculty Candidates, Texas Tech University</b>	2012
• Music by Hindemith, Albinoni, Faure, Jolivet, Telemann, Haydn, Traux, Clarke	
<b>Invited Faculty Chamber Recital, Texas State University, San Marcos, TX</b>	
• Music by Mozart, Brahms	
<b>Faculty Chamber Recital, South Plains College</b>	2011
<b>Invited Faculty Chamber Recital, Lubbock Christian University, Lubbock, TX</b>	
<b>Ronald Barron, Trombone Guest Artist Recital, Texas Tech University</b>	2010
• Music by Eric Ewazen, Eric Alexander, Tommy Dorsey	
<b>Ruby Moultrie, Voice Faculty Recital, South Plains College</b>	
<b>Trombone Studio Recital, James Decker, Texas Tech University</b>	2008
<b>Orchestra Soloist Competition, Texas Tech University</b>	2008, 2009

<b>Trumpet Trio Faculty Recital, South Plains College and Texas Tech University</b>	2007
• Music by Rafael Mendez, Leroy Anderson	
<b>Mateo Tolentino, Clarinet, Eastern New Mexico University, Portales, NM</b>	
• Music by Weber, Lutoslawski, Reinecke	
<b>Jason Sifford, Piano Duo, Texas Tech University</b>	
<b>Jennifer Morgan, Violin Recital, Wayland Baptist University, Wayland, TX</b>	
<b>Tuba and Euphonium Studio Recital, Kevin Wass, Texas Tech University</b>	
<b>Saxophone Faculty Recital, Texas Tech University</b>	2006
<b>Lubbock Arts Festival</b>	2005
<b>Chamber Music Recital, Texas Tech University</b>	2002
<b>Two-Piano Recital, Texas Tech University</b>	
<b>Viola Recital, Se-Jong Art Center, Seoul, South Korea</b>	1996
<b><u>Concerto Performance with Orchestra</u></b>	
<b>Texas Tech University Symphony Orchestra</b>	2003
• Edvard Grieg, <i>Piano Concerto in A Minor</i>	
<b><u>Radio Broadcasts</u></b>	
Featured artist, "Music from Texas Tech"	2005 - 2007
• KOHM Classical Radio Station (Current KTTZ-FM)	
<b><u>Masterclass Performances</u></b>	
<b>Louis Nagel, Professor of Piano, University of Michigan</b>	2006
<b>Timothy Carey, Concert Pianist and Conductor, England</b>	2005
<b>Richard Shuster, Professor of Piano/Piano Pedagogy, Texas Women's University</b>	2004
<b>Zoya Shuhatovich, Professor of Piano, University of Houston</b>	2002
<b>Sung Min Park, Professor of Piano, Sungshin Women's University</b>	1999
<b><u>Ensemble Performance</u></b>	
<b>Pianist, South Plains College Symphonic Band</b>	2013
<b>Pianist, Texas Tech University Symphonic Band</b>	2005

### **WORKSHOP, CONFERENCE PRESENTATION, PUBLICATION**

<b>Selected Translator, "Piano Maestro Book 1, 2, 3"</b>	Peer review in progress
Piano Repertoire Books by SeKwang Publishing Co., South Korea	
<b>Conference Proceedings, National Conference on Keyboard Pedagogy (NCKP)</b>	May 2024
"Adaptive Athletic Strategies for Optimal Performance: Is Stretching Enough?"	
<a href="https://a.co/d/0eRUEBWc">https://a.co/d/0eRUEBWc</a>	

