

# LAURA GARRITSON PARKER

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CONCERT PIANIST, VIOLINIST AND TEACHER

## Education

2005: Artist Diploma. Yale University, Yale School of Music  
2003: Master of Music. University of Hartford, The Hartt School  
2001: Bachelor of Music, summa cum laude. University of Hartford, The Hartt School

## Teaching Experience

2008-present: Assistant Professor of Music, Principia College, IL; piano, violin, chamber music, Musicianship, Music Fundamentals, Music Appreciation  
2007-08: Piano teacher assistant to Luiz de Moura Castro, University of Hartford, CT  
2002-03: Piano teacher at Baldwin Music Studio, Avon, CT

## Awards

2008: Winner, World Piano Pedagogy Conference's Most Wanted World Piano Competition  
2006, 2003: Prizewinner, Hartford Symphony Orchestra Concerto Competition  
2005, 2000: Quarter-finalist, Sixth American National Chopin Piano Competition  
2005: Prizewinner, Eastern Collegiate Division--Music Teachers National Association  
2005, 2004, 2002, 1999, 1996: 1<sup>st</sup> place, Connecticut Music Teachers National Association  
2003: Winner, Alcan String Quartet Competition, Barcelona  
2002: Winner, Emerson String Quartet Competition  
2002: Winner, Artist Presentation Society Competition, St. Louis, Missouri  
2000: 1<sup>st</sup> place, Van Rooy Competition for Musical Excellence, The Hartt School  
1997: 1<sup>st</sup> place, The World Piano Competition, Young Artist Division  
1997: Winner, Paranov Concerto Competition, The Hartt School  
1997: 1<sup>st</sup> place, Fite Family Festival, Missouri  
1996: 1<sup>st</sup> place, Missouri Western Young Artists Competition

## Scholarships

2007, 2006, 2002: The Evelyn Bonar Storrs Scholarship, The Musical Club of Hartford, Inc., CT  
2004: Full scholarship, Norfolk Chamber Music Festival  
2004, 1998: Joseph D. Feuerstein Memorial Scholarship, Shandee Music Festival, New York  
1996-2003: Full scholarship to The Hartt School—20/20 Chamber music program  
2002: Full scholarship, Sarasota Music Festival, Florida  
2002: Full scholarship, Kent/Blossom Music Festival, Ohio  
1999: The Chopin Foundation of the United States, Inc.

## Solo appearances

2013: The Fryderyk Chopin Society of Connecticut, Hartford, CT  
2013: Faculty Autumn Concert, Principia College, Elsau, IL  
2012: Homecoming Faculty Concert, Principia College, Elsau, IL  
2011: Principia Summer Session, Elsau, IL  
2010: First Presbyterian Church Concert Series, IL  
2010: XVI Rio Internacional Cello Encounter, Brazil  
2009: Steinway Hall, NY  
2009: American Liszt Society, Hartford Chapter  
2008: The "Brick Church" Music Series, Deerfield, MA

2007, 2006: University of New Haven's  
*Arts@Night* Series  
2007, 2005, 2004: Hudson Valley Piano Club,  
NY  
2006, 2005: Artist-in-Residence, Quinnipiac  
University, CT  
2005, 2004: Klavierhaus, NY  
2004: Shandelee Music Festival, "Outstanding  
Alumni" Festival  
2003, 2002: Music Series at South Church,  
New Britain, CT  
2003-7: Whitney Center Music Committee  
Concert Series, Hamden, CT  
2003, 1999: South Windsor Library Concert  
Series, CT

2003, 2001, 1997-99: Amalfi Coast Music  
Festival, Italy  
2003: Artist Presentation Society, St. Louis  
2002: American Liszt Society, Springfield, MA  
2002: The Sheldon, St. Louis  
2001: Villa Betramka, Prague, Czech Republic  
2001: Rencontres Musicale en Lorraine, France  
2000: Shandelee Music Festival Sunset Concert  
Series  
2000: Principia College, Elsay, IL  
1999: International Arts Festival, Venezuela  
1999: Liszt Festival, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil  
1999: Bryant Park, New York, NY  
1999: World Piano Pedagogy Conference  
1997: Carnegie Recital Hall  
1997: Centre Le Phenix, Fribourg, Switzerland

