

Judges for Greater Princeton Steinway Society 2015 Finalist Audition



Clipper Erickson studied at The Juilliard School, Yale University, and Indiana University with the renowned British pianist John Ogdon. He has performed as a soloist with orchestras and in recitals in some of the most famous concert venues in the world, including the Great Hall of the Moscow Conservatory, the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C., and Weill Recital Hall at Carnegie Hall. An important part of his mission is encouraging the love of music through commitment to education, performances in schools, master classes, and the inspiration of future generations of musicians. He currently teaches at Westminster Conservatory in Princeton, Temple University, and Bucknell University.

Dr. Charl Louw has served as adjudicator in piano festivals and competitions internationally as well as nationally and currently serves as the MMTA Collegiate Honors Auditions Chair. He has presented lectures and master classes in South Africa and the US and completed his Doctor of Musical Arts Degree from the University of Missouri, Kansas City where he studied with Dr. Robert Weirich. Active as soloist and collaborative pianist, Dr. Louw has appeared in recitals and with orchestras in the US and South Africa. He has been finalist and top-prize winner in national and international piano competitions and the recipient of prestigious awards in both performing and teaching. He has presented lectures and master classes throughout South Africa and the US and completed his Doctor of Musical Arts Degree from the University of Missouri, Kansas City. Dr. Louw currently serves on the faculty of the New School for Music Study in Kingston, NJ.

Adrienne Sirken earned a BA in music, with distinction, from Barnard College, and a Master of Music in Piano Performance from New England Conservatory with additional studies at Peabody and Oberlin conservatories. Director of the Golandsky Institute International Piano Festival, she presents internationally renowned artists in solo and chamber music programs each summer at Princeton University. A sought after teacher in the New York and Princeton area, her students include conservatory trained pianists, professional music faculty at colleges in Pennsylvania and Maryland, children, and adults. Her students have earned top honors at competitions, and she has prepared many of them for entrance into college and graduate school programs including Peabody Conservatory, and Catholic University.