



ALMOND SEE PONGE

Almond See Ponge started piano lessons at age 14, and has recently graduated from the University of South Carolina School of Music with a Graduate Certificate in Piano Performance under Dr. Marina Lomazov. He completed his Master's Degree at Winthrop University, and his Bachelor's Degree at the University of Santo Tomas, Philippines.

As a performer, Almond recently won First Prize in the 2016 South Carolina Music Teacher's National Association Young Artist Competition. In 2014, He garnered an honorable mention at the 2014 SCMTNA YA Competition. He was also awarded the Melle Beach Casey Award for Musical Excellence at Winthrop University, among Assistantship and Scholarship grants for the duration of his education for both Winthrop University and the University of South Carolina.

His orchestral debut was with the Manila Symphony Orchestra in 2013. Almond has participated in the Southeastern Piano Festival both as an Associate and a Performer; the UST Sampung Mga Daliri; as well as PTGP events such as the Forte@40, Mall Tours, and Paco Park Presents. He has participated in Masterclasses with pedagogues and performers alike.

Almond Ponge is currently pursuing his Doctor of Music Arts in Piano Performance at the University of South Carolina where he is studying with Philip Bush and Charles Fugo. Additionally, he serves as Outreach Coordinator for MTNA UofSC Collegiate Chapter.