

SUSAN AND SARAH WANG, PIANO DUO

Susan and Sarah Wang, American-born twin sisters, are one of the foremost professional duo piano teams in the world. They are the 3rd prizewinners in the 2010 ARD International Two Piano Competition in Munich. The twin sisters also hold second prize at the prestigious Murray Dranoff International Two Piano Competition, becoming the first American team to have reached the finals of this competition in more than a decade. They have also won third place in the Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy Preis in Berlin 2009, third place in the International Two Piano Competition in Bialystok, Poland 2008, and second place in the 2003 Ellis National Duo Competition.

The piano duo gave their debut concert in 1998 at Cooper Union in New York City. They have since then performed at Hill Auditorium in Ann Arbor, Weill Recital Hall, Lincoln Center Alice Tully Hall, and Steinway Hall in New York, the Bard Music Festival, and Lincoln Theatre in Miami, among many other venues throughout the United States. In recent years Susan and Sarah have also appeared in numerous concert halls throughout Germany. They have performed live for Bayerischer Rundfunk in Munich and have been filmed for the ARD and NDR television stations in Germany. They have also recorded for the NDR Radio Station in Hamburg, Vermont Public Radio Station, and New York's Classical Radio Station WQXR.

Susan and Sarah are recipients of numerous scholarships and grants, including the Valerie B. Schwarz Grant from the Salon de Virtuosi in New York and the Theodore Presser Scholarship at Michigan. Appearances with orchestra include the Bayerischer Rundfunk Symphonie Orchester with Christoph Poppen, the Münchner Rundfunk Orchester with Marko Letonja, the Florida Classical Orchestra and the Atlantic Symphony Orchestra under Stewart Robertson, the Heilbronner Sinfonie Orchester, the Norddeutscher Philharmonie Rostock with Manfred Hermann Lehner, and the University of Michigan Philharmonic Orchestra under Kenneth Kiesler,

The Taiwanese-American twins were born and raised in Ridgewood, New Jersey. They began their piano studies with Dmitry Rachmanov at the Manhattan School of Music Preparatory Division. In 2005 they each received their bachelor's degree for piano performance under Louis Nagel at the University of Michigan, and in 2007 they received their master's degree for piano performance from the Manhattan School of Music where they studied with Marc Silverman. Susan and Sarah are currently enrolled in the Konzert Exam program for duo piano performance at the Hochschule für Musik und Theater Rostock, Germany, under the tutelage of Hans-Peter and Volker Stenzl.

The piano duo team has also had coachings with renowned pianists and professors Jeffrey Cohen, Franklin Larey, John O'Connor, Christopher Harding, Katherine Collier, Philip Bush, Julia and Irina Elkina, Angela Cheng, Alvin Chow, Peter Basquin, Ed Turgeon, and Alex Braginsky.