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All Classical Portland Announces María García as 2022 Artist in Residence

*Prominent Portland pianist, educator, and music coach María García has been
named the station's 2022 Artist in Residence.*

PORTLAND, OREGON – [All Classical Portland](#), the Pacific Northwest's premiere 24-hour classical music radio station, is proud to announce **María García** as its 2022 Artist in Residence. A celebrated pianist, performer, and music educator, García is a champion of classical works by women and composers of color. Together with the station, María will educate and inspire listeners to explore classical music beyond the traditional canon of the genre. As part of this role, María's first order of business will be to help the station select and mentor its next Young Artist in Residence.

"All Classical Portland has always felt like a friend; a friend to the artist, a friend to the community," shares García in a [new video interview on YouTube](#). "One of the wonderful things about the station is that it is so community-centered. The station recognizes that to build community, you have to build from within, tapping the resources of the community to bring people together."

To mark the announcement, García will perform live on **March 24, 2022**, on All Classical Portland's weekly radio series *Thursdays @ Three*. Along with the title, she will receive a financial award to help support creative projects and performances this year. Through this residency, García will share her immense talent with the station and its wide-reaching audience on the air, and in the region's concert halls when live performance opportunities become possible. She will also help mentor All Classical Portland's 2022 Young Artist in Residence.

"I have taught since I was 20 years old," says García. "My teaching has evolved as I evolve as a person, and you realize that music is so much more encompassing. I have taught all ages and all levels, and for me, teaching music is about personal connection and opening a key to another world for students. I hope to pass on how to connect to your emotions, to your culture, and to learn about the world and beauty."

The station is currently accepting applications for its 2022 Young Artist in Residence online at allclassical.org, now through February 28, 2022. The title comes with a financial award, opportunities to perform on the station's radio programs and at events, as well as access to All Classical Portland's expansive network, recording facilities, and digital archives. Applicants must be between the ages of 13 and 20, and have consent of parent or guardian if under the age of 18. Any interested young creatives must play an instrument and/or compose, and exhibit a strong interest in classical music. The 6-month residency program runs April through September 2022; time commitment is approximately 2-4 hours per month.

"The Artists in Residence program enables musicians and composers to take creative risks and to pursue unique artistic endeavors," says **Kristina Becker**, All Classical Portland's Communications and Operations Manager. "Through this program, All Classical Portland is using its local and national platform as a space for musicians to share their talents and creative pursuits with listeners in over 100 countries."

Launched in 2019, All Classical Portland's Artists in Residence (AIR) program is designed to foster creative and professional growth for emerging and established artists. The residencies provide young and professional musicians and composers access to the station's world-class facilities, studio, and network. Artists are encouraged to pursue creative research projects and publish related articles about their work and findings through All Classical Portland's wide-reaching platforms on and off the air. Artists receive a financial award to assist in their projects, performances, or continued studies.

Artists also enjoy opportunities to expand and deepen engagement with audiences, including on-air performances on All Classical Portland's *Thursdays @ Three*, appearances at station events and concerts, features on special broadcasts, and recordings of new works. The AIR program is a part of [JOY \(Joyous Outreach to You/th\)](#), All Classical Portland's initiatives dedicated to equity and inclusion.

Previous Artists in Residence include concert pianist **Hunter Noack** (2019) and flutist **Adam Eccleston** (2020-2021), whose residency was extended due to the ongoing pandemic. The station has also welcomed Young Artists in Residence: cellist **Taylor Yoon** (2019) and pianist **Natalie Tan** (2020). In 2021, as part of All Classical Portland's award-winning [Recording Inclusivity Initiative](#), the station also appointed three Composers in Residence: **Jasmine Barnes**, **Lauren McCall**, and **Keyla Orozco**. All Classical Portland will present the world premiere broadcasts of their newly recorded works later this year.

"All Classical Portland is thrilled to name María García as our 2022 Artist in Residence," says President & CEO **Suzanne Nance**. "Our Artists in Residence program is unique, and it is one of the many ways we work to uplift and amplify the talented and diverse artists creating here in the Pacific Northwest."

To learn more about All Classical Portland's Artists in Residence program, and our past and current artists and opportunities, visit allclassical.org/artists-in-residence.



Who: All Classical Portland

What:

- Announcing María García as 2022 Artist in Residence
- Accepting applications for its 2022 Young Artist in Residence at allclassical.org

Where:

- All Classical Portland: 89.9 FM in Portland and allclassical.org
- More information about Artists in Residence at allclassical.org/artists-in-residence
- New interview video with María García [on YouTube](#)

When:

- 2022 Young Artist in Residence applications due **February 28, 2022**
- María García will perform live on **March 24, 2022**, on All Classical Portland's weekly radio series *Thursdays @ Three*

About:

All Classical Portland is Portland, Oregon's classical radio station. Established in 1983, our mission is to advance knowledge of and appreciation for classical music; to build and sustain culturally vibrant local and global communities around this art form; to reflect the spirit of the Pacific Northwest; and to foster integrity, quality, and innovation in all that we do. For more information, visit allclassical.org.

María García began piano studies in her native Puerto Rico at the age of four. At the age of ten she made her debut with the Puerto Rico Symphony Orchestra. She received a Bachelor's of Music with Distinction in Performance from the New England Conservatory of Music. Graduate studies followed at SUNY Stony Brook where she received a full merit scholarship and completed a Master's Degree in Music.

An active chamber musician and soloist, García has performed throughout the United States, the United Kingdom, Germany, the Czech and Slovak Republics, Norway, Canada, Israel, Venezuela, Tunisia, Colombia, and Puerto Rico with groups like the Oregon Symphony, the Mark Morris Dance Company, her former Piano Trio *Melange*, Bamberg String Quartet, Madawaska String Quartet, Musical Chairs Ensemble, and *Poetica Musica*.