

Linda Ruan

Piano

Named one of CBC's Hot 30 under 30 Canadian Classical Musicians, Chinese-Canadian pianist **Linda Ruan** is passionate about sharing the potential of music to overcome boundaries across cultures. From Tokyo and Shanghai, to Toronto and New York, music has remained a grounding force in her diverse childhood. Since discovering music with drums at the age of four and then the piano at the age of seven, she has established herself as a musician with the ability to reach a wide variety of audiences. From solo performances as a prize winner at the Carnegie Hall, to appearances with orchestras such as the Xinghai Philharmonic Orchestra in Guangzhou, her career has taken her all across the world.

In addition to her solo performances, she formed the La Fiammata piano duo with fellow pianist Charissa Vandikas. They are prize-winners of the Suzana Szorenyi International Piano Duo Competition and the Northwest International Piano Ensemble Competition. They are also deeply committed to exploring the full potential of the piano duo instrumentation and expanding its repertoire. In May of 2019, La Fiammata won a commission sponsored by the Ontario Arts Council, and premiered "density swells upclose in breath" by Canadian composer Julia Mermelstein.

Furthermore, Linda launched the Vancouver Chapter for Suite Melody Care in September of 2020, an organization that involves youths to give back to the community through themed performances in local hospitals, long-term care, and retirement homes. Additionally, she is a Community Engagement Fellow at The Juilliard School where she continues her work with the Music Advancement Program, which actively seeks students from diverse backgrounds underrepresented in classical music.

Linda received her Bachelor of Music with Honours from The Glenn Gould School in Toronto under the tutelage of James Anagnoson and Li Wang. Currently, she is studying at The Juilliard School in the studio of Hung-Kuan Chen.

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