# Curriculum Vitae

SARA CHOI



#### **EDUCATION**

M.M., Collaborative Piano, College of Music, Mahidol University, Thailand (JUN 2018 - )
B.A., College of Music Education, Konkuk University, Seoul, South Korea (MAR 2004 - FEB 2010)
High School, Jeongbal High School, Gyeonggi-Do, South Korea (MAR 2001 - FEB 2004)

#### EDUCATION AT OTHER INSTITUTIONS

- Completed Piano Pedagogy Course of Prime College Korea National Open University, Seoul, Korea (APR 2017- AUG 2017)
- Completed Intensive Piano Teaching with English for Preschool Children Training Program Ewha Woman's University, Korea Educational Evaluation Institution, Korea (FEB 2014 MAY 2014)
- Completed Ukulele Teacher Training Program Korea Ukulele Ensemble Association, Seoul, Korea (MAY 2011 - OCT 2011)
- Completed Music Therapist and Music Psychological Teacher Training Program Korea Orff Music Therapy Institute, Seoul, Korea (MAR 2010 - JUN 2010)

#### **BIOGRAPHY**

Born in Seoul, South Korea. Sara Choi has been playing the piano since the age of five. She received her bachelor's degree in Composition in College of Music Education, Konkuk University and certificate of secondary music teacher from Ministry of Education in South Korea, 2010. She worked as a music teacher at a middle school and an instructor of music program of National undertaking service at Korea Arts and Culture Education Service in South Korea as well. She begun a Master of Music program in Collaborative Piano under the guidance of Prof. Rolf-Diter Arens and she currently is studying with Dr. Korak Lertpibulchai, Coordinator of Collaborative Piano at the Mahidol University, College of Music.

Sara has worked as a collaborative pianist and an arranger for many ensemble, solo concerts of instruments or vocals and choirs including City chorus, Grand Opera Thailand and Church choir. Moreover, she also has worked with Opera project team for La Bohème, Così fan tutte, Tosca and Gilbert and Sullivan.

Currently, she has participated in masterclasses by Ksenia Nosikova and Anna Kijanowska, 'Voice & Collaborative piano 20 19' with Georgia Michaelides and Megumi Otsuka and 'the 1st Collaborative Piano Camp Thailand 2019' with Jun Komatsu and Esther Ning Yau with artist faculty. She has received certificate in The Arts and Technique of Collaborative Piano. Also, she has played for various performances as a collaborative pianist including "Thai -Austrian Friendship 150th anniversary celebration concert", "The final concert of 1st Collaborative Piano Camp Thailand" at Bangkok Arts and Culture Centre.

#### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Piano Accompanist, College of Music, Mahidol University, Thailand (JUN 2018 - )

Piano Accompanist, Grand Opera Thailand, Thailand (OCT 2019 - )

Piano Accompanist, Bangkok Korean Union Church Choir, Thailand (July 2019 - )

Music Teacher, Oryu Middle School, Seoul, South Korea (FEB 2015 - FEB 2017)

- Taught regular music class to students in the seventh and eighth grade,
- Taught piano chord accompaniment class for after school program

Piano Accompanist and Arranger, Guri City Chorus with the Disabled, Gyeonggi-Do, South Korea (DEC 2012 - DEC 2016)

Instructor of Music Program of National Undertaking Service for Soldiers and Prisoners, Korea Arts and Culture Education Service, South Korea (MAR 2012 - FEB 2016)

Senior Researcher of Music Educational Development, Korea Orff Music Therapy Institute, Seoul, South Korea (AUG 2010 - FEB 2016)

- Instructed Music Therapist Training Program for children with special needs
- Taught music classes for children with special needs at elementary schools

Instructor of Music Program for Out-of-school Adolescents, Gunpo City Youth Counseling Welfare Center, Gyeonggi-Do, South Korea (MAR 2015 - DEC 2015)

Director, Manual for Teachers of Music Class Text Book of Elementary School, Donga Publishing Company, Seoul, South Korea (JUN 2013 - JUL 2014)

- Produced a guide book including educational materials such as music CD or score for music text book

Piano Accompanist, Jesus Family Church Choir, Seoul, South Korea (DEC 2013 - JAN 2016)

Piano Accompanist, Yesuin Church Choir, Goyang City, Gyeonggi-Do, South Korea (DEC 2009 - JAN 2013)

Arranger, Samho Music Publishing Company, Seoul, South Korea

- Arrangement for a published book 'Collection of Famous songs for Clarinet and Piano' (OCT 2011)
- Arrangement for a published book 'Collection of Famous songs for Cello and Piano' (AUG 2010)

### AWARDS / HONORS

Received an Award Certificate from the member of the National Assembly of Korea as an accompanist for Guri city chorus with the disabled (APR 2015)

Awarded the first prize at 'Created Music Festival', Jesus Family Church, Seoul, Korea (APR 2015)

Performed with Orchestra at a yearly concert as a representative of the graduating class/ Awarded academic achievement scholarship, Department of Music Education, Konkuk University (SEP 2009)

## LICENSES / CERTIFICATION

Piano Teaching with English for Preschool Children Certificate
MAY 31 2014 Korea Educational Evaluation Institution, Seoul, Korea

Ukulele Teaching Certificate

OCT 15 2011 Korea Ukulele Ensemble Association, Seoul, Korea

Music Therapist and Music Psychological Teaching Certificate

JUN 30 2010 Korea Orff Music Therapy Institute, Seoul, Korea

Secondary Music Teacher Certificate FEB 22 2010 Ministry of Education, Korea

Master of MOS (Microsoft Office Specialist) 2007 Certificate APR 25 2010 Microsoft Corporation