

Mehana Ellis

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Butler School of Music, University of Texas at Austin

M.M. Piano Performance, class of 2028

- Piano teacher: Anton Nel (Anton.Nel@austin.utexas.edu)
- Elizabeth Anne Tucker Centennial Scholarship, 2026
- Ching and Man-Li Yew Scholarship for Classical Piano, 2026
- Alamo City Endowed Scholarship for Pianists, 2026

University of California, Berkeley

Music/Mathematics double major, class of 2026

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

San Francisco Conservatory of Music, Pre-College Division

Studied from 2015 - 2022, graduated with Honors

- Piano teachers: Annamarie McCarthy, 2019 - 2022 (amccarthy@sfc.edu); Tomoko Hagiwara, 2018 - 2019
- Noteworthy Musicianship Tutor Award, 2019
- Two scholar certificates (research papers and presentations on Liszt and Chopin)

Recent Honors + Awards

- 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
- 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

- Isidor Bajic Music School, Novi Sad, Serbia (Concert) - TBD
- Hertz Hall, UC Berkeley (2026 Music Department Commencement) - May 17
- Wu Recital Hall, UC Berkeley (Solo Noon Concert/Senior Recital) - May 1
- Berkeley Piano Club (E4TT/RMF New Music Piano Summit) - March 1, 2026
- Hertz Hall, UC Berkeley (Solo Noon Concert) - January 28, 2026
- The Opéra Bastille, Paris, France - December 11, 2025
- Academy of Music Ballroom (Kimmel Center), Philadelphia - September 27, 2025
- Isidor Bajic Music School, Novi Sad, Serbia (Concert) - May 21, 2025
- Sala degli Arazzi, Piacenza, Italy - October 26, 2024
- Aspen Music Festival and School, Harris Hall - August 16, 2024
- 92nd Street Y - November 5, 2023
- The Bowes Center at SFCM - January 15, 2023
- Boston University Tanglewood Young Artists Piano Program - Various Dates, 2022

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