

Biography of Puri Puengpipattrakul For the XI Stockholm International Music Competition

Puri Puengpipattrakul, a native of Bangkok, is a 13-year-old leading young pianist of his generation in Thailand. He started his piano lessons when he was 4.5 years old at Yamaha Nakornping Music School, Chiang Mai, Thailand. He has been studying with Dr. Pornphan Banternghansa and Dr. Christopher Janwong McKiggan of the Piano Academy of Bangkok since 2020, and Ms. Remi Namtep of Remi Music Studio since 2019.

Puri won numerous prizes nationally and internationally. In November 2023, He won a second prize from the 6th International FRANZ Liszt Competition for Young Pianists 2023 held once every 3 years in Weimar, Germany, receiving cash prize of EUR 1,500 and was invited to perform at the winner's concert at Congress Centrum Weimarhalle. In February 2023, he was one of the six semi-finalists of the Robert Schumann Competition Düsseldorf for Young Pianists 2023, Germany. Other awards include 'Platinum Prize' from US-Canadian International Music Competition 2024, 'Grand Brilliant Prize' from the 7th Brilliant Talent Discovery Award 2023, Singapore, 'Champion Prize' from ASIA Student Arts Festival 2023, 'Royal Awarded First Prize' from Yamaha Thailand Music Festival 2023, 'First Prize and Grand Prize' from Sugree Charoensook International Music Competition 2022, 'First Absolute Prize' from the 31st Young Musician International Competition 'Città di Barletta', and many more. Currently he is participating in Kaufman 2024 International Youth Piano Competition as one of the semi-finalists. The final round will be held in New York, USA, in June 2024.

As a soloist with orchestra, Puri made his first debut at the age of 11 years old. As a Grand Prize winner in the piano solo category at Sugree Charoensook International Music Competition 2022, he was selected to perform with the Thai Symphony Orchestra for the Grand Prize Winners' Concert in November 2022. In May 2023, he was chosen to play Haydn's Piano Concerto with the Thai Youth Orchestra in the Piano Concerto Sensations Concert held at Thailand Cultural Centre, Main Hall. And in November 2023, as one of the 4 finalists of the 6th International FRANZ Liszt Competition for Young Pianists 2023, he performed a piano concerto under the baton of conductor Joan Pagès Valls with the Musikgymnasium Schloss Belvedere Orchestra.

Puri is often invited to perform in both his homeland and international venues such as an Esplanade Recital Studio, Singapore, for an Award Ceremony and Gala Concert as a Grand Brilliant Prize Winner from the 7th Brilliant Talent Discovery Award in April 2023. He was also invited to perform at Weil Hall, Carnegie Hall as a First Prize winner of the American Protégé International Music Talent Competition in June 2023. In addition, as an Absolute Award Winner and one of the Artists of the Year from the International Youth Music Competition 2022, he was invited to the New York Prize Winner's Recital scheduled to perform at the DiMenna Center for Classical Music in September 2023.

Apart from being a classical pianist, Puri is also a composer. He has been studying music composition with Ms. Charirat Pong-udom of Yamaha Nakornping Music School since 2021. He composed and performed "The Mysterious Chase" which has received many prizes. From this composition, he has won an Absolute Winner Award and was selected one of the Artists of the Year 2022 from International Youth Music Competition, USA, a Gold Prize from International Lanna Music Festival and Competition 2022, and most recently, he was the only Thai representative chosen to showcase own composition by Yamaha Music Foundation Japan in Yamaha International Highlight Concert - Junior Original Concert 2023 (Online Premiere Concert). He has also been practicing violin for about one year.

Besides his music interests, Puri also loves to read, draw, play table tennis, practice Aikido, cook, and play games in his free time.