



June Spotlight

Brian Locke, '11
Bachelor of Music - Piano Performance

Our June spotlight features Brian Locke, who received a Bachelor of Music degree in Piano Performance in 2011 from UofSC. Brian has served on the music faculty at Loyola University, Chicago and the Interlochen Center for the Arts and as staff vocal coach/pianist at DePaul and Northwestern Universities.

Some recent professional highlights include an appointment as Music Director for the Artists-in-Residence program at Opera Theatre of Saint Louis; a recital of solo and chamber works of Francis Poulenc in Paris in conjunction with artists from the Conservatoire de Paris; concerto soloist with members of the Marine Corps "Presidents Own" orchestra in Washington, DC; and he will soon perform a world première by Nico Muhly with his frequent recital partner, Grammy-winning mezzo-soprano, Kelley O'Connor, as part of an extensive recital tour.

Based in Chicago, he is in demand as a recitalist and coach locally and abroad with a specialty in chamber music and repertoire for the voice. While at the University of South Carolina, Brian studied in the studio of Marina Lomazov and continued studies in the renowned collaborative piano studio at the University of Michigan with Martin Katz.

You can read a more in-depth biography of Brian on his website: www.lockepiano.com .