



## Christopher Tavernier

### *Performing Artist & Concert Pianist*

Christopher Tavernier made his orchestral debut with the Tar River Philharmonic Orchestra at the age of thirteen, performing Tchaikovsky's Piano Concerto No.1 on the opening concert of the Orchestra's Fall 2013 Season at the Dunn Center for the Performing Arts in Rocky Mount, NC.

In 2014, he placed second in the National Elizabeth Harper Vaughn Concerto Competition in Kingsport, Tennessee as the youngest performer in the history of the competition, which admits contestants up to the age of twenty-five. In addition, Christopher won the Hendersonville Symphony Orchestra and Asheville Symphony's Concerto Competition; the junior division of the Charlotte Symphony's Concerto Competition; the Concerto Competition of the Symphony Orchestra of Augusta Georgia; Brevard Music Center Jan and Beattie Wood Competition and a semifinalist in the Midwest International Piano Competition. Christopher was one of sixteen pianists selected from around the world to compete in this International Piano Competition. Additionally, Christopher was named the first International Perzina Artist in the company's 146-year history.

Christopher's concerto repertoire includes concertos by Bach, Mozart, Mendelssohn, Tchaikovsky, Rachmaninoff and Prokofiev. He maintains a broad solo repertoire, including many works by his favorite composer, Franz Liszt. Christopher is also a dedicated chamber music player. Since 2014 he has performed, with the Rutherford Chamber Consort, a professional chamber music ensemble headquartered in Western North Carolina.

Christopher has performed major benefit concerts supporting the Mission Foundation "Ladies Night Out." This is a wonderful collaboration of women helping women in a life-saving and effective way by providing free mammograms and health screenings for uninsured/underinsured women in our community. Additionally, this past summer he performed a major benefit concert at the Diana Wortham Theatre with the prestigious Hendersonville Symphony Chamber Orchestra supporting the Hendersonville Symphony Orchestra. Continuing his support for our community, Christopher will be performing at the Flat Rock Playhouse Theatre – "The French Connection" support the Henderson County Hunger Coalition.

Christopher has been featured on ABC affiliate television station WLOS, CBS affiliate WSPA in Spartanburg (Scene on 7), Carolinas CW62 (Studio 62), and Carolina Live NPR radio, and WCQS, Asheville, NC. He has published recordings in DVD and CD formats.

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