

Geneva College  
International Music Festival  
July 20-July 25, 2015



Festival  
Program &  
Handbook

# Message from the Director

*With great excitement and anticipation, I welcome students and parents from near and far to our first Geneva International Music Festival. We would like to express our sincere thanks to all that made this occasion possible. To the parents, students, teachers, and our generous sponsors, thank you! May this be an opportunity of learning, sharing, loving, and growing on this beautiful campus and beyond! Have a wonderful time!*



*Sincerely,*

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Shawang" with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Dr. Sha Wang  
Professor of Music  
Geneva College

Director of the International Music  
Festival  
Founder and Director of Pittsburgh  
Piano Academy

# Our Distinguished Faculty and Guest Artists



**Dr. Sha Wang** is a music professor, concert pianist, and director of this festival. She has won numerous awards internationally. She has performed for former US President Ford and has collaborated with musicians from the Metropolitan Opera, Pittsburgh Symphony, and etc. Dr. Wang is a Yamaha Artist.



**Mrs. Kathryn Copeland Donaldson** is soprano and has performed with Gabrieli Consort, English Concert, and BBC Singers. She has sung in venues such as Buckingham Palace, St. Paul's Cathedral and St. Martin in the Fields. She is currently part of Pittsburgh Opera and Bach Choir of Pittsburgh. She is an adjunct faculty of voice at Geneva College.



**Mr. George Furlow** is an distinguished woodwind performing artist. He specializes in Saxophone. In addition to teaching at Geneva College, Mr. Furlow also has performed with Pittsburgh Symphony, Three Rivers Saxophone Quartet, and etc. He is also an extraordinary Jazz musician and a church music director.



**Mr. David Rhoades** is a church organist and adjunct faculty of organ at Geneva College. For over thirty-six years he served two churches as organist, choir director and hand bell director. He also served as the organist for the college choir, the Genevans at their Christmas Concert for ten years.



**Dr. David Kenneth Smith** is a tenor, voice professor and choir conductor. He has performed in opera, art song recitals and oratorio, and serves as the conductor of the Genevans, Geneva College's student choir. He has led this choir on tours throughout the United States and to Asia.



**Dr. Nanette Kaplan Solomon** is a pianist and Professor Emerita of Music at Slippery Rock University. She has performed frequently as soloist and chamber musician. She is a devoted pianist advocating music written by women composers and has recorded a CD of music by Mana-Zucca on the Albany label.



**Ms. Mimi Jue Wang** is a concert pianist and faculty at Tianjin Conservatory of Music, Middle School division. She received her training in Germany and was the winner of the International Competition for Young Pianists in Memory of Vladimir Horowitz in Ukraine, International Competition of Young Pianists in Russia and the Grieg Competition in Norway.



**Mr. David Allen Wehr** is a concert pianist and distinguished piano chair at Duquesne University. He was the winner at the Santander International Piano Competition in Spain, the Chopin-Kosciuszko Prize in New York, the Naumburg International Piano Competition, and the Kapell International Piano Competition at the Kennedy Center in Washington.



**Ms. Weiran Zhang** has a Master's degree in electronic organ from Tianjin Conservatory of Music. She is currently a faculty member at the Conservatory and also serves as adjudicator for competitions such as Yamaha and Yinfei electronic organ competition.



**Ms. Xin Zhang** is the founder and director of Tianyou Arts Center in Tianjin. A graduate of Tianjin Conservatory of Music, she is a devoted teacher to hundreds of young musicians. She also serves as adjudicators and clinician at local and national competitions.

Our dedicated staff members include Ms. Stacey Key, Ms. Ashley Krut, Ms. Danielle Fitzgerald and Mr. Ian Taylor.

