

Many musicians are good at one kind of music or another. What is amazing about Emily is that she is superb in every kind of music from pop to jazz, classical, bebop and everything in between. At just six years old, she was the youngest person ever to receive the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers (ASCAP) Young Composer Award.

More recently, in fact in 2016 and 2017, Emily was awarded the Herb Alpert Jazz Composer of the Year Award and the 2015 Young Composer of the Year Award for concert music.

Although she's won plenty of them, for Emily making music isn't all about winning awards. Emily's life is about making music. She has composed music for film and television. She has released seven CDs with her most recent one entitled *Into the Blue*. Quincy Jones, perhaps the most famous record producer of all time, produced Emily's chart-topping sixth CD, *Diversity*. After working together, Mr. Jones said about Emily, "She's the most delightful human being I've ever met in my life! And her music is the same way. I am at once astounded and inspired by the enormous talent that Emily embodies. With the ability to seamlessly move from classical to jazz and bebop, she shows as much musical prowess as pianists/composers twice her age, and I am thrilled to be working with her. She's astounding—man—she's astounding. She plays like she's 40 years old. She is the complete 360-degree package, and there are no limits to the musical heights she can reach."

One of the more unusual requests Emily has had for making music is to compose an original piece to be played by twenty-five pianos at the same time! That's a lot of notes!

Emily even has songbooks published by Hal Leonard, the same company that publishes *Music Express*! A portion of the proceeds from every CD or songbook that Emily sells goes to charities that Emily supports. Perhaps that is what makes her a real star!

Whether on TV, in books, on CD or performing on the world's finest concert stages, Emily Bear is a musical marvel and an awesome person as well.



Photo: Bill Edmundson

Emily Bear with Quincy Jones



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Night of the Proms, Holland and Belgium tour, December 2017



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