

Appendix chat for the blog-post image illustrating “[The Pianist’s Hands](#),” a ChatGPT-assisted short story by Katherine Wikoff

My initial prompt:

Can I ask you to help me with an illustration for "The Pianist's Hands" in a new chat, without going back into the ginormous revision chat?

ChatGPT said:

Absolutely — feel free to start fresh right here.

Just let me know what kind of illustration you're envisioning for *The Pianist’s Hands*:

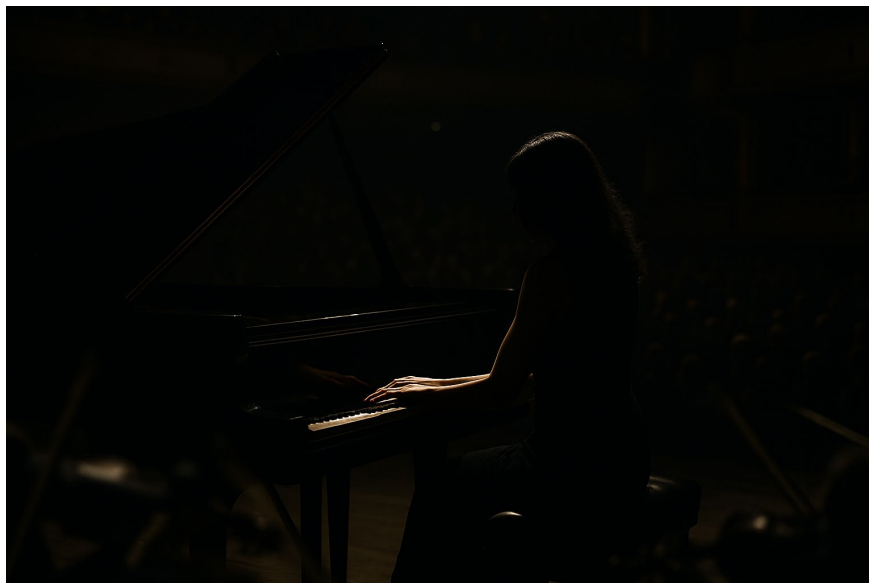
- Do you want it to depict a specific scene?
- Should it be realistic, stylized, symbolic, or abstract?
- Any particular color palette, mood, or details (like age of the pianist, setting, lighting, etc.)?

Once I have that, I can generate an image for you.

You said:

I'd love to have an image of the pianist onstage, sitting at her piano, from the perspective of the orchestra on stage, from upper stage right, and she is sitting at the grand piano downstage, center stage. I'd like the image to look like it was taken with a telephoto lens, with the low foreground of violin players' bows being blurred and the background of the audience in the auditorium, including the balcony and box seats, also being blurred. The only thing in focus is the pianist. Everything, including the pianist, should be somewhat silhouetted, like very shadowed. The pianist, audience, and any orchestra players should be dressed in dark clothing (but I want the violins to be very low in the image, so minimizing any actual players appearing, and the audience to be also minimized in terms of distinguishable individual people). The pianist's hands should be the center of focus, brightly lit, and the main thing in the image that is illuminated. The only lighting should only be coming from the spotlight and limited footlights, etc. (logically, anyway). Thank you for your help with creating this image to illustrate the story on my blog!

ChatGPT said:



You said:

I love it, but it is too dark. Can you lighten it up a bit? "Un-crush" the blacks, as it were? Thank you!

ChatGPT said:



You said:

Oh my gosh! This is absolutely, breathtakingly PERFECT!!! Thank you!

ChatGPT said:

You're so welcome — I'm thrilled it captures what you envisioned! Let me know if you need any alternate crops, formats, or a version for print or web. I'm happy to help however you need.

Tools

ChatGPT can make mistakes. Check important info.