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2026 Canada Music Week Festival

November 21-22, 2026

Canadian Music Centre, 837 Davie Street, Vancouver

Adjudicator: Dr. Rosa Hong



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BIOGRAPHY

Rosa Hong, a pianist of Korean descent based in Canada, earned her Bachelor of Music degree in piano performance from the University of British Columbia under the tutelage of Dr. Sara Davis Buechner. She furthered her studies with exceptional achievements, attaining a Künstlerische Ausbildung degree (Masters of Music) with a perfect score at her entrance audition, and a Solistische Ausbildung degree (Ph.D. in piano performance) from the Staatliche Hochschule für Musik Trossingen, mentored by Prof. Tomislav Nedelkovic-Baynov, culminating in high honors. Notable mentors in her formative years include Edward J. Parker, and Winfried Rompf.

Distinguished as a virtuoso soloist, Rosa Hong has captivated audiences across Canada and Europe. Her solo debut recital at the Schloss Kirche in Bad Homburg, Germany in 2002 marked the beginning of a series of solo recitals in renowned venues such as Ravensburg and Tübingen, Germany.

Renowned for her sensitive sound and virtuosic technique, Rosa has been featured as a soloist with esteemed orchestras including the V ancouver Symphony Orchestra under the batons of Clyde Mitchell, Bramwell Tovey, and Tania Miller, as well as the White Rock Symphony Orchestra, the University of British Columbia Symphony Orchestra conducted by Bruce Dunn, the Vancouver Metropolitan Orchestra led by Ken Hsieh, the Shumen Philharmonic Orchestra in Bulgaria under the direction of Ivan Iliev, and the orchestra ‘arcademia sinfonica’ under the baton of Dietrich Schöller-Manno in Trossingen, Germany.

Rosa's accolades include winning the first prize in the 6th International six to eight hands piano competition in Marktoberdorf, Germany with her Piano Trio, as well as receiving a Special Prize at the XIX Concurso Internacional de Piano de Ibiza, Spain. Additionally, she has garnered numerous first prizes at Provincial and National Competitions such as the Canadian Music Competition and BC Provincial and National competitions.

Over the years, Rosa has enriched her musical insights through masterclasses with esteemed musicians including Boris Berman, Ruth Laredo, Marc Durand, Lee Kum Sing, Krystof Jablonsky, David Dubal, David Moroz, John Perry, Jerome Lowenthal, Dr. Thomas Hecht, Mikhail V oskresensky, and Professor Johann van Beek.

During her tenure in Germany, Rosa not only distinguished herself as a solo concert pianist but also excelled as a chamber musician. She collaborated in several performances with the V ancouver Piano Ensemble and the Baynov Piano Ensemble in both Canada and Germany. Notable among these collaborations was her performance with the Balingen Orchestra in a concert featuring four pianos with Orchestra under the direction of Dietrich Schoeller-Manno in 2008. In 2011, she was invited to perform with the Vancouver and Baynov piano ensemble at the prestigious Queen Elizabeth Theatre, and she participated in numerous concerts with the Ensemble across various cities in Germany, including Tuttlingen, Besigheim, Villingen, Trossingen, and Donaueschingen.

Currently, Rosa is actively engaged as an adjudicator, notably for the Pacific Rim International Music Competition, alongside pianist Gary Graffman. She continues to pursue her passion as a concert pianist and lecturer in masterclasses at esteemed institutions such as the Music Academy of Marktoberdorf and Hammelburg in Bavaria, Germany. Presently, Rosa serves as member of the piano faculty at the VSO School of Music in Vancouver, BC.