# Our Talented Students

From the United States:



- ♪ Vittoria Zoe Catalano
- ♪ Grace Edmonds
- ♪ Marie Fouche
- ♪ Preston Fouche
- ♪ Caleb Hixon
- ♪ Jackson Hunt
- ♪ Stephanie Johnson
- ♪ Abigail Lorah
- ♪ Hannah Lorah
- ♪ Nathan Massie
- ♪ Derek Peng
- ♪ Gary Peng
- ♪ Katie Wethli

From Canada:



- ♪ Kevin Zhou

From the People's Republic of China:



- ♪ Yi Chen
- ♪ Yun Fei Chen
- ♪ Yi Zhe Du
- ♪ Yu Xuan Fu
- ♪ Wen Wei Gao
- ♪ Lian Liu
- ♪ Yu Fang Wang
- ♪ Bo Yang
- ♪ Jia Xuan Zhang
- ♪ Su Yi Zhu

# Schedule



## Monday (7/20)

9-9:30 Orientation/welcome/introduction: Northwood 13

9:30-10:30 Masterclass #1

Group A: Northwood 13 (Dr. Solomon)

B: Alumni Hall (Dr. Wang)

C: Annex (Mr. Taylor)

D: Northwood 118 (Mr. Furlow)

E: Auditorium (Mr. Rhoades)

10:30-11 Musical Moments #1: Mr. Furlow (Old Main lobby)

11-12 Masterclass #2 (Auditorium)

12-12:45 Lunch at Brig

12:45-2:15 ESL Class (NW118)

Local Students: Lecture with staff (NW 13)

2:15 – 3 A campus tour (starting in Northwood lobby)

## Tuesday (7/21)

9-9:15 Intro for the day: Northwood 13

9:15-10:30 Masterclass #3

Group A: NW13 (Dr. Wang)

B: Auditorium (Dr. Solomon)

C: Annex (Mr. Taylor)

D: NW 118 (Ms. Krut)

E: First Presbyterian Church (Mr. Rhoades)

10:30-11 Musical Moments (NW 13)

11-12 Masterclass #4: local kids (NW 13)

international students: college admission lecture (NW118)

12-1 lunch

1-2:30 ESL Class (NW118)

Local Students: Lecture with staff (NW 13)

2:30-3 A library tour

## Wednesday (7/22)



9-9:15 Intro for the day: Northwood 13

9:15-10:30 Masterclass #5

Group A: Northwood 13 (Dr. Solomon)

B: Auditorium (Dr. Wang)

C: Annex (Taylor)

D: NW 118 (Mr. Furlow)

E: First Presbyterian Church (Mr. Rhoades)

10:30-11 Musical Moments (NW 13)

11-12 Masterclass #6

A & B & C: Auditorium (NW 13)

International: Lecture on what American College life is like? (NW 118)

12-1 lunch

1-2:30 ESL Class (NW118)

Local Students: Lecture with staff (NW 13)

❖ 1:30-2:30 Masterclass (Annex)

Group C with Mrs. Donaldson

2:30-3 Game Time!

## Thursday (7/23)

Local Students only

9-9:15 intro of the day (Northwood 13)

9:15 - 10:15 Masterclass #7

A & B & C Northwood 13 (Dr. Solomon)

10:30-11 Musical Moments

11-11:30 downtime/game

11:30-12:30 lunch

12:30-1:30 Masterclass #8/lecture (how to practice) Dr. Solomon

❖ 2-3 Masterclass #9 Group C with Dr. Smith (Annex)

1:30-3 Time with faculty

## **Friday (7/24)**

- 4-5 Masterclass #10 by  
Ms. Mimi Jue Wang (Alumni Hall)  
4-5 Masterclass #11 by  
Mr. David Wehr (Auditorium)  
5-6 Dress rehearsal  
6 Festival Recital and Reception



## **Saturday (7/25)**

- 9-12 Festival Competition & Award Ceremony  
(NO lunch provided)

- ♪ All events are open to parents  
♪ All Musical Moments and Recitals are open to the public  
♪ Free admission to all concerts

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