

Tien Hsieh, Pianist

Testimonials from Presenters

“We were lucky and proud to present Tien Hsieh's brilliant concert in April 2022 at the Sprague Theater in Bandon, Oregon. The program opened with a short Liszt song transcription followed by the rare combination of 24 Preludes by Chopin, 24 Preludes by Scriabin, ending with two Rachmaninoff Preludes! Tien was a pleasure to work with regarding all aspects making this Showcase performance possible. This includes a wonderful Outreach where she went off site to a local school, performed and interacted with seventh and eighth graders. You could feel the excitement and mutual respect in the room. She related so well to them, and it was most inspiring!”

Candace Kreitlow, Presenter (2022)

Bandon Showcase at Sprague Theater, Oregon

“I am writing to give my highest possible recommendation for Ms. Tien Hsieh, concert pianist. My husband and I were so honored last year when Ms. Hsieh agreed to be the inaugural performer at Angel's Center for the Arts, North Sacramento's newest performance venue, utilizing music, art and culture to foster community revitalization along the Del Paso Boulevard business corridor. As a new venue, it was important to us to kick off our first season with a top notch, stellar performance that would wow the crowd. Ms. Hsieh delivered that and so much more.

This past year I was very pleased to work with Ms. Hsieh on four additional projects: finalization of a recording of the May 14th performance, the creation of a podcast which features her life story and musical background, and two additional performances at our venue. These two additional performances included performing at a private, intimate reception and giving a public concert for the community in connection with a craft fair at our venue. For these performances she played additional pieces, including incorporating female composers, which the audience greatly enjoyed. Her involvement made our events extra special because she added art and culture at its finest.

In our working relationship I have found Ms. Hsieh to be extremely hardworking and dedicated. She is a consummate professional. She has been an amazing partner who has gone above and beyond in the projects we have created together. Having her involvement and support has been a tremendous asset to our Center and what we are trying to accomplish. In every performance she has wowed the audience with her outstanding musicianship and won their hearts with her passionate storytelling.

Anybody who secures Ms. Hsieh to perform at their venue will be extremely fortunate. She is a crowd pleaser in that she brings forward a unique combination of talents from her incredible piano playing and in-depth knowledge, to her amazing storytelling. Her performances command standing ovations, receive major accolades and bring out strong emotions for those in attendance. I give her my highest possible recommendation.”

Carmela Castellano-Garcia, Co-Founder (2023)

Angel's Center for the Arts, Sacramento, CA

“In my role as Chair of the annual Water Music Festival, a major 3-day music event held since 1985 in southwest Washington state, it is my great honor to heartily recommend Tien Hsieh as an outstanding pianist who is highly deserving of every showcase and performance opportunity.

I have known Ms. Hsieh since 2010 when she made her first appearance with our highly respected Festival. As a result of her participation in 2010, we have enthusiastically welcomed her back for performances in 2016 and 2022. She is considered one of the most talented, dynamic and well-received artists we have ever presented. Her technical abilities are extraordinary, as she plays monumentally difficult classical works while communicating expressiveness through her playing. She further engages the audience with interesting stories

that complement the music, all the while forging a connection with the warmth of her personality and delightful sense of humor.

Ms. Hsieh definitely fits the description of world-class artist. Her professional ability, warmth, and impeccable character shine through all she does. Her concerts result in resounding bravos and standing ovations, with superlative comments from audience members. Her connection is immediate with music students at Educational Outreach presentations, which she has done all three times she has appeared here. My role as Water Music Festival chair is to bring world-class talent to this long-running Festival. I cannot think of anyone I have contracted with who fits this role better than Ms. Hsieh. I recommend her without hesitation as an exceptional artist.”

Diane Marshall, Chair, Water Music Festival, (2022)
<https://watermusicfestival.com/water-music-society/>

“Tien Hsieh hosted a week of piano master classes and workshops culminating in an exciting main stage performance at the World Theater, California State University Monterey Bay. She is an amazing pianist and performer: creative, talented and very passionate about her music. She not only worked well with students but was a pleasure to work with. I would highly recommend Tien without hesitation.”

Joe Cardinalli, Artistic and Executive Director (2020)
World Theater at CSUMB, CA

“The audience was primed for a vigorous performance and that they got plus even more. For our Community Concert audience, Ms. Hsieh provided a thoroughly enjoyable experience of classical piano at its best.”

