

SIMEON WANG [XIMIAN WANG]

Composer | Documentary and Field Research

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Composer developing concert works from documentary scoring, cultural fieldwork, and recorded sound.

EDUCATION

Ben Lippen School

High School Diploma, May 2026

GPA: 4.00 (Unweighted) / 4.575 (Weighted) | 28 Credits | Non-ranking

AP Exams: Music Theory, Statistics, Macroeconomics all 5; Art History and Microeconomics: 4.

TOEFL iBT: 100; MyBest: 100

Composition Study and Portfolio Development

2026-present

Participating in a gap-year study centered on composition, orchestration, electronic music, piano recording, and preparing for undergraduate composition study.

COMPOSITIONS AND MEDIA WORK

Chamber Work on Cultural Transmission

2026-present

Chamber ensemble with 8 instruments

Musical ideas developed from the collision and conflict of cultures, inspired by a documentary of Yi cultural heritage, focusing on multiple rhythms, textures, tunes, and form, and mixing with flexible chords.

Fambe

2026-present

Ensemble with Fixed Media

Combining the sounds of the kiln, water, machines, and nature, this piece changes and mixes these sounds and makes them interact with the ensemble, showing how porcelain was created. Inspired by the traditional porcelain workshops in Jingdezhen.

Long Road to Lianhe Daxue

2026-present

Piano Solo

Inspired by the 1,600-kilometer-long journey that the students and teachers of National Southwest Lianhe Daxue made from Changsha to Kunming to preserve Chinese culture and knowledge. Used recurring walking gestures to respond to my 33-day journey following their route and to what I saw along the way, from the countryside to the cities.

Original Score for a Documentary on Yi Cultural Heritage

2025

23-minute film, orchestra

Composed and produced the complete score; also participated in filming and interviews in Yi communities, observing the situation of traditions of an ethnic minority in Southwest China.

Selected Media-Scoring Projects

2023-2025

Created original music for animation, documentary, electronic-ambient video, and a community sports club promotional film.

PUBLICATION AND FIELD RESEARCH

Co-author of "Travel Slowly, Behold the World"

Published January 2025

Co-authored a 140,000-character Chinese-language book with my mother documenting the journey of

National Southwest Lianhe Daxue students. Wrote half of the text (approx. 70,000 characters) detailing historical context and personal reflections (ISBN included).

Traditional Craft Research in Jiangxi

Jiangxi, May-June 2025

Observed and researched porcelain making, ramie cloth production, and traditional papermaking; used recorded sounds from the research to compose the work *Fambe*.

Documentary Fieldwork

Sichuan and southwest China, 2022-2025

Worked with other students in a small team documenting Tibetan pastoral life and Yi cultural practices and researched a local food market and waste disposal, resulting in a 10-minute short film "Those Vegetables, Those People".

MUSICAL TRAINING AND SKILLS

Composition: composition, harmony, orchestration, fixed media, drones, and electronic music. Received private instruction from a Jacobs School of Music alumna.

Media Scoring and Music Production: Digital audio production, basic audio editing, and music synchronization to picture.

Performance and musicianship: Piano; AP Music Theory 5; ABRSM Grade 6 Musical Theatre, 2023.

LEADERSHIP AND SOCIAL SERVICE

First Pilot Student and Peer Mentor

2022-2026

CHA Online School | Ben Lippen School Online Pathway

Explored a new path for Chinese Christian students: a new U.S. online curriculum study mode. Shared my experience with later students and helped solve the problems found with courses and several other difficulties.

British Parliamentary Debate Instructor

2023-2024

CHA Online School

Taught two introductory BP debate courses totaling 12 weekly lessons and led advanced English-language practice.

Volunteer Teaching Assistant

CHA summer camps, school visits

Four summers, 2023-2026

Assisted teachers with lessons, student activities, and daily camp events. Assisted a teacher while visiting academies and colleges in the Philippines, including Faith Academy, Grace Christian College, Chiang Kai Shek College, and Jubilee Christian Academy.

Trail Run Race Volunteer and Media Composer

2024-2026

Triathlon club, Tsaigu Trail Race

Served at aid stations on the trail race course for 3 years, and composed a theme for a triathlon club's ad video.

Natural Hazards Discussion Group Moderator

2022-present

Tracks typhoons and earthquakes; helps moderate groups as a moderator, and gives individual warnings to acquaintances.