

Ambre Hammond

Girl Piano Truck

Ambre began piano studies at the age of 3 and gave her first public concert at age 5.

At age 11, Ambre achieved a World Record when she received the Associate and Licentiate Diplomas of music in the same year.

When Ambre was 16 she won First Prize in the International Music Competition of Cordoba - Argentina, South America. The following year Ambre was invited to return to Argentina and made her Concerto debut playing the Rachmaninoff Piano Concerto No. 3 with the Cordoba Symphony Orchestra. This performance was recorded live, released as a CD and has been acclaimed by the Rachmaninoff Society of USA as one of the finest interpretations of this piece.

That same year Ambre recorded and released a CD of music by Franz Liszt *Devotion* (1993) which was commissioned and funded by Australian artist Arthur Boyd.

Ambre has presented concerts both solo and with Orchestra throughout Australia, Switzerland, England, Italy, Spain, Poland, North and South America, New Zealand, China, India, East Timor, Thailand and Belarus.

In 2006 renowned Hollywood film writer and composer Lalo Schifrin was commissioned to write a unique Double Concerto for Jazz Trumpet, Classical Piano and Symphony Orchestra especially for Ambre and James Morrison. Ambre traveled to Schifrin's home in Los Angeles where she played the piece to Lalo who dedicated the Concerto to her.

In 2007, the World Premiere performance was held on two consecutive sell-out nights at the Sydney Opera House with the Sydney Symphony Orchestra with Ambre and James and the composer himself conducting to great acclaim from both critics and audience alike.

In 2008, Ambre traveled to New York to record the music of outstanding American composer, Patrick Zimmerli at the legendary Studios of Rudy Van Gelder, working with Producer Don Sickler and Van Gelder himself.

In March 2011, Ambre collaborated with Vishwa Mohan Bhatt, the legendary Indian slide guitarist



and disciple of Ravi Shankar. Vishwa won a Grammy for his album with Ry Cooder. Ambre and Vishwa collaborated with their unique and individual styles playing a special fusion concert at the Sydney Opera House titled *Raag Beethoven*.

Ambre's current project is GIRL PIANO TRUCK (www.girlpianotruck.com). The vision involves presenting concerts in remote locations throughout the world and in the past year Ambre has commenced the project touring throughout remote parts of India, Thailand, East Timor and Belarus giving concerts in Orphanages.

Ambre is the proud Ambassador for the Brain Foundation and the Foundation for National Parks and Wildlife

Client testimonials

“ Flawless technique, beautiful sound, exquisite repertoire... all these are in abundance on this recording but they are not why one listens to this music time and time again. The reason you'll immerse yourself in these sublime sounds more than once is the passion that Ambre brings to everything she does.

- **James Morrison**

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