

OLIVER XU

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Biography

Percussionist Oliver Xu has been internationally recognized as a solo performer advocating for contemporary music. Based in New York City, he was awarded a Benzaquen Career Advancement Grant by The Juilliard School after graduating with his master's degree. This season's highlights include a guest artist recital at Ithaca College's Ford Hall and two world premiere performances with New York Classical Players. In recent years, he has received First Prize at the Percussive Arts Society Solo Artist Competition, Third Prize at the Sixth IPEA International Percussion Competition, and the Youth Jury Prize at the TROMP International Percussion Competition.

Oliver was recently featured in concerto performances with the GRAMMY-winning Albany Symphony Orchestra. Other highlights from last season include the premiere of a new work by Ayanna Woods at the Percussive Arts Society International Convention and the New York premiere of Judd Greenstein's percussion concerto at Juilliard. He has also been featured in performances at Alice Tully Hall on works by Steve Reich and Olivier Messiaen with the Juilliard Orchestra and AXIOM, respectively. A passionate chamber musician, Oliver gave the debut concert of Coriolis Duo alongside flutist Catherine Boyack at Tenri Cultural Institute in January 2023.

Videos

https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLduopHu-Hx_YPs03BSN1MRfjokPFGbu38

Sample Program (75 minutes with intermission)

J.S. Bach – Toccata in E minor, BWV 914 (1710)	9'
Ayanna Woods – Bloom Balloon (2021)	7'
Akemi Naito – Memory of the Woods (2000)	9'
Intermission	
Yao Chen – Asura (2014)	9'
Franco Donatoni - Omar (1985)	15'
Keith Jarrett, trans. Manuel Barrueco – The Köln Concert, Part IIc (1975)	6'