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Celebrated Pianist Sean Chen to Perform at El Camino College

One night only, the musician with the "million-volt smile" brings his talent to the South Bay

El Camino College welcomes award-winning pianist Sean Chen for a performance at 8 p.m. Oct. 17 in Marsee Auditorium.

A Crystal Award winner, Chen is the first American to win a prize since 1997. He quickly won fans with his “exceptional ability to connect with an audience combined with an easy virtuosity,” according to the Huffington Post.

Called a rising star with a "million-volt smile" and a "formidable set of fingers" Chen is also the 2013 Christel DeHaan Classical Fellow of the American Pianists Association.

Highlights of his 2013-14 season include return invitations to perform with the Indianapolis and Fort Worth Symphony orchestras, performances at the Concertgebouw in Amsterdam and Jordan Hall in Boston, and the release of a live CD of his competition performances in fall 2013 on the harmonia mundi usa label, featuring works by Brahms, Beethoven, and Bartók.

Also an advocate of new music, Chen has collaborated with several composers to perform their works, including Michael Williams, Nicco Athens, Michael Gilbertson, and Reinaldo Moya.

Tickets for Sean Chen’s performance are \$26 and may be purchased online at www.centerforthearts.org, by phone at 310-329-5345 or toll-free at 800-832-ARTS. The Ticket Office is open Monday through Friday 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Campus parking is \$3. The El Camino College Marsee Auditorium is located at 16007 Crenshaw Boulevard in Torrance.

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