

Lauded for her “particularly lovely” playing and sound, collaborative pianist Candace Chien is an active performer and teacher in the New York City area. 2019-20 season highlights include appearances at Church of the Holy Trinity Rittenhouse Square, St. John on the Green in Norwalk, CT, Islip Arts Council, and more. Particularly exciting are the collaborations with opera companies On Site Opera and Fresh Squeezed Opera, and outreach programs with Music for Autism.

Candace regularly performs with her husband as the Alighieri Duo, a violin-piano duo. Her chamber music performances have taken her all over the east coast of the US, Canada, and Sweden, and has performed additional chamber music with members of the New York Philharmonic, Sydney Symphony, and Huntsville Symphony. Candace is a graduate of The Juilliard School, studying with Jonathan Feldman and Margo Garrett. She received her Master’s degree in piano performance at the Manhattan School of Music with the guidance of Jeffery Cohen and obtained her undergraduate degree in piano performance and music education at Temple University under Professor Harvey Wedeen. In her spare time between private teaching, Juilliard, and concertizing, one can also find Candace in the kitchen. Her personal connection to music and food can be seen on Food Network tv show, *Cooks Versus Cons*, Season 4 in the episode “Fry, Fry Again!”.