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Music That Moves the Passions: 18th Century Harpsichord Music with Joyce Chen

Saturday, September 14, 2024, 2:00pm

Reed College Performing Arts Building, Portland Oregon

YouTube premiere, Sunday September 29, 2024, 2pm - @westernearlykeyboardassoc

Program

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685 – 1750)

Tocatta in E minor, BWV 914 (1710)

[no tempo indication] - Un Poco Allegro - Adagio - Fuga: Allegro

Fantasy and Fugue in A minor, BWV 944

Georg Friedrich Handel (1685 – 1759)

Suite No. 3 in D minor for Harpsichord, HWV. 428, From the 8 Great Suites (1720)

Präludium - Allegro (Fugue) - Allemande - Courante - Air & five variations - Presto

François Couperin (1668 – 1733)

From Second Ordre, Pièces de clavecin, Livre 1 (1713)

Les Idées Heureuses - La Garnier

Marianna Martines (1744 – 1812)

Harpsichord Sonata in G major (1769)

Allegro Brillante - Andante - Allegro assai

Joseph-Nicolas-Pancrace Royer (1703 – 1755)

From Pièces de clavecin, Premier Livre (1746)

La Marche des Scythes (Fièrement)

Hands-On Exporation

After the recital, piano teachers, students, and newcomers are welcome to come forward and explore the Reed harpsichords! Assisting are Carol lei Breckenridge, Jane Mendenhall, Sue Jensen, and Paul Irvin. Follow this link to open a color handout, *Introduction to the Harpsichord*.



About the Performer

Dr. Joyce Wei-Jo Chen is Assistant Professor of Historical Keyboards at the University of Oregon. Dr. Chen holds a Doctor of Musical Arts in Harpsichord Performance from Stony Brook University and a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering from UC Berkeley. Dr. Chen has been on faculty at St. Joseph's University, the University of Delaware, and Delaware State University, where she also introduced a pilot program of HBCU early music access project in collaboration with Early Music America and the Princeton GradFUTURES program.

As a solo harpsichordist, Dr. Chen has performed throughout the United States, France, Belgium, and Taiwan. Dr. Chen received the 2018 Individual Artist Fellowship from the Delaware Division of the Arts and was a featured soloist in the 2019 Emerging Artist Showcase by Early Music America. Dr. Chen released her first solo harpsichord album featuring English virginalist music in Fall 2023. Visit Dr. Chen's YouTube Channel: *@JoyceChenMusic*

Dr. Chen is a Ph.D. candidate in the Department of Music (Historical Musicology) and the Interdisciplinary Doctoral Program in Humanities at Princeton University. Her dissertation explores the intersection between science, music, and aesthetics involving instrument-making, sensory experience, and the development of acoustical theory. For this project, Dr. Chen spent four months working as an apprentice at Zuckermann Harpsichords International in Stonington, Connecticut. In addition, she just finished building her first harpsichord from a Zuckermann Troubadour Virginal Kit. (See *zhi.net*)

Recognitions

The Reed College Early Keyboard Collection is the only publicly accessible collection of early keyboards in the Portland area. It was established through the work of Bonnie Garrett, (harpsichordist and fortepianist) during her 30-year career at Reed. The instruments have been expertly improved and maintained by the collection curator, Paul Irvin (instrument builder). Today WEKA recognizes with gratitude the valuable contributions of both Bonnie and Paul which make our early keyboard programs possible and benefit everyone in our community.

UPCOMING HANDS-ON FORTEPIANO EVENT: Saturday, March 15, 2024, 2:00 pm

(check wekaweb.org for location) - **Anastasia Chin** performs music by Mozart, Beethoven and their contemporary women composers at the fortepiano, followed by hands-on time! A wonderful opportunity for teachers, students, and any newcomers to learn how the touch and tone of the early fortepiano influences the Classical style. Welcome!

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