## STEINWAY COMPETITION ARTISTIC DIRECTORS



Dan Zhaoyi

Prof. Dan Zhaoyi is a well-known Chinese piano educator who enjoys Governmental Special Allowance of the State Council. In addition, Prof. Dan serves as a tenured professor of Shenzhen Arts School, dean of Piano Art Institute, tenured professor of Sichuan Conservatory of Music, counselor of Piano Society of Chinese Musicians' Association and Honorary Chairman of Shenzhen Musicians Association.

Prof. Dan has been engaged in piano teaching for more than 50 years. During his teaching career, 26 of his students have won 70 awards (including 26 first prizes) in international piano competitions. His students have won top awards in world-class piano competitions such as the Chopin International Piano Competition, the Leeds International Piano Competition, and the Cliburn International Piano Competition, making significant contributions to the history of piano education and performance in China.

In recent years, Prof. Dan has spent some time in promoting piano education and relevant piano teaching training. In addition, he has delivered lectures, opened master classes and online courses across the country. Prof. Dan has spent five years in editing a series of New Paths: The Basics Piano Course for Beginner Students which is based on "happy piano" and "Basic Piano" concepts, being the first set of basics piano teaching materials with scientific, systematic, national and interesting features. The book is well-received and recognized in China. Prof. Dan has made remarkable achievements in writing and teaching.

He has often been invited as a jury at many important piano competitions at home and abroad, such as the Chinese Golden Bell Award for Piano, International Chopin Piano Competition in Asia, Paderewski International Piano Competition, Mozart International Piano Competition Aachen, Grand Prix Animato (Paris) International Piano Competition, The Thomas and Evon Cooper International Piano Competition, Dublin International Piano Competition and Madrid International Piano Competition Spanish Composers.

