

Alexis Fisher: Exemplary Creator

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Born in Brooklyn, New York City
"There was always a Piano in my house"

To be a **Good Pianist**, it requires technical skills, mastery of the basics, and of interpreting the music. How you use the sounds and the quality of the sound you create is the mark of a good pianist. It requires years of repetition and the ability to put together everything you've learned in the past about music into how you interpret what you play.

"What you do with the music, and that becomes very individual"

The **limitations** pianist face can be broken down into: opportunities, pursuit and personality. It requires the chance of meeting the right people, playing the right venue or just having a quality instrument to play on. It also requires to drive to go seek out these opportunities, to actively find the people that you need to meet in order to be put into an orchestra or independent concert. Finally it takes the defining factor of personality to set yourself apart from the crowd.

Background

Family has a deep love of classical music
Started practicing at age 7



"Some of it is chance, some of it is pursuit.... A lot of it is personality"

Received Bachelor of Music and Master of Music degrees from Manhattan School of Music

Started teaching at Lafayette since **1986**
(That's **30** years!)

Achievements



"That [playing the harpsichord] was kind of a onetime thing and I think that was one of the highlights of my experience."
Collaborated with flutist and faculty member Susan Charlton in Charlton/Fisher Duo since 1992

Used to be a member of piano faculty at the University of Wisconsin—Eau Claire
Also taught at Santa Clara University and San Jose City College

The true mark of an exemplary creator is **Passion** for what you do. To an exemplary creator doing what you are a master at feels like an addiction. It's not a hobby or a pastime it's their life. It's that passion that drives them to practice when anyone else would stop, it drives them to go above and beyond at what they do. It is passion that separates the good from the great.

"I love playing and I couldn't imagine my life not doing [it]"