November 21, 2026 Saturday

Elementary Division

10:00 AM -10:20 AM

Level 1	Scarlett	Yeung	Big Teddy, Little Teddy	Niamath
Level 1	Elizabeth	Chow	Celebration	Crosby Gaudet
Level 1	Queenie	Wang	Angelfish	Crosby Gaudet
Level 1	Chriselle	Man	March of the Terrible Trolls	Niamath

10:25 AM -11:15 AM

Level 2	Leia	Zhang	The Merry-Go-Round	Berlin
Level 2	Shirley	Chen	The mouse in the Coalbin	Clifford Poole
Level 2	Harper	Yang	Turkish Bazaar	Mrozinski
Level 2	Felicity	Tang	Penguins	Niamath
Level 2	Nathan	Bai	Extremity No.1	Brown
Level 2	Nicholas	Cheung	The Merry-Go-Round	Berlin
Level 2	Sofiia	Soldatova	Playing	Doolittle
Level 2	Athena	Peluso	The Waltz That Floated Away	McIntyre
Level 2	Krishna	Poudel	The Merry-Go-Round	Boris Berlin

11:20 AM -11:45 AM

Level 3	Alexandra Maria	Kilofliski	Ripple Effect	Bender
Level 3	Alaia	Ding	Funny Puppy	Crosby Gaudet
Level 3	Lucas	Zhang	Tarantula	Gonzales
Level 3	Alizee	Drisdelle	Computer Chatter	Donkin

Junior Division

12:30 PM -1:05 PM

Level 4	Stella	Sun	Masquerade	Linda Niamath
Level 4	Eliza	Shum	The Spies	Jean Coulthard
Level 4	Caden	Man	Monkeys in the Tree	Berlin
Level 4	Vincent	Chabant	Eagle Rays	Richert
Level 4	Emily	Jang	Squirrels at Play	Berlin

1:10 PM -1:40 PM

Level 5	Zachary	Norris	Boxcar Blues	C Norton
Level 5	Nila	Golbon	Little Dragon	Ho
Level 5	Trini	Li	When Rivers Flowed on Mars	Telfer
Level 5	Benjamin	Woo	Dragonfly Scherzo	Crosby Gaudet

1:45 PM -2:20 PM

Level 6	Mackenzie	Ng	Winter Scene	Berlin
Level 6	Noah	Ben	Dancing Scales	John Burge
Level 6	Mia	Gao	Bounce	L.McIntyre
Level 6	Valerie	Wong	Distant Stars	Louie

November 22, 2026 Sunday

Intermediate Division

10:00-11:00

Level 7	Elise	Huang	Peace Country Hoedown	Donkin
Level 7	Jayden	Gan	Leafy Sea Dragon	Ina Dykstra
Level 7	Hannah	Ai	Far Above the Clouds	Coulthard
Level 7	Bernadette	Woo	Mischievous Mouse	Ho
Level 7	Hailey Chi-Shan	Chan	Leafy Sea Dragon	Dykstra
Level 7	Menghan	Shi	A Kitten's Agenda	Donkin
Level 7	Zenkay	Harrison	Peace Country Hoedown	Donkin

11:05-11:40

Level 8	Teo	Lippa	The Woodpecker	Lu
Level 8	Natasha	Shum	Blue Sky I	Alexina Louie
Level 8	Michael	Zhang	Ice Dancers	Richert
Level 8	Leah	Chan	Sunshower	Duncan

11:45-12:15

Level 9	Olivia	Gu	Changes	Louie
Level 9	Madeleine	Cupit	White Caps	Coulthard
Level 9	Stella	Chu	Changes	Louie

Senior Division

1:30 PM -2:25 PM

Level 10	Ruoyun	Wang	Dance (Juba)	Nathaniel Dett
Level 10	Simon	Yao	En Forme	L.McIntyre
Level 10	Issa	Harrison	Four Bagatelles No. 2 and No. 4	Southam
Level 10	Liliana	Leung	Three Preludes	McIntyre
Level 10	Nathan	Wu	Spring Celebration	Stephen Chapman

2:30 PM -3:00 PM

Level 11	Kaspar	Ni	Night Rainbow	Heather Schmidt
Level 11	Yizheng	Guan	Three Pieces for Piano Solo: Toccata	Mozetich