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Passacaglia

Aaron Copland (1900-1990)

Four Piano blues
Freely Poetic
Soft and Languid
Muted and Sensuous
With Bounce
Piano Variations

Sonata in A minor, D784

Franz Schubert (1797-1828)

Allegro giusto
Andante
Allegro vivace

Love Walked in

George Gershwin (1898-1937)
Arr. by Percy Grainger (1882-1961)

ZIDONG ZHOU, associate professor of piano and master supervisor at Wuhan Conservatory of Music, member of the Chinese Musicians Association, and honorary teacher of Steinway & Sons.

Zhou has won the gold medal at the Protege International Piano Competition in the United States (2016) and the Gold Medal at the Fine Arts Festival Piano Competition in the United States (2017). In recent years, he has held piano solo recitals successfully in many concert halls and grand theaters in the United States, Japan, Italy, Mainland China and Taiwan. The response has been enthusiastic and widely well received. In 2015, he was invited by the Carlo Della Giacoma Music Festival in Italy to successfully hold a piano solo concert. In 2016, he was invited to perform piano solo and chamber music at the world-famous Carnegie Hall. In 2019, he performed Mozart's Piano Concerto with the Harmony Orchestra at the Shanxi Grand Theater.

Zhou has published many academic papers related to piano performance in journals; he has given special lectures in many professional music school and received high praise; he has participated in the writing of many piano tutorials. In 2018, he was employed as a part-time researcher at Bachu Culture and Art Research Center. In 2019, he attended the International Conference of Traditional Music (ICTM) World Congress and published a research report. He has guided many students to win prizes in piano competitions around the world. His students have been admitted to master's and doctoral programs at top professional music schools in Europe and the United States.

Zidong Zhou started his professional piano education at the High School Affiliated to the Wuhan Conservatory of Music since 2005. In 2008, he received a bachelor degree of piano performance at the piano department of Wuhan Conservatory of Music. In 2012, he was admitted to the University of Cincinnati, College- Conservatory of Music. In 2014, he received a full teaching assistantship from the Michigan State University for a doctoral degree, studied with the famous pianist and educator Professor Deborah Moriarty. During this period, he has been teaching undergraduate piano courses at the school; in 2017, he was awarded the Doctor of Musical Arts degree in piano performance.

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