

BAX & CHUNG

PIANO DUO

"Good things come in pairs. Pianists of **great sensitivity**, Bax and Chung are equally matched in **virtuosity** and **temperament**."

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The real life marriage of two great concert pianists, **Lucille Chung** and **Alessio Bax**, has led to one of the best piano duos of their generation. "Theirs is a marriage of wondrous colours and dextrous aplomb, subtly balanced to make a musical performance sound as one." (*Music and Arts Magazine*, UK)

A musical love story, Bax & Chung first met at the 1997 Hamamatsu Piano Competition and then at subsequent international competitions. Now performing together on many of the world's most prestigious stages, Bax & Chung have appeared with orchestras such as Israel Chamber Orchestra, Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra, Irving Symphony Orchestra, South Dakota Symphony, New Philharmonic Orchestra, and EurOrchestra di Bari to name a few. In recitals, they have performed throughout the United Kingdom, Europe, Asia and North and South America. The duo has appeared at such festivals including Verbier Festival in Switzerland, the opening concert of the Chungmu Hall in Seoul, Korea, Pau Casals, Castilla y Leon, Denia, Alicante, and Pamplona International Festivals in Spain, Felicja Blumental Festival in Tel Aviv, Lübecker Kammermusikfest in Germany, EurOrchestra Piano Festival in Italy, Bravissimo Festival in Guatemala, and Aruba International Piano Festival. Here in North America, they have been invited to perform at the Ottawa Chamber Music Festival, the Bard Festival and the Dakota Sky Festival. In the 2010.11 season, Bax & Chung were selected for the Prairie Debut roster and toured 23 communities throughout Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta. This season, they will tour the Atlantic Provinces as part of Debut Atlantic's 2011.12 roster and will also appear in recital throughout Ontario, British Columbia and the Yukon.

Garnered with critical praise, the duo has recorded the complete works of György Ligeti for one piano, four hands as well as two pianos for the Dynamic label. In 2006, they also released Saint-Saëns' *Carnival of the Animals* with the Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra and have had many of their live performances broadcast on CBC Radio Canada.

Committed educators at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Bax & Chung are the Co-Artistic Directors of the Joaquin Achucarro Foundation, an organisation that annually presents recitals, workshops, master classes and promotes recitals for young artists in Spain and the USA with the assistance from the Spanish Embassy and Consulates. The duo has also given workshops and master classes at New York University, Cornell University, Texas Christian University and has served on international piano competitions in North and South America.

Connecting with audiences as a powerful duo, Bax & Chung are a perfect combination of balance, unity and individual personalities.



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