Paul Reeder, Booking Chair
Community Concerts of the Tri-Cities, Pasco, WA

“Tien’s personality and sense of humor, her stage presence, connection with her audience, and her exquisite artistry are all beyond remarkable. Tien possesses a rare blend of exhibiting great talent while stirring the souls of those for whom she performs. To any presenter being as fortunate as we were to be able to invite her to perform, I would only add this: Do so immediately – she is an outstanding performer and human being.”

Diane Marshall, President of Board of Directors (2010)
Water Music Festival, WA

“From the moment she walked on stage, Tien Hsieh held the audience in rapt attention. She delivered a program covering a full gamut of emotions interspersed with down to earth anecdotes and descriptions of the music that engaged the audience and revealed the warmth of personality. This was truly a highlight of this year’s Festival.”

John French, Artistic Director
Brookside Music Association, Midland, Ontario, Canada

“The recent concert by Tien Hsieh left the audience breathless with admiration. Her technical skills are amazing. Although this was the last concert of this year’s season, the audience is looking forward to her return in the future. This was her second performance in Lander, WY. It was so successful people are looking forward to a third one.”

Marvin Brown, Booking Manager, Lander Community Concert Association, Wyoming

“Without a doubt the performance in Cody by Tien Hsieh was received with enthusiasm and awe, attributable to her professionalism and artistry. The gusto with which she plays defies description. It has been such a pleasure to hear the positive comments from the concert attendees. Not only is Tien a gifted talent, but her pleasant and friendly personality radiates during and after the performance, capturing the appreciation of the audience and all those around her. We will look forward to having this talented artist in Cody soon again.”

Rosemary Reno, Concert Artist Coordinator
Community Concert Association Cody/Powell, Wyoming

“Tien Hsieh stand out as one of the best performers in our classical series in the past several years. It is a rare treat to hear audiences still discussing the performance weeks afterward. She is a quintessential package of energy, passionate musicality and a warmly engaging personality that made her concert an event not to be missed!”

Mark McCrary, Executive Director

The Ross Ragland Theater & Cultural Center, Klamath Falls, Oregon

“Not only can Tien Hsieh play difficult and appealing music with gusto, she can engage 150 high school students who had never experienced a concert pianist before. By delivering a few sentences with enthusiasm and humor, she had their rapt attention before she played a single note.”

Sylvia Hunt, Executive Director

Caldwell Fine Arts, Caldwell, Idaho

“Tien Hsieh’s technical skills are unequaled. She is a superb pianist.”

Jane Rincon, Board Representative

Seacoast Entertainment Association (formerly Florence Performing Arts), Oregon

"Tien Hsieh evoked so many feelings in our community in such a short time! I have heard and experienced the power of music, of course, but so much more was happening this weekend than just music. I have only been "back in town" for a day and, already, so many people have expressed many different reactions to the power of you. You are making a difference in many lives. We look forward to welcoming you back to Raymond Theatre."

Virginia Carlson

Sunday Afternoon Live, Raymond Theatre, WA

"Tien Hsieh gave an unforgettable concert at the Chilkat Center for the Arts. Her performance ranged from beautiful, delicate whispers to heart-stopping storms of pure passion. Her absolute virtuosity was impressive, and her willingness to interact with the audience provided just the right kind of personal touch that made the evening so fulfilling. Personable, gracious, and fun-loving, Tien Hsieh is a presenter’s dream and an audience’s delight."

Tom Heywood

Haines Arts Council, Chilkat Center for the Arts, AK

“What a joy it was to have Tien in Sandpoint once again! She'd dazzled the 2,000 plus crowd at our Festival at Sandpoint when she starred with the Spokane Symphony three summers ago. We were so pleased to bring her back for our Pend Oreille Arts Council Mainstage series in the historic Panida Theater on Friday, November 13. The crowd loved her! She received a standing ovation at intermission as well as at the conclusion of her concert!”

Marilyn Sabella

Pend Oreille Arts Council, Panida Theater, ID

"Tien played to our rural community with a vigor and passion that is hard to define. Her devotion to the piano and stories of the music she plays is a manifest of love. Such an artist yet she is incredibly kind, humble and shared a humor that is quite contagious. Tien has been one of the most professional artists I have had the good fortune of working with. Her preparedness and down to earth attitude is refreshing. We look forward to her return to Salmon.”

