

Classical Pianist Angelin Chang to perform at fifth annual MostArts Festival at Alfred University
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Classical pianist Angelin Chang performs during the 2017 MostArts Festival

ALFRED, NY When classical pianist Angelin Chang arrives in Alfred for the fifth annual MostArts Festival, the internationally-acclaimed musical artist will be returning to one of her favorite concert venues, as well as a summer festival of classical music that has evolved into a musical tradition for dozens of classical musicians from around the world.

Chang, the first American female pianist awarded a Grammy for Best Instrumental Soloist with Orchestra, will play Rachmaninoff's Piano Concerto No. 2 Saturday, July 14, when the MostArts Festival Orchestra performs its Gala Concert in Alfred University's Miller Theater. The concert begins at 7:30 pm with MostArts founder and Artistic Director Lisa Lantz conducting Chang and the MostArts Festival Orchestra, made up of more than 40 musicians representing more than a dozen countries in addition to the U.S.

Chang, a veteran of past MostArts Festivals, also reprises her role as one of three judges for the MostArts Festival Young Pianists Competition. A total of \$20,000 in prize money will be awarded to high school-age pianists from around the United States, including a \$10,000 grand prize. The winner also has an opportunity to become a Young Steinway Artist.

"I'm so excited about performing the Rachmaninoff Piano Concerto No. 2," Chang said, as she anticipates her visit to Alfred University, which has hosted the MostArts Festival since its inception in 2014. "The music is sure to make for a

transformational experience for us all musicians and audience alike. Yet, for me, what makes it all the more special is the great camaraderie we all experience together our personal bond is well-reflected in our quality professional output. We all care deeply.”

“Angelin is recognized by musicians and classical music lovers around the world for her sense of poetry and technical brilliance,” says Lantz, a professor of music at Alfred University. “It will be a great pleasure collaborating with Angelin again this season, as we bring to the MostArts audience one of my favorite pieces of music, the Rachmaninoff 2nd Piano Concerto.”

The MostArts Festival begins Sunday, July 8 with an opening concert featuring 16-year-old Alice Zhang, winner of the 2017 MostArts Young Pianists Competition. It was Lantz& idea to build the MostArts Festival around the Young Pianists Competition, and to invite the winner of each competition back to Alfred the following year to open the new Festival.

Additional classical music concerts will continue through the week of July 8, building to the July 14 gala concert when the winner of the 2018 Young Pianists Competition will be announced. The week of MostArts will also feature studio and fine arts workshops in addition to master classes in classical piano. For more information on MostArts, including ticket information, visit, mostarts.alfred.edu.