

## **Gerardo Teissonniere**

Piano & Chamber Music Faculty

Cleveland Institute of Music

Master Class February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025 -Sunday

Graves Recital Hall

1:10 Beethoven – Sonata in G Major, op.31 no.1 mvt 1

Lena Weinberg (11)- (NP)

1:40 Brahms – 6 Klavierstucke op.118, Romance, Ballade

Alex Huang (13)-(TK)

2:10 Mozart – Sonata in C Major, K.330, mvt 1

Hudson Seerden (11)-(KS)

2:40 Ravel- Sonatine , mvt.1

Eliana Gritter (16)-(SS)

-----3:10 to 3:20 BREAK-----

3:20 Beethoven-Sonata in C Major, op.2 no.3 mvt.1

Austin Xiao (15)-(YU)

3:50 Mozart Sonata in A Major, K331, mvt.1

Aanya Bhutani (16)-(VR)

4:10 Chopin- Etude 12, op. 25

Nasir Ferguson (17)-(EJ)

Participating Teachers: Tatiana Kats, Eleanor Judd, Nina Polonsky,  
Kathleen Sadoff, Sally Sansbury, Vivan Ripley, Erya Yu.

**Gerardo Teissonnière** (born March 29, 1961, in [Ponce, Puerto Rico](#)) is a [Puerto Rican pianist](#) and [teacher](#).

## Education

Gerardo Teissonnière studied at the Conservatory of Music in [Puerto Rico](#) with [Jesús María Sanromá](#) and at the [Cleveland Institute of Music](#) with [Vitya Vronsky \(Vronsky & Babin\)](#), both disciples of [Artur Schnabel](#) and [Alfred Cortot](#), and at the Aspen Music Festival with Jeaneane Dowis, former assistant to [Rosina Lhévinne](#) at the Juilliard School. He also pursued post-graduate studies in Europe with [Dmitri Bashkirov](#) and Joaquín Achúcarro.

## Professional career

Since his American debut at the [National Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C.](#), Gerardo Teissonnière has given première performances of music by 20th-century composers such as [Pablo Casals](#), [Aaron Copland](#), [Claude Debussy](#), [Alberto Ginastera](#), [Lowell Liebermann](#), [Darius Milhaud](#), [Arvo Pärt](#) and [Heitor Villa-Lobos](#).<sup>[1]</sup> In 2004 he embarked on a five-recital cycle presenting the complete [Mozart](#) piano sonatas. In 2005 he was invited to perform in Poland in conjunction with commemorative events of the 150th anniversary of Chopin's death and the fifteenth Chopin International Piano Competition.<sup>[2]</sup> Teissonniere has recorded for the Steinway & Sons label and is a [Steinway Artist](#) and faculty member of the Cleveland Institute of Music.<sup>[3]</sup>

## Awards and honors

Gerardo Teissonnière is the recipient of the 2025 [Governor's Award For The Arts in the Individual Artist category](#), the Arthur Loesser Memorial Award and the 2008 Alumni Achievement Award from the Cleveland Institute of Music. In 2008 he was awarded the Judson

Smart Living Award in Education. He has also been nominated for the Ohio Arts Council's Governors' Award for the Arts.<sup>[4]</sup>