Hung-Kuan Chen Short bio

Born in Taipei and raised in Germany, Hung-Kuan Chen won top prizes in the Arthur Rubinstein, Busoni, and Geza Anda International Piano Competitions, and the Young Concert Artists International Piano Auditions, as well as an Avery Fisher Career Grant, among other awards. He is on the faculty of The Juilliard School and has previously served as Chair of the piano department of Shanghai Conservatory and was on the faculty of New England Conservatory and Yale School of Music. Notable pianists he has taught or coached include Yuja Wang, Lukas Vondracek, Sean Chen, Maxim Lando and Niu Niu. In 1992, Chen suffered a hand injury which caused neurological damage and eventually resulted in focal dystonia. Through meditation and his own unique research, he was able to heal and return to his life as a concert pianist in 1998 to rave reviews, which described him as a transformed artist.