

Chris Yonas

CLASSICAL PIANIST & COMPOSER



Greek-Australian pianist and composer whose work brings together the romantic and post romantic piano repertoire, selective contemporary composition and interdisciplinary musical exploration. Awarded for his artistry by the *Academy of Athens* (2025).

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SELECTED DISTINCTIONS

Academy of Athens

Eleni Tim. Mykoniou Prize
Piano performance, 2025

First Prize

Panhellenic UNESCO Piano
Competition

First Prize

X.O.N. Piano Competition

Second Prize

Panhellenic Competition,
Municipal Conservatory of
Larissa

Third Prize

National Dionysia Trust Piano
Competition

INTERNATIONAL APPEARANCES

Mozarteum University,
Salzburg

Victorian College of the Arts;
Melbourne Conservatorium of
Music

Vårdklockan Church, Gotland

LISTEN & CONNECT

Performance recordings

Instagram: @christosyonas

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— Selected Performances

Timbres of Love

16 MAY 2026

Megaron Athens Concert Hall | Music Library

Solo piano programme: Scriabin, Liszt and Debussy.

Transcendence I & II

14–15 MAY 2026

Piano City Athens | Deree, The American College of Greece

Two solo recitals: Chopin, Liszt and Debussy; Scriabin, Tchaikovsky and Rachmaninov.

Reveries | Yonas–Venner

28 DECEMBER 2025

Vasilis Tsitsanis Museum, Trikala

Joint recital programme with pianist Nick Venner.

Triptych

20 AUGUST 2025

Tsagkarada, Pelion

Solo recital: Scriabin, Debussy and Rachmaninov.

Young Composers – Young Soloists

30 MAY 2025

Basil & Elise Goulandris Foundation, Athens

Synthesis Music Lab concert. Rachmaninov: Piano Sonata No. 2 in B-flat minor, Op. 36.

Entelecheia

14 MAY 2025

Piano City Athens | Deree, The American College of Greece

Scriabin: Prelude & Nocturne for the Left Hand; Rachmaninov: Piano Sonata No. 2, Op. 36.

Reveries | Yonas–Venner

10 DECEMBER 2024

Parnassos Literary Society Concert Hall, Athens

Joint recital programme with pianist Nick Venner.

Piandaemonium Piano Festival

NOVEMBER 2017

Greek National Opera, Alternative Stage | SNFCC, Athens

Selected recital appearance at the festival.

SELECTED REPERTOIRE

S. Rachmaninov

Concerti Nos.2 & 3 Op. 18 & 30
Piano Sonata No. 2, Op. 36

A. Scriabin

Fantasy in B minor, Op. 28;
Prelude & Nocturne for the
Left Hand, Op. 9

I. Stravinski

Stravinski-Agosti - The Firebird

F. Chopin

Ballades Nos. 1 & 4, Op. 23 &
52; Nocturne in C-sharp minor,
Op. posth.

F. Liszt

Liebestraum No. 3; *Un sospiro*;
Paganini-Liszt: *La Campanella*
Étude No. 6

C. Debussy

L'Isle joyeuse
La Cathédral Engloutie
Feu d'Artifice

Tchaikovsky

Dumka, Op. 59

SELECTED COMPOSITIONS

Prelude, Op. 1 No. 1

E major (2017)

Prelude, Op. 1 No. 2

G-sharp minor (2022)

Le Rêve de Sisyphe

Poem for piano, Op. 2 (2024)

ARTISTIC INTERESTS

Solo piano; contemporary
music and improvisation;
algorithmic composition;
microtonal systems.

— Education & Musical Training

Deree – The American College of Greece | 2017-2020

BA (Hons); BMus (Hons) in Music Performance. Graduated *summa cum laude*. Piano studies with Dimitri Toufexis.

Musical Horizons Conservatory | 2016

Soloist Diploma in Piano, First Prize and High Distinction. Class of Betty Gaitanou-Barzouka.

Athens College – HAEF

Alumnus, Hellenic-American Educational Foundation. International Baccalaureate Diploma.

International study

University of Melbourne: piano studies with Stephen McIntyre. Stanford University: summer exchange, 2019; interdisciplinary study in computing, philosophy and symbolic systems.

Composition & contemporary music

Composition studies with Sami-Vasileios Amiris; honours thesis on algorithmic composition and microtonal systems. Three-year Contemporary Music Performance and Composition Workshop with Dr. Alexandros Kalogeras.

Selected masterclasses

Olga Kern, Andrzej Jasiński, Leonel Morales, Stephen McIntyre, Max Cooke, Dimitri Toufexis, Konstantinos Papadakis and Daniel Blumenthal.

— Academic Honours

Academy of Athens | 2025

Eleni Tim. Mykoniou Prize for piano performance.

Deree – The American College of Greece | 2020

Deree Hood Award; Outstanding Graduating Student Award; Artistic Achievement Award; International Honors Award.

Scholarships: Frances L. Rich Music Scholarship and International Honors Scholarship.

— Creative Work & Leadership

YRIART | Co-founder & Cultural Manager

Cultural non-profit supporting artists, contemporary music, composers and interdisciplinary creation.

Frall | Founding member, 2023

Experimental music ensemble.

Music Society, Deree | President, 2019–2020

Organised concerts, trips and fundraising activities.