

Mehana Ellis



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University of California, Berkeley

Music/Mathematics double major, class of 2026

- Piano teacher: Betty Woo, 2022 - 2026 (bettywoo@berkeley.edu)
- Joan C. Reutinger Prize: Scholarship for "outstanding freshman pianist," 2022
- Alfred Hertz Memorial Traveling Scholarship, 2024/25
- Bernece B. Lyon Memorial Prize, 2024/25
- Performed solo piano for Noon Concert Series and Stebbins Piano Series (Berkeley Women's Faculty Club)
- University Chorus, 2022 - 2024
- Javanese Gamelan, 2025

San Francisco Conservatory of Music, Pre-College Division

Studied from 2015 - 2022, graduated with Honors

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

Recent Honors + Awards

- First Prize, International Music Competition "Paris" Grand Prize Virtuoso, 2025
- First Prize, Rachmaninoff Concerto Competition (Triumph Music Festival), 2025
- 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

- The Opéra Bastille, Paris, France - December 11, 2025
- Academy of Music Ballroom (Kimmel Center), Philadelphia - September 27, 2025
- Hertz Hall, UC Berkeley (Noon Concert) - September 3, 2025
- Isidor Bajic Music School, Novi Sad, Serbia (Concert) - May 21, 2025
- University of Cambridge, England (British Forum of Ethnomusicology) - April 3, 2025
- Sala degli Arazzi, Piacenza, Italy - October 26, 2024
- Aspen Music Festival and School, Harris Hall - 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
- 92nd Street Y - November 5, 2023
- Radovljica, Slovenia - June 25, 2023
- Trieste & Duino, Italy (chamber/solo) - Various Dates, 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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