Mary Hogue-Cerise, Director

Salmon Arts Council, ID

“I just wanted to say how awestruck and grateful I am for Tien’s concert last night. She literally took my breath away (and her encore brought an upwelling of tears from god knows where). We are so unbelievably lucky to

have had her perform in our little burg. Quite honestly, it was a perfect event. I want to congratulate you Mary for recognizing her amazing talent and bringing her here. Tien is on a scale of performers we have NOT seen in Salmon before. It was so gratifying to look around a full house and see many new faces enjoying a world-class performance presented by SAC”

Post concert audience email

Salmon Arts Council, ID

“What a week-brightener your performance(s) at the Raymond Theatre were. Thank you for coming. () said you made classical music exciting. We hung on to every note even though most of your selections were unfamiliar to us. Look forward to seeing/hearing you again.”

Post concert audience email

Sunday Afternoon Live

Raymond Theatre, WA

“Tien was professional, talented and skillful on every level and the presenters were impressed with not only her level of performance, but also with her overall presentation and poise. If selected by you, I believe that Tien will be every well received and your presenting community will have the opportunity to experience a first-class pianist who would enhance a season, cultural series or festival.”

Karen Hanan, Executive Director

Arts Northwest, WA

“I highly recommend Tien Hsieh as not only a highly gifted and professional performer, but also as a thoughtful, dedicated, and reliable person who can juggle both artistic and business necessities of her work. Everyone who came to hear her, from professor of music to classical music enthusiasts in the community, were very taken by Tien’s supreme artistry and unforgettable presence onstage. They were mesmerized, as I was too.”

Lara Starceovich, Programming Director

Gunnison Arts Center, CO

“Tien Hsieh is an excellent young pianist who can offer a wide range of repertory played with enormous skill and involvement. She a strong and thoughtful musical personality that comes through in her music and is a great communicator. She is serious and at the same time one of the most pleasant and satisfying performers that we have ever presented. With enthusiasm and vigor, she spent 3 hours with a group of honors students who are not music majors talking about herself and playing and answering their sometimes very personal questions with poise. The concert that night was terrific! One experienced audience member commented that she should be at Carnegie Hall rather than UVM. Tien should have a huge career ahead of her as she has everything necessary to be a major performer. I have recommended Tien to several other presenters and would match her with any other pianist in the country. She is a splendid player who needs other opportunities to perform.”

Jane Ambrose, Director

University of Vermont Lane Series

“Tien Hsieh is a vibrant, exceptionally talented young pianist who deserves many opportunities to perform. As director and owner of Sutter Creek Theatre, it has been our great pleasure to present Tien Hsieh. Her professionalism, dedication and enthusiasm are apparent in her presentation, both on and off stage. She is serious yet personable at the same time. We are looking forward to having her back as she has become a favorite in Sutter Creek.”

Laura Damiani, Owner

Sutter Creek Theatre, CA

“Your performance more than met our aspirations with audience response that was very approving. I was very impressed with your ability to recreate some of the most difficult literature written for piano without the

encumbrance of physical difficulty itself. In the audience, we hear the magic of the composer recreated on the spot as if it was just being composed. Your ability to communicate the music is a joy to hear.”

Don Peterson, Artist Selection Chairman
Manteca Kindred Arts Concert Association, CA

“Tien Hsieh played an exciting all-Liszt program for Twin Cities Concert Association. The audience reaction was enthusiastic and she received a well-deserved standing ovation. She was very easy to work with and her attention to details in both performance and her pre-concert press package were exceptional. Working with Tien was a pleasure. I would recommend her highly and look forward to having her perform for TCCA again.”

Ken Hardin, Artistic Director
InConcert Sierra (formerly TCCA), Grass Valley, CA

“I write to recommend Tien Hsieh as a superb classical pianist who has performed for our concert series on numerous occasions. Not only can she demonstrate fluent technical proficiency but she is sensitive to the nuances of the various composers she elects to perform. Although I have dealt with many piano soloists, I think Tien is one of the most professional and competent artists I have ever known....a superb concert pianist, marvelous technical skill but, at the same time, with great musicianship...I recommend Tien without reservation.”

Robert Hayden, Artistic Director
Music at Oakmont, Santa Rosa, CA

“Just a note to tell you what a sensational success your concert was last Sunday when you played for us in the Oddfellows Hall to a full house. It was truly evident from your first selection of Beethoven that this was going to be a concert well remembered...the room fell silent as the audience listened in awe.”

Judith Cuesta, Program Chairman
Music on the Divide, Georgetown, CA

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