GILAN TOCCO CORN

ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

Concert Pianist Gilan Tocco Corn is the co-founder and Artistic Director of the Shenson Chamber Music Concerts at the National Museum of Women in the Arts. She is also Chairman of the Board of the Young Concert Artists of Washington.

Born in Iran where, she began studying piano at an early age, she continued her studies at the Vienna Academy of Music with Professor Grete Hinterhofer, graduating with honors in 1964. She subsequently received a French government scholarship to study in Paris with legendary pianist Magda Tagliaferro, under whose tutelage she remained while residing at the prestigious Cité des Arts.

Tocco Corn, who is fluent in five languages, has performed recitals and chamber music with orchestras in Europe, North and South America, and the Middle East. She played command performances for Their Majesties, the Shah and Empress of Iran, and for other notables, such as the King and Queen of Thailand, King Hassan of Morocco, and President Ford at a White House State Dinner. She has also performed at Wolf Trap with other artists, including Mstislav Rostropovich and Anna Moffo. Tocco Corn participated in a CBS Special celebrating Samuel Barber’s birthday at his apartment where she performed his Souvenirs with James Tocco in 1977.

Tocco Corn has frequently served as a judge in international competitions. In 2017 her life was portrayed in a documentary by film maker Behrouz Jamali.