Lu Niu, Collaborative Pianist

Education

Cleveland Institute of Music, Doctoral of Musical Arts in Collaborative Piano, 2025–present
Cleveland Institute of Music, Graduate Diploma in Collaborative Piano, 2024–2025, 3.98 GPA
Cleveland Institute of Music, Master of Music in Collaborative Piano and Piano Performance, 2024, 3.98 GPA
Cleveland Institute of Music, Bachelor of Music in Piano Performance, 2021, 3.95 GPA

Experiences

Graduate Assistant and Freelance Pianist
Cleveland Institute of Music | 2022–present

- Rehearsed with singers and instrumentalists
- Played for lessons, studio classes, and masterclasses relating to the recitals
- Helped making recordings with singers and instrumentalists
- Played in the following recitals:
    - Senior Vocal Recital, April 27th, 2022
    - Professional Studies Cello Recital, May 1st, 2022
    - Senior Violin Recital, May 1st, 2022
    - Senior Cello Recital, October 14th, 2022
    - DMA Cello Recital, April 15th, 2023
    - Master Clarinet Recital, April 26th, 2023
    - Senior Cello Recital, November 13th, 2023
    - Intensive Duo Gala Concert, November 28th, 2023
    - DMA Cello Recital, March 2nd, 2024
    - Master Cello Recital, March 22nd, 2024
    - Senior Viola Recital, March 26th, 2024
    - Master Clarinet Recital, April 11th, 2024
    - Master Vocal Recital, March April 14th, 2024
    - Violin Departmental Recital, April 14th, 2024
    - Junior Clarinet Recital, April 16th, 2024
    - Senior Violin Recital, April 17th, 2024
    - Master Violin Recital, April 20th, 2024
    - Senior Violin Recital, May 3rd, 2024
    - Junior Clarinet Recital, May 8th, 2024
    - Junior Trumpet Recital, May 9th, 2024
    - Junior Cello Recital, October 24th, 2024
    - Master Violin Recital, October 31st, 2024
    - Senior Viola Recital, November 3rd, 2024
    - Senior Clarinet Recital, November 6th, 2024

Senior Violin Recital, November 10th, 2024
Senior Viola Recital, December 4th, 2024
DMA Cello Recital, December 7th, 2024
Master Vocal Recital, April 12th, 2025
Master Violin Recital, April 21st, 2025
Master Cello Recital, April 23rd, 2025
Senior Clarinet Recital, April 24th, 2025
Senior Clarinet Recital, April 27th, 2025
Honors Convocation, May 16th, 2025
Luminaries Benefit Concert, May 16th, 2025
Master Violin Recital, March 23th, 2026
Senior Cello Recital, May 5th, 2026

Collaborative Pianist
Kent State University Glauser School of Music, Kent, OH | 2026 Spring—present
- Played in weekly vocal studio classes, had meeting with vocal students for rehearsals
- Played in Tenor-Bass choir, Coro Cantare
- Played in departmental performances and student juries

Church Pianist and Organist
Eastshore United Methodist Church, Euclid, OH | 2024–present
- Played in weekly services
- Engaged in weekly choral rehearsals

Orchestral Keyboardist
Akron Symphony Orchestra, Akron, OH | 2024 Spring–2025 Spring
- Played in concerts and rehearsals in substitution of the principal keyboardist of the Akron Symphony Orchestra

Cleveland Institute of Music | 2023 Fall–2024 Spring
- Had weekly repertoire classes and individual coaching with Joela Jones, the former principal keyboardist of the Cleveland Orchestra
- Played in the following concerts:
  Halloween Spectacular, October 29th, 2023
  Cleveland Institute of Music Orchestra concert, February 27th, 2024

Collaborative Pianist and Translator
Cleveland Institute of Music International Academy | Summer 2019
- Played in the masterclasses and lessons
- Provided English to Chinese translation during private lessons

Private Piano Instructor
Cleveland, OH | 2024–present
- Obtained the Cleveland Institute of Music Piano Pedagogy Practicum Certificate in 2024, including teaching 5 lessons to a high school student, 3 lessons to an adult, and 2 group keyboard classes
- Taught weekly individual lessons to piano students from my current studio
- Created tailored lesson plans for individuals of all ages with different levels
- Piano lesson content varies and includes classical piano performance, music theory, music theatre, and improvisation

Piano Studies

Anita Pontremoli, Professor of Collaborative Piano
Cleveland Institute of Music | 2022–present

Christine Hill, Professor of Collaborative Piano
Cleveland Institute of Music | 2022–present

Kathryn Brown, Professor of Piano
Cleveland Institute of Music | 2019–2024

Haesun Paik, Professor of Piano
Cleveland Institute of Music | 2017–2019

Danwen Wei, Professor of Piano
The Middle and High School Affiliated to Shenyang Conservatory of Music | 2014–2017

Music Festivals

Bowdoin International Music Festival, Brunswick, ME | Summer 2025
- Served as a collaborative piano fellow and studied with Pei-Shan Lee, collaborative piano professor from the New England Conservatory
- Played in rehearsals and lessons with the instrumentalists
- Played in weekly performances and one of the two masterclasses led by concert violinist Simone Porter

Ascent Chamber Music Festival, Hudson, OH | Summer 2024
- Served as a staff pianist for the young artist showcases
- Played in rehearsals and lessons with the instrumentalists

Music Academy of the West, Santa Barbara, California | Summer 2023
- Served as a instrumental collaborative piano fellow and study with Jonathan Feldman, collaborative piano professor from the Juilliard School; Natasha Kislenko, collaborative piano

professor from the University of California, Santa Barbara; Margaret McDonald, collaborative piano professor from the University of Colorado, Boulder
- One of the finalists of the Music Academy Duo Competition
- Played in various masterclasses including one led by concert violinist Augustin Hadelich, weekly lessons, and performed in showcases

Art Song Festival, Cleveland, OH | Summer 2022
- Served as the pianist and participated in lessons
- Performed in the final recital
- Performed in the masterclasses led by Warren Jones, Craig Terry, Tamara Wilson, and David Portillo

Bowdoin International Music Festival, Brunswick, ME | Summer 2022
- Studied piano with professor Soyeon Kate Lee from the Julliard School
- Attend in weekly lessons and studio classes

Music Festival Perugia, Perugia, Italy | Summer 2015
- Played in lessons and masterclasses led by pianist Marina Lomazov and Sasha Starcevich
- Performed *Grieg Piano Concerto in A minor* with the festival orchestra

Beijing International Music Festival | Summer 2013, 2016
- Played in weekly lessons and performed in masterclasses

Honors and Awards

First-Place Winner, American Protégé International Romantic Music Competition, Piano Duo/ Four Hands division, 2026
Cleveland Institute of Music Grant, 2017–present
Scholarship Recipient, Eastshore United Methodist Church, 2025
Collaborative Piano Full Tuition Scholarship Recipient, Bowdoin International Music Festival, 2025
Collaborative Piano Full Tuition Scholarship Recipient, Music Academy of West, 2023
Cleveland Heights Alumni chapter of Mu Phi Epsilon Rosa Lobe Award, 2023
Graduate Assistantship Recipient, Cleveland Institute of Music, 2022–2023
YAMAHA Music Scholarship 2014