

## **Rachel Kim piano**

Pianist, Educator, and Collaborative Artist

Rachel J. Kim is a dedicated pianist and educator with extensive experience as both a performer and teacher.

After earning her Bachelor's degree in Piano Performance in Seoul, she was awarded a full scholarship to Berklee College of Music in Boston, where she graduated with honors.

She later continued her graduate studies at the Bob Cole Conservatory of Music, serving as a collaborative pianist for the school's orchestra and vocal ensembles.

Rachel has taught piano and music theory for several years, including serving on the faculty at Horizon Institute, where she taught college-level music courses.

In 2019, she founded a Youth Symphony Orchestra, composing, arranging, and conducting original works to inspire young musicians.

She currently works as a Music Coach and Collaborative Pianist for the Palos Verdes Unified School District, supporting orchestras and choirs alongside the district's music directors.

In addition to her educational work, Rachel also serves as an organist and pianist at a local church, continuing to share her musicianship with the community.

Her teaching philosophy emphasizes curiosity, emotional connection, and confidence, helping each student discover their own voice through music.

Rachel believes that everyone deserves equal access to education.

Through music, students can learn to express emotions they have yet to discover and to imagine worlds beyond their own experiences.

She sees it as a teacher's purpose to nurture empathy, creativity, and self-awareness through music.

Rachel also believes that music has the power to heal, and that even when learning feels challenging, every moment spent with music reminds us of our right to happiness.