

Elier Suárez

For his professional debut at the age of 23, James Roos of The Miami Herald wrote of Elier Suárez: "...What he plays is an invitation to listen...he has a wide sense of style, an ear for music, and a feeling for its poetry, both lyric and dramatic...his performance (Liszt B Minor Sonata) was remarkable for penetration and blazing technique..."

Mr. Suárez is a prize winning pianist of the Teachers Congress International in NYC, the Dealy Awards in Dallas, the Teresa Carreño en Caracas, and the Chopin Competition in Miami. He holds a Bachelor of Music from the University of Miami with Ivan Davis, a Master of Music from The Juilliard School with Adele Marcus, and the Performer's Certificate from the Eastman School of Music with Robert Spillman.

Having settled in Rochester, NY, he taught at Eastman, and served as President for both the New York State Music Teachers Association and the Rochester Piano Teachers' Guild. An ambassador as Cultural Specialist for the "Arts America Program", he has performed concertos and recitals throughout the US, Canada, Latin America, Europe, and Asia. In addition, Mr. Suárez is a frequent adjudicator, giving master classes as well as lecture-demonstration recitals while maintaining an independent piano studio. His star pupils have garnered local, state, national and international accolades, including lauded performances with orchestras throughout the United States and Europe, as well as being featured in "From the Top" and selected into Lang Lang's "Young Scholars" program.

Steven Brown of the Sun-Sentinel wrote of Mr. Suárez: "...His Rachmaninoff was often downright luxurious. In the more spacious of the six Moments Musicaux, Op. 16...his masterful coloring and caressing of every tune, chord and background swirl made for pianism that was delicious in its expansiveness and poise. His sweeping, fearless playing of the more muscular numbers made an exuberantly virtuosic contrast, yet his unfailing sense of polished contour ensured that nothing deteriorated into a mere keyboard rampage..."