

Hrant Bagrazyan

Hrant Bagrazyan was born on October 17, 1985 in Yerevan, Armenia. He started playing the piano at the age of six. From 1992 to 2002 Hrant studied at Tchaikovsky Secondary Music School. From 2002 to 2007 he studied at Yerevan State Conservatory (studio of Professor Igor Yavryan) graduating from it in May 2007 with Artist Diploma. In 2009 Hrant was accepted in Cleveland Institute of Music, studio of Artist-In-Residence Sergei Babayan. He received Professional Studies diploma and Artist Diploma in 2009 and 2011 respectively. In May 2016 Hrant graduated from Master in Music program at CIM (studio of distinguished pianist and pedagogue HaeSun Paik). Since August 2017 Hrant is pursuing his doctoral degree in piano performance at Michigan State University College of Music (studio of Associate Professor Margarita Shevchenko).

Hrant has won prizes in both local (Armenia) and international competitions, including 3rd Prize and bronze medal in Aram Khachaturian International 2nd Piano Competition (2007, Yerevan, Armenia), 1st Prize in Kankakee Valley Symphony Orchestra International Young Artist Competition (2014, Bourbonnais, IL) and 1st Prize in San Jose International Piano Competition (2015, San Jose, CA). In October 2016 Hrant won the Outstanding Performance Award at NTD International Piano Competition in New York.

Hrant Bagrazyan has played concerts in Armenia, Belgium, Poland and United States. In 2004 after his victory in George Saradjev National Piano Competition Hrant appeared in his orchestral debut performing Sergei Prokofiev's 3rd Piano Concerto with Armenian Philharmonic Orchestra at Aram Khachaturian Concert Hall. In 2007 Hrant performed Aram Khachaturian's Piano Concerto with Youth State Orchestra of Armenia. In 2014 Hrant made his US orchestral debut performing Johannes Brahms's 1st Piano Concerto with Kankakee Valley Symphony Orchestra. Highlights of 2017-18 season include the appearance as the soloist in Beethoven 4th Piano Concerto with Heights Chamber Orchestra under the baton of Domenico Boyagian and the recital at Carnegie Hall Weil Recital Hall.

Besides performing in orchestra concerts and solo recitals Hrant also participated in music festivals, most notably as a guest performer at the gala concert of Sergei Babayan International Academy in 2013.