



# **GILAN TOCCO CORN**

## **ARTISTIC DIRECTOR**

Concert pianist Gilan Tocco Corn is the co-founder and artistic director of the Shenson Chamber Music Concerts. She is also the chairman of the board for 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 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 also performed at a gala concert at Wolf Trap with other artists, including M. Rostropovich and Anna Moffo. In addition to her musical training, Tocco Corn has studied literature at the Paris Sorbonne University and has a degree from the University of Cambridge. She is fluent in five languages.