

Nagisa Ariza Biography



Ms. Nagisa Ariza started learning the piano at age 4. She trained at the Music School for Children affiliated with the Toho-Gakuen University, and graduated with honors from the Tokyo College of Music. She was among the top students who performed at the graduate ceremony of her year. Her distinguished teachers in Japan are Professor Takashi Hironaka, Hiroshi Miura, Aiko Iguchi and Emi Maruyama.

Ms. Ariza also completed a period of piano study under Professor Alexander Jänner at the Hochschule Für Musik in Vienna, Austria. During college and after graduation, she performed in numerous solo concerts throughout Japan, Germany, Switzerland and Austria. She also taught at the Yamaha Music School for over 10 years in Tokyo before she came to the United States.

Ms. Ariza immigrated to the U.S. with her husband in 1993, and since then, has appeared in several recitals and benefit concerts throughout the Bay Area. She has also appeared as a soloist with the De Anza Chamber Orchestra several times at the Flint Center. In addition, she has performed at the Weill Recital Hall in Carnegie Hall.

Ms. Ariza has taught over a thousand students in Japan and the U.S., and her many students are laureates of national and international solo competitions. She currently lives in Cupertino with her husband and children. Her son, previous concertmaster of the San Francisco Symphony Youth Orchestra, graduated from Columbia University and The Juilliard School for his Masters of Violin Performance. Her younger daughter, the former principal cellist at the SFSYO, currently attends Columbia University and The Juilliard School Exchange Program. She has performed with the Boston Symphony and the New World Symphony as one of the cellists.



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