

Christina Cheon is an active musician and educator based in Orange County, California. She has won top prizes in competitions such as the 2018 Great Plains International Marimba Competition, 2014 California PAS Competition, and the 2009 Southern California International Marimba Competition, among others. She has also performed as a touring artist with the Heartland Marimba Quartet throughout the United States and with the World Percussion Group in Europe.

Christina has been invited to perform for festivals such as the Zeltsman Marimba Festival, the Lansum International Music Festival, and the Trinidad Bay Arts and Music Festival in Northern California. As an educator, Christina has presented masterclasses for the U Music Foundation, San Jose State University, University of Leeds, Escola Superior de Música e Artes do Espectaculo, and other institutions throughout the world.

In 2014, Christina founded Southern California Marimba (SCM), a 501(c)(3) organization that provides educational activities and artistic development for young musicians. SCM advocates for community building by hosting concerts with free admission for students, a biennial competition that involves participants from around the globe, and microgrants to serve underprivileged students. Christina served as the Artistic & Executive Director from its founding until she retired from her role in 2023.

Christina holds music degrees from the Boston Conservatory at Berklee (Master of Music in Marimba Performance) and Chapman University (Bachelor of Music in Percussion Performance), where she is currently teaching percussion as a lecturer and adjunct professor. In addition to her work at the university, she teaches private lessons for all ages and maintains a regular performing schedule as a soloist and ensemble percussionist. She is proud to endorse Marimba One as an Educational Artist.