

Cecil Lytle

A native of New York City, Cecil Lytle began piano study with his father, Lacey P. Lytle, a Baptist Church organist. As a teenager, Mr. Lytle attended Julliard Preparatory Division, but chose to begin his college at Clark College in Atlanta. After transferring to Oberlin Conservatory in Ohio, Cecil Lytle began attracting international attention as a performer including winning First Prize at the Franz Liszt International Piano Competition. His recordings reflect his eclectic tastes and abilities including: a recently released six CD set of the complete piano music of George Ivanovich Gurdjieff, the Music of Thomas AFats@ Waller, albums and CDs of the Complete Piano Music of Alexander Scriabin, and several recorded appearances with jazz and gospel artists. His latest release on Klavier records (March 1997) is a CD of Beethoven piano sonatas.

His appointment as Senior Fulbright-Hays Scholar to the United Kingdom came after his appointment as Assistant Professor of Music at Grinnell College in Iowa. In 1974, Cecil Lytle joined the music faculty of the University of California, San Diego. Following a successful stint as Chairman of the Music Department, Professor Lytle was appointed Provost of Thurgood Marshall College at UCSD in 1988.

Professor Lytle was the Founder and currently Chairs the Board of Directors of the Preuss School, a grade 6-12 charter school for low income students, at UCSD.

Provost Cecil Lytle returned to UC San Diego July 2003 following his successful two year appointment, 2001-2003, as Director of the University of California Study Centre in London, England.