

# Piano Lessons in Honolulu

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## SO JIN

### Biography

So Jin began piano studies at age six and went on to receive her BMus and MMus in Piano Performance from the University of Hawai'i and an MMus in Piano Pedagogy from the University of Oregon. She studied with Dr. Edward Shipwright and Peter Coraggio at the University of Hawai'i and Dr. Claire Wachter and Dr. Dean Kramer at the University of Oregon. She is currently in the process of completing a Doctorate of Musical Arts in Music Education from Boston University.

So Jin is a three-time soloist with the Honolulu Symphony Orchestra and a Morning Music Club Scholarship recipient. In 1994, she received the prestigious Schroeder Award from the National Piano Playing Guild after 10 years of participation. She was also featured as a soloist with the University of Hawai'i Symphony Orchestra. Ms. Kimura has also participated in master classes with pianists Joseph Gurt, Neil Rutman, Ozan Marsh, and Robert Shannon.

So Jin is currently an active accompanist with over 15 years experience. She is a member of the Music Teacher's National Association, the Hawai'i Piano Teacher's Association, Honolulu Music Teacher's Association, Mu Phi Epsilon, and the Musician's Union Local 677. She is a keyboardist with the Honolulu Symphony Orchestra and a percussionist/pianist with the Royal Hawaiian Band. Ms. Kimura also lectures at Windward Community College.

#### EDUCATION

Doctoral Student, Music Education  
Master of Music, Piano Pedagogy  
Master of Music, Piano Performance  
Bachelor of Music, Piano Performance

#### PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

National American College of Musicians  
Music Teachers National Association  
Hawaii Music Teachers Association  
Hawaii Piano Teachers Association Corresponding Secretary  
Musician's Union Local 677

#### AWARDS AND HONORS

Schroeder Award from the NPPG  
National Piano Playing Guild High School Diploma  
Who's Who in American High Schools

#### COMPETITIONS

University of Hawaii Concerto Competition Winner  
Morning Music Club Scholarship Competition Winner  
Three-time winner/performer of the Youth Talent Pool Concerto  
Competition sponsored by the Honolulu Symphony Orchestra

#### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Private/Group Piano/Percussion Teacher  
Windward Community College Faculty  
Hawaii Pacific University Faculty  
University of Hawaii Faculty

#### ACCOMPANYING EXPERIENCE

Performance Pianist for Castle High School Performing Arts Center  
Keyboards for Diamond Head Theater  
Keyboards for St. Louis High School Performing Arts Center  
Rehearsal Pianist/Performance Pianist for Windward Community College Paliku Theater  
Accompanist at University of Hawaii and Hawaii Pacific University  
Accompanist for Hawaii All-State Honor Choir  
Accompanist for Hawaii Youth Opera Chorus  
Performance Pianist for Cottage Grove Theater, OR  
Rehearsal/Performance Pianist for Army Community Theater, HI  
Pianist for University of Hawaii and University of Oregon Wind Ensembles and Orchestras  
Accompanist for High School String/Instrumental Solo and Ensemble Festival

#### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Adjudicator  
Royal Hawaiian Band Musician, Percussion/Piano  
Honolulu Symphony Orchestra Musician, Piano/Percussion  
Eugene Symphony Orchestra Musician, Keyboards

#### ADDITIONAL MUSICAL EXPERIENCE

Piano/Percussion on Royal Hawaiian Band Christmas CD, Christmas with the Royal Hawaiian Band and Friends  
Participant in the World Piano Pedagogy Conference  
Piano on CD of the Schwantner Percussion Concerto with the University of Oregon Symphonic Wind Ensemble and Professor Charles Dowd under the direction of Professor Robert Ponto, West Coast Premiere