- Selected Speaker, National Conference on Keyboard Pedagogy (Online NCKP)** 2023  
*"Adaptive Athletic Strategies for Optimal Performance: Is Stretching Enough?"*
- Invited Guest Speaker, Lubbock Music Teachers Association (LMTA)** 2023  
*"Essential Guidelines for Musicians' Mindful Use of Body"*
- Selected Keynote Speaker, Korean Association of Piano Pedagogy Conference, South Korea Conference Proceedings, "Musicians' Wellness: How to Listen to Your Body"** 2022
- Keynote Speaker, Workshop, Chung-Ang University, South Korea** 2021  
 Day 1 *"Mindful Use of Your Body as Pianist"*  
 Day 2 *"Practical Technology Resources and Teaching Strategies for Effective Online Lessons"*  
 Day 3 *"How to Extend Your Boundaries in Higher Education" – Q & A About Study Abroad*
- Invited Guest Lecture, Kunsan National University, South Korea** 2021  
*"Research about the Effective STEAM Education in the US and Adoptive Strategies to Develop the STEAM Program in Korean Community"* poop
- Invited Guest Lectures, Chung-Ang University, South Korea** 2018  
*"Playing-Related Musculoskeletal Disorders (PRMDs), Treatments, and Managements that Pianist Should Know"*
- Lecture Recital, Texas Music Teachers Association Conference, Arlington, TX** 2010  
*"Issues of Performance Practice and Interpretation in Sergei Prokofiev's Third Piano Concerto"*
- Article, International Piano Korea, Vol. 77** July 2009  
*"The Importance of Awareness While Practicing"*, pg. 54-56
- Doctoral Research Paper, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX** 2007  
*"Issues of Performance Practice and Interpretation in Sergei Prokofiev's Third Piano Concerto"*
- Texas Tech Musicology Colloquium, "New Directions in the Humanities"** 2005  
 Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX  
*"Sergei Prokofiev's Third Piano Concerto, Op. 26 in C Major"*
- Editor of "Klavier Performance Tour"** 2004  
*Korean Supplementary Repertoire Books Consisting of piano music from the Baroque, Classical, Romantic, and Modern eras for a Piano Method called Klavier written by Dr. Wan-Kyu Chung and published by Eumag Chunchu Publishing Co.*
- Music Teachers National Association Conference, Salt Lake City, Utah** 2003  
*"A Survey of Music Methods, Materials, and Teaching Strategies of South Korea"*

## OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

### The Frances Clark Center

Korean Translator of the International Initiatives Program Fall, 2024 – Present

### Lubbock Music Teachers Association

Second Vice-President/Membership & Yearbook Chair 2023 – Present

Website Chair 2020 – Present

### Adjudications

Pastoral Festival, National Federation of Music Clubs, Lubbock, TX 2022

Piano Concerto Competition, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX 2021

Pastoral Festival, National Federation of Music Clubs, Lubbock, TX 2020

Sonatina Festival, Levelland Music Teachers Association, Levelland, TX 2019

Grace Hamilton Piano Festival, West Texas A&M University, Canyon, TX 2016, 2020

Young Artist Piano Competition, Texas State University, San Marcos, TX 2013

Lubbock Music Teachers Association Piano Performance Competition 2011

Texas Music Teachers Association State Convention All-Star Festival 2005 – 2007

National Guild of Piano Teachers, Pastoral Festival 2003 – 2008

### Teaching Masterclasses

Piano Masterclass, West Texas A&M University, Canyon, TX 2016

Piano Masterclass, UCSI University, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia 2013

### Community Service

Choir Pianist, Forrest Heights UMC 2005 – Present

Interim Choir Director, Forrest Heights UMC March – July 2019

Pianist, Levelland High School Choir 2014 - 2018

Pianist, Smyer High School Band 2016

Pianist, Levelland High School Band 2016

Pianist, Muleshoe High School Choir 2014 – 2015

Pianist, Watson Junior High School Choir 2014 – 2015

Pianist, Canticum Novum Choir 2010 – 2014

Guest Pianist, West Texas Children's Chorus directed by Dr. Susan Brumfield 2007 – 2015

Pianist, Levelland Middle School Choir 2008 – 2014

Pianist, Northwest Texas School of Christian Missions 2005 – 2007

Pianist, Lubbock Korean United Methodist Church 2001 – 2004

Music Director and Conductor, Dunpo UMC, South Korea 2000 – 2001

Pianist, Dunpo United Methodist Church, South Korea 1985 – 2000



## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi

Music Teachers National Association (MTNA)

Performing Arts Medicine Association (PAMA)

The College Music Society (CMS)

Texas Music Teachers Association (TMTA)

Lubbock Music Teachers Association (LMTA)

American College of Musicians

Korean Association of Piano Pedagogy (KAPP), a Trustee (2016 – 2020)