### **Concerto Appearances**

2012: Alton Symphony Orchestra, IL  
2010: Principia College Orchestra, IL  
2008: Torrington Symphony Orchestra, CT  
2004: Hartford Symphony Orchestra, two  
separate appearances  
2002: Parkway Central High School Orchestra,  
St. Louis  
1999: Philharmonia Sudecka, Poland  
1999: Sliven Philharmonic, Bulgaria

1998: The Hartt Symphony Orchestra  
1995: Kirkwood Symphony Orchestra,  
Missouri  
1991: Musical Diversions Society Chamber  
Orchestra, St. Louis  
1989: St. Louis Symphony Community Music  
School Orchestra, St. Louis

### **Chamber Appearances**

2014: Arts on Tour, Principia College, Colorado and Phoenix  
2013: Hispanic Heritage Festival V, West Palm Beach, Florida  
2013: Principia College Concert Series, Elsay, IL  
2012: Doctor of Musical Arts Lecture Recital, The Hartt School, West Hartford, CT  
2012: 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Hartt Gala, Hartford, CT  
2011: The IMI Chamber Players, St. Louis, MO  
2000: Emerson String Quartet, Hartford, CT

### **Accompanying**

2010: FESAAM Music Festival, St. Louis, MO—Rachel Barton Pine  
2003: Hartford Symphony Orchestra's Musical Dialogues Program, Hartford, CT

### **Reviews**

See enclosed *St. Louis Post Dispatch*, Monday, March 25, 1996

### **Recordings**

2011: Our Favorite Chopin  
2008: Charles Ives Songs, Vols. 2, 4, 5: Naxos  
2002: Dreams and Nocturnes: Chamber Music of Stephen Gryc: Centaur

## **Festivals**

2008: International Keyboard Institute, NY  
2007: International Piano Masterclasses, Portugal  
2004: Norfolk Chamber Music Festival  
2004, 1999, 1998: Shandee Music Festival  
2003, 2001, 1997-99: Amalfi Coast Music Festival, Italy  
2003: Forum Internacional de Música, Barcelona  
2002: Sarasota Music Festival  
2002: Kent/Blossom Music Festival  
2001: Rencontres Musicale en Lorraine, France

1998-2001: International Piano Masterclasses, Prague, Czech Republic  
2000: International Music Academy, Novouralsk, Russia  
2000: International Piano Masterclasses, Paris, France  
1998: Villaler Music Festival, Spain  
1997: IYIM, Kansas

## **Master Classes**

Emanuel Ax  
Paul Badura-Skoda  
Leon Fleisher  
Emerson String Quartet  
Tokyo String Quartet

## **Teachers**

2005- : Luiz de Moura Castro  
2003-2005: Boris Berman  
1996-2003: Luiz de Moura Castro  
1991-1996: Jane Allen  
1984-1991: Laura Schindler

## **Other Musical Activities**

1981-1998: Formal violin studies  
Violin concerto appearances with: Alton Symphony, Illinois; Gateway Festival Orchestra, St. Louis; Kammergild Chamber Orchestra, St. Louis  
2015: Suzuki Violin Books 2 and 3 certification, Chicago, IL  
2014, 2013, 2012: St. Louis Children's Choirs Holiday Concert—violin  
2011: Suzuki Violin Book 1 certification, Chicago, IL  
1998: Concertmaster, The Hartt School Symphony Orchestra  
1996, 1997: Participant (violin) in Round Top Festival, Texas  
1996: Concertmaster, Missouri All-State Orchestra  
1996: Associate Concertmaster, St. Louis Symphony Youth Orchestra

## **Other Awards**

2006-2010: Member of the Graduate Student Advisory Board, University of Hartford  
2001, 1999, 1998: Member of Alpha Lambda Delta and Alpha Chi, National Academic Honor Societies, University of Hartford

## **Competition Jury**

2015: SAI Young Artist Competition, Edwardsville, IL  
2015, 2014, 2013, 2012, 2011: Frances Blaisdell Scholarship Competition of the National Flute Association  
2015: ABC Solo and Ensemble Competition, St. Louis, MO  
2013: Marie Stillwell Young Artist Competition—Alton Symphony, Alton, IL  
2010: SIUE Suzuki Program John and Kay Kendall Concerto Competition, Edwardsville, IL