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IZUMI KASHIWAGI piano

Izumi started playing the piano at the age of five. She attended California State University of Long Beach where she obtained a bachelor's degree in music with an emphasis on piano performance in 2005. Izumi has studied with Edith Hirshtal, Junko Garret, Craig Richey at CSULB and Joseph Kalichstein and Rita Sloan at the Aspen Music School and Festival in 2003 and 2004. The recipient of many scholarships and awards, she won the 2003-2004 concerto competition at CSULB by performing the third piano concerto by Prokofiev.

In 2006 Izumi performed in the Geijutsu Theare Large Hall in Tokyo with her sister. She is also an experienced chamber musician and has performed with Peter Stumpf, the former principal cellist of Los Angeles Philharmonic. She has attended The Quartet Program in Boulder, Colorado in summer 2009, where she performed with Charles Castleman, the chair of the string department at The Eastman School of Music. She has recently been acknowledged as Liszt scholar/Piano artist from Liszt international competition.

Izumi has earned a masters degree in Keyboard Collaborative Arts from the University of Southern California where she is currently working on a doctoral degree in the same field under the instruction of Kevin Fitz-Gerald receiving a full-scholarship, Koldofsky fellowship and teaching assistantship.