



# Cambridge Academy of Music and Arts NEWSLETTER January & February 2009

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## Happy New Year

I know that you had a wonderful and relaxing holiday, spending good time with your family and relatives at home and out of town. Several of you had a fun vacation at Disney World, an Alaskan cruise and a trip to China.

Winter holidays have ended and you have already started school. Everything is back to its routine schedule. You can focus on the daily chores and do not need to worry about "Uncle Mike" coming to visit and having to clean up your room or giving up your bedroom.

We have planned a lot of music activities for you in the new year, such as the National Federation Festival in February, the GMTA competition in April, ABRSM exams in February and in April/May, the National Piano Guild audition in May, and our Spring Recitals in May. Please plan ahead to participate in the events.

Does your new year's resolution include more practicing? I hope your answer is "Yes!"



## Good Job at Recitals

All of you did a fantastic job at the recitals held on November 17 at England Piano and November 18 at Piano Works. 150 students, their partners and their teachers performed beautifully and showed excellent performance etiquette and stage manner. Many of you commented to us after the recital that you truly enjoyed the program and appreciated our hard work in maintaining a high standard of teaching.

Thank you, teachers, for putting the program together and preparing the students so well!



## Makeup Lessons

Just to remind you that you need to schedule your child's one make-up lesson with his/her teacher before January 10, for any canceled lesson in the first semester. Any last minute canceled lessons cannot be made up. Make-up day is Tuesday, January 13—no regular lessons that day.



## Faculty Recital

presented by

Cambridge Academy of Music

- Ms. Kathy Ackermann, piano teacher
- Mr. John Daniel, violin and viola teacher
- Mr. Adam Frank, guitar teacher
- Ms. Michelle Li, piano teacher
- Ms. Kaliya Okuri, bass teacher
- Ms. Mary Parsons, piano and voice teacher
- Ms. Tracy Woodard, violin and viola teacher
- Ms. Julie Ye, piano teacher
- Ms. Chiu-May Yu, piano and voice teacher

Sunday, February 8, 2009  
3:00 p.m.

Piano Works  
2805 Buford Highway, Duluth

Free Admission

## Gold Cup Concert

The National Federation of Music Clubs Gold Cup Concert will be held at 2:30 p.m., Sunday, March 8, 2009 at Piano Works in Duluth.



Students will perform one piece and will receive their gold cup trophy at the end of the concert. Each time a student receives a "Superior" rating in the performance, he/she will earn 5 points towards the gold cup trophy. The levels of the awards to our Cambridge students include 15-, 30-, 45- and 75-point cups this year.



Happy Valentine's Day

February 14, 2009



## GMEA Winners

Congratulations to the following students of Lois Finlay, who participated in the GMEA All-State Piano Auditions:

### Piano Solos

<b>Galen Xiang</b>	6th grade	Winner
<b>Harsha Sridhar</b>	6th grade	Alternate
<b>Eric Wan</b>	8th grade	Winner
<b>Jonathan Li</b>	8th grade	Master Class Winner
<b>Donna Guo</b>	10th grade	Alternate
<b>Richard Wan</b>	10th grade	Honorable Mention
<b>Derek Vann</b>	11th grade	Recital Winner
<b>Sue Kim</b>	12th grade	Winner

### 4-Hand Duets

<b>Eric and Richard Wan</b>	Winners
<b>Donna Guo and Derek Vann</b>	Winners

### Works of Robert Vandall

<b>Jonathan Li</b>	Winner
<b>Galen Xiang</b>	Alternate
<b>Harsha Sridhar</b>	Honorable Mention

## Federation Gold Cup Festival



Our Second Annual National Federation of Music Clubs Gold Cup Festival auditions will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 28, 2009 at our Chamblee location. 178 students have registered to participate in

the piano, voice, guitar, violin, and viola solo events, piano duet event and piano concerto event. The judges are Mr. David Nash, Mrs. Martha Carroll, Mrs. Julie Soh-Harbin, Mrs. Portia Hawkins, Mr. Glen Eckman and Mr. Carey Huddlestun.

Students will prepare one piece from the National Federation syllabus and one of their own choices. They will perform the pieces by memory privately for the judge and will receive comments, a certificate and points toward their gold cup trophy.

Performers should remember the following:

1. Arrive and register 15 minutes before the scheduled audition time.
2. Bring the music with measures numbered for the judge's use. According to Federation rule, students without the original music will be disqualified.
3. Dress up for the occasion.
4. Warm-up at home before you come because no warm-up room will be available.



## High Scorers in 2008

The Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music (ABRSM) will present its Twelfth Georgia High Scorers' Concert at Briarcliff Baptist Church at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, January 25, 2009. The performers are students who passed the 2008 exam with distinction or high merit in Georgia.

High scorers from our Academy will perform at the concert. The teachers of these students are Margaret Liu, Mary Parsons, Troy Palmer, and Chiu-May Yu.

<b>Terry Phang</b>	Grade 1	Piano	Distinction
<b>Jessie Leung</b>	Grade 1	Piano	Distinction
<b>Evin Liu</b>	Grade 1	Piano	High Merit
<b>Cameron Reaves</b>	Grade 1	Piano	High Merit
<b>Daniela Santiago</b>	Grade 1	Singing	Distinction
<b>Amy Wang</b>	Grade 1	Piano	Distinction
<b>Aomeng Cui</b>	Grade 3	Piano	Distinction
<b>Sabrina Long</b>	Grade 3	Piano	Distinction
<b>Jocelyn Chan</b>	Grade 4	Piano	Distinction
<b>Wesley Cheung</b>	Grade 4	Piano	Distinction
<b>Sara Yeh</b>	Grade 4	Piano	High Merit
<b>Adam Zhang</b>	Grade 5	Piano	High Merit

Four students received distinction ratings in the Theory Exam in 2008:

<b>Megan Anandappa</b>	Grade 1	Chiu-May Yu
<b>Supriya Sharma</b>	Grade 2	Margaret Liu
<b>Wesley Cheung</b>	Grade 3	Margaret Liu
<b>Aomeng Cui</b>	Grade 3	Margaret Liu

Congratulations to these students and their teachers for a job well done!

## Student Achievement

Congratulations to **Camilla Buitrago**, a 3rd grade student at Medlock Bridge Elementary School for her prize winning Reflections music composition "From Another Place." Her composition will be sent to the county level for adjudication. Camilla has studied piano for approximately one year at Cambridge Academy and is a student of Mr. Troy Palmer.



### **Partner in Performance**

Our upright piano in Alpharetta is provided by

*Piano Works*

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