

Article by Ohio Wesleyan Faculty Member Distributed at National Conference

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DELAWARE, Ohio – An article by Ohio Wesleyan University part-time faculty member [Gulimina Mahamuti](#), D.M.A., has been published in the March/April issue of the leading piano pedagogy journal in the United States, *Clavier Companion*, which was distributed by the journal's publisher and the Music Teachers National Association to every participant at the 2013 MTNA National Conference in Anaheim, Calif.

Nancy Bachus, the journal's associate editor of repertoire and performance, describes Mahamuti as "eminently qualified to compare the two systems of music study and training [between China and the United States]" in the introduction to Mahamuti's article, "Piano Study in Twenty-First Century China."

Mahamuti is the first Uyghur in China to receive a Doctorate of Musical Arts in piano performance from the United States. She has earned two Master of Music degrees in both China and the United States, taught at collegiate levels in both countries, and owned and operated three piano studios in China, where her students won top prizes in Asia and domestic China piano competitions.

She is an acknowledged authority on the life and compositions of Chinese ethno-musicologist Shi Fu, whose music she performed at Carnegie Hall in New York in 2012, and whose "Xinjiang Suites" she recorded and released in May with Grammy-Award-nominated sound engineer Mark Rubinstein. At Carnegie Hall, Mahamuti also premiered "Variations on Awariguli" by Chinese-American composer Chen Yi.

In summer 2012, she completed a month-long invited concert tour across China, including visits to six cities, where she performed, gave master classes, and lectured at the invitations of several music schools, including the prestigious China Conservatory of Music in Beijing. Her life and love of the piano were featured in a TV documentary broadcast on China State TV in 2010.

Recently, Mahamuti performed in Budapest at the invitation of the Turkish Ambassador to Hungary and in Istanbul under the auspices of the Turkish State Conservatory. She has performed piano concerti with symphony orchestras in both China and the United States. This summer, she will perform piano solo recitals in Denmark. Mahamuti is a board member and chairs the piano workshops of the Central East District of the Ohio Music Teachers Association. She is a part-time assistant professor of music (piano) at Ohio Wesleyan.

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