



# Mehana Ellis

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## University of California, Berkeley

Music major, class of 2026

- Piano teacher: Betty Woo, Fall 2022-present, ([bettywoo@berkeley.edu](mailto:bettywoo@berkeley.edu))
- Joan C. Reutinger Prize—scholarship for “outstanding freshman pianist,” 2022/23
- Alfred Hertz Memorial Traveling Scholarship, 2024/25
- Performed solo piano for Noon Concert Series (2023-24) and Stebbins Piano Series (Berkeley Women’s Faculty Club, 2023-24)
- University Chorus, Fall 2022 - Spring 2024

## San Francisco Conservatory of Music, Pre-College

Studied from 2015-2022, graduated with honors

- Piano teachers: Annamarie McCarthy, 2019-2022 ([amccarthy@sfc.edu](mailto:amccarthy@sfc.edu)); Tomoko Hagiwara, 2018-2019
- Violin teacher: Joseph Maile of Fischhoff and Naumburg-winning Telegraph Quartet, 2015-2018
- Noteworthy Musicianship Tutor Award, 2019
- Chorus, 5 years; string orchestra, 1 year; full senior recital, January 15, 2022
- 17th Annual Young Pianists Play Liszt recital, SF Bay Area Chapter of the American Liszt Society and SFCM, March 19, 2022
- Two scholar certificates (research papers and presentations on Liszt and Chopin)

## Recent Honors + Awards

- Aspen Music Festival and School, Solo Piano (student of Anton Nel, full 8-week session), 75th Anniversary Season 2024
- Third Prize, The American Prize in Piano Performance (solo), 2024
- First Prize, 4Seasons Vienna International Musician Competition, 2024
- Second Prize, WPTA Spain International Piano Competition, 2024
- International Music Festival of the Adriatic, Solo/Chamber, (Duino and Trieste, Italy; Radovljica, Slovenia), 2023
- McKee Laureate, 25th Annual Ross McKee Piano Competition, 2023
- Grand Prize, 2nd Elena Leonova International Young Pianists Competition (New York Piano Society), 2022
- Boston University Tanglewood Institute, Young Artists Piano Program, Summer 2022
- Plus 90+ awards since 2020

## Performances

- University of Cambridge, England (British Forum of Ethnomusicology) - April 3, 2025
- Sala degli Arazzi, Piacenza, Italy - October 26, 2024
- Hertz Hall, UC Berkeley (Noon Concert) - September 4, 2024
- Aspen Music Festival and School - August 16, 2024
- Mozarthaus Vienna - May 26, 2024
- Novi Sad, Serbia (Lecture-recital) - May 22, 2024
- Université d'Artois, France (Lecture-recital) - March 28, 2024
- Hertz Hall, UC Berkeley (Noon Concert) - February 21, 2024
- 92nd Street Y - November 5, 2023
- Radovljica, Slovenia - June 25, 2023
- Duino, Italy (chamber/solo) - Various Dates, 2023
- Trieste, Italy (chamber) - June 11, 2023
- The Bowes Center at SFCM - January 15, 2023
- Carnegie Hall (Weill Recital Hall), New York - December 18, 2022
- Boston University Tanglewood Young Artists Piano Program - Various Dates, 2022

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