

# RUTI ABRAMOVITCH

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*"Her Sensitive touch, her sense of line, her ability to summon tone colors honored the music and caressed the ears. The rhapsodic middle movement, a Romance, was particularly impressive, but the total package proved exceptional."*  
*Peter Jacobi, Bloomington Herald Times*

## CURRICULUM VITAE

### Teaching Experience

#### 2014-2021

Piano Faculty, Music Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL

-Private piano studio at Saint James Cathedral, Downtown Chicago

-Theory Instructor for the Music Institute Academy program for advanced young musicians in Highland Park, IL.

#### 2014-2019

**Associate Professor of Piano, Full-Time, Vandercook College of Music , Chicago, IL**

- Maintains a studio of undergraduate and graduate piano majors, prepares students for junior and senior recitals
- Weekly coaching of instrumental and vocal students in Chamber music repertoire

#### 2015-2019

**Director of Honors Chamber Ensembles**

- Creation and repertoire selection for Honors Group comprised of outstanding VanderCook students in all instrument groups.
- Conduct auditions to select students for high quality level performance groups.
- Coaching and Preparation of said groups for performances in Chamber music recitals.
- Prepares groups for performances in outreach and recruitment events on and off campus.

#### 2015-2019

- Co-Director of *Chamber Music @ VanderCook* Concert Series: Presented and performed in trio concert with John Sharp, principal Cellist of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, and Liba Schacht.
- Faculty Recitals and Performances as soloist and in collaboration with other faculty members .
- Collaborative pianist for student recitals- includes rehearsals, coaching and performances.
- Curriculum Development
- Choir pianist

#### 2008-2013

Applied Piano Adjunct Faculty, Vandercook College of Music , Chicago, IL

- Private piano instruction of undergraduate and graduate students majoring in Piano
- Prepared students for juries and performances.
- Private piano instruction of undergraduate and graduate students majoring in different fields at the Illinois Institute of technology. Varying levels from beginner to undergraduate piano major levels.
- Group piano Instructor of undergraduate Keyboard skill classes.
- Private Piano lessons at Community Music Program at VCM, Varying ages and levels.
- Faculty Recitals and Performances as soloist and in collaboration with other faculty members .
- Accompaniment of student recitals.

## **2005-2008**

Associate Instructor, Indiana University Jacobs School of Music, Bloomington, IN

- Private piano instruction of undergraduate and graduate music majors and non music majors. Emphasis on piano repertoire and keyboard skills.
- Group piano skills classes for music majors and non music majors.
- Preparation for juries and proficiency exams and juror of placement exams.

## **Education**

### **2005-2012 Bloomington, IN**

Doctor of Musical Arts in Piano Performance and literature , Indiana University

Graduated in December 2012. (Piano studies with Menahem Pressler, Angela Cheng, Alain Planes, Elizabeth Wright)

Doctoral Minor in Music Theory (qualified to teach theory courses at an undergraduate level)

Courses completed: *Introductory Analysis Music Literature; Analysis of Music since 1900; Analytical Techniques Tonal Music; Teaching of music Theory.*

Doctoral Minor in Guided Electives

Courses completed: *Harpsichord Graduate Elective; Symphonic Conducting; Chamber Music Literature; Music Since 1900.*

Doctoral Lecture Recital

*Chopin's 24 Preludes Op.28 with an overview of Alfred Cortot's suggested names*

Doctoral Piano Essay

*Maurice Ravel's Miroirs: Historical Background and Performance Related Aspects*

## **2002-2004**

Master of Music in Piano Performance, Tel Aviv University

## **2004**

Honorary Mention - Tel Aviv Music academy competitions

## **1998-2002**

Bachelor of Music in Piano Performance, Tel Aviv University

## **Honors and Awards**

2008 Indianapolis Matinee Musicale Competition - 1st prize winner

2006 Indiana University Concerto Competition - 1st prize winner

2004 Tel-Aviv Music Academy Competitions, Honorary Mention

2002-2004 Fellowship tuition awards, Tel Aviv University

## **Performance Experience**

**Illinois:** Orchestra Hall, Chicago IL; Steinway Galleries of Naperville, IL: Solo Performance with Q&A event for Naperville area teachers; Nichols Hall Evanston: Saint Saens Piano Concerto No. 2 with MIC symphony orchestra, Lawrence Eckerling; Montrose Room, Chicago: Benefit concert for David Diego Landowsky Memorial Fund, supporting scholarships to the Hebrew University Jerusalem. Works by Debussy. John Hancock Building: Solo works; Fullerton Hall at the Art Institute of Chicago: CSO preview concert in collaboration with CSO musicians. Mather Evanston, IL: Cello and piano Duo with John Sharp; Buntrock Hall, Symphony Center: Chamber music performance; Preston Bradley Hall, Chicago, IL: Solo recital for the Dame Myra Hess Concert Series, live broadcast on 98.7FM WFMT; Chamber Music concert at the Dame Myra Hess concert series, live broadcast on 98.7FM WFMT; PianoForte Salon live broadcast on 98.7FM WFMT; Fine Arts Building, Chicago; VanderCook College of Music Solo, Chamber music performances.

**Indiana:** Indianapolis Unitarian Universalist Church: Indianapolis Matinée Musicale winners recital; The Musical Arts Center MAC of Bloomington, IN: Chopin's first Piano Concerto with the IU Concert Orchestra, Paul Biss; Auer Hall, Bloomington, IN Solo and Chamber Music recitals; Recital Hall, Bloomington, IN: Chopin's 24 Preludes, Op.28: Lecture recital, Recital Hall, Bloomington, IN; Solo and Chamber Music performances; Ford Hall, Bloomington, IN: Solo and Chamber Music performances.

**New York:** Mannes College of Music, International Keyboard Institute and Summer festival Solo performances.

**Italy:** Santa Maria Maggiore Church, Assisi Solo Recital

**Israel:** Herzliya Interdisciplinary Center: Solo performance at Honorarium ceremonies. Tel-Aviv Felicia Blumenthal Center: Chamber Music Performances; Tel-Aviv Clairemont Concert Hall: Solo, Concerti and Chamber music performances.

**Live Radio Broadcasts and Interviews:** 98.7FM WFMT: Live broadcast in recitals and chamber music performances on the Dame Myra Hess Concert Series, PianoForte Salon Series; 99.1 FM Radio CJAM, Windsor, Ca broadcast of selection from Chopin's Preludes Op.28, Windsor, CA

### **Principal Teachers**

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### **Masterclasses**

Menahem Pressler

György Sándor

Jerome Rose

Emanuel Krasowsky

Angela Cheng

Fabio Bidini

Alexander Volkov

Alain Planes

### **Orchestral Experience**

#### **Fall 2010- 2012**

Civic Orchestra of Chicago - Associate keyboard member

Familiar with near all of the repertoire for orchestral pianist/keyboardist

Performances at Chicago Symphony Center Orchestra Hall , Chicago, IL

### **Languages**

Fluent in Hebrew and English