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TEACHER RESOURCES

CHILLY GONZALES

MONDAY, JANUARY 20, 2020

Roy Thomson Hall, 60 Simcoe St., Toronto, ON
Workshop: 7 PM | Concert: 8 PM



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THE BIGGEST MUSIC NERD EVER

Jason Charles Beck, or Chilly Gonzales, is a Canadian Grammy-winning multi-talented musician, producer, songwriter, and educator. He is known for his classical pop-inspired classical music compositions, but it doesn't end there. He has multiple albums covering every genre from trip-hop to chamber music; he's created and appeared on web series, radio shows, and podcasts; written articles and opinion pieces in newspapers and magazines; and runs the "Gonzervatory", a residential music performance workshop where selected students join an all-inclusive trip to Paris to work with Gonzales and other collaborators in preparation for a final concert. Gonzales has also worked with names like Drake, Daft Punk, and Feist. After spending years in Paris, Gonzales currently resides in Cologne, Germany.

"To me, a performance is a military operation; it requires so much planning, and then ripping up the plan the minute you get there because you have no idea what the audience is feeling. I'm very much an entertainer, and sensitive to the audience's perception of me. I often have to do unexpected things, even for myself."

- CHILLY GONZALES





DID YOU KNOW?

DURING 2009, GONZALES BROKE THE GUINNESS WORLD RECORD FOR THE LONGEST SOLO CONCERT IN A MARATHON CONCERT AT FILM DIRECTOR CLAUDE LELOUCH'S CINÉ 13 THEATRE IN PARIS. HE PLAYED OVER 200 DIFFERENT SONGS FOR 27 HOURS, THREE MINUTES, AND 44 SECONDS. 85,000 PEOPLE FROM AROUND THE WORLD WATCHED VIA THE LIVE WEBCAST.



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- ◆ Choose a song by Chilly Gonzales. Why do you think Chilly Gonzales used this specific instrument/instruments in this song?
- ◆ How do the chosen instruments help the musician create a musical feeling? Why is it important to choose the right sound?
- ◆ Comparing two pieces featuring the same instrument, can you show me an example of two very opposite feelings/moods (for example, a very happy piano piece and a very sad one)? How are those feelings achieved?
- ◆ Close your eyes. While listening to a piece by Chilly Gonzales, what comes to your mind? A scene? A story? A memory? If you can, can you share it with us?



FURTHER RESOURCES

OFFICIAL WEBSITE: <https://www.chillygonzales.com>

ALLMUSIC - BIOGRAPHY: <https://www.allmusic.com/artist/chilly-gonzales-mn0002475940/biography>

THE WALRUS - PIANO MAN: <https://thewalrus.ca/piano-man/>

TO LEARN

Solo Piano Notebook I (Diffusion Import, Éditions Bourçès R., 2013)
Solo Piano Notebook II (Diffusion Import, Éditions Bourçès R., 2013)
Solo Piano Notebook III (Éditions Bourçès R., 2018)
Re-Introduction Etudes (Éditions Bourçès R., 2014)
 See a listing of all of Gonzales' piano books at:
<http://www.chillygonzales.com/books/>

TO LISTEN

Chilly Gonzales - *Solo Piano III* (Spotify)

TO WATCH

"Shut up and Play the Piano" (2018)

SHARE THE MUSIC:

Share the Music, presented by the Corporation of Massey Hall and Roy Thomson Hall, aims to enhance and broaden students' musical horizons by providing tickets to world-class performances and educational pre-concert workshops. Schools and community groups are invited to apply for complimentary *Share the Music* tickets to Chilly Gonzales and other notable performances in the 2019/20 season. For more information, please visit roythomsonhall.com/sharethemusic

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