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Recitals—A job Well Done



The spring student recitals were a great success. Students, thanks for your fabulous performances at the five student recitals on May 10, May 18 and May 24. We were very proud of the young beginners and the first time performers. All of you deserved the trophy you received for your achievements. Thanks to parents for your support and for giving us the opportunity to work with your children. A big “THANK YOU” to teachers for working hard to prepare their students for the recital.

Many students received their National Piano Guild certificate, and the practical and theory examination certificate from the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music.

Congratulations to the following students who received special awards this school year:

National Piano Guild Special Pin

5-Year Pin: Stephanie Pham and Charles Wang

6-Year Pin: Davon Harper

9-Year Pin: Joshua Liu and Shannon Wong

10-Year Pin: Stephanie Lui, Derek Vann

GMTA High School Senior Certificate

Emily Gupta Philip Dollard

Caterina Li Joshua Liu

2008 Most Improved Students

Students

Candace Allison

Alexander Haile

Rebecca Hu

Rachel Leong

Wilson Ma

Toho Nagaoka

Allen Nagashima

Stephanie Pham

Neeraja Sarda

Supriya Sharma

Chelsea Whyte

Erika Yamazaki

Teachers

Kaliya Okuri

Kathy Ackermann

Chiu-May Yu

Margaret Liu (Alpharetta)

Adam Frank

Tracy Woodard

Troy Palmer

Margaret Liu (Chamblee)

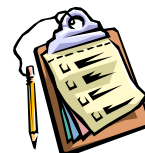
Malgorzata Staszewska

Kristen Dunlap

Lisa Bong

Mary Parsons

Fall Registration



The fall registration package will be mailed to your home in mid July for signing up for the fall semester. Please be sure to carefully read the Academy Policies that will be included in the package. There are some important changes for the 2008-09 school year. Since many students will have different after school activities in the new school year and will need to arrange a new lesson time, we give everyone an opportunity to choose a new time for the fall semester. Your previous lesson time might not be available. Please check the 2008-2009 teaching schedule and register as soon as you receive the package or before the specified deadline. Schedules will be assigned on a first-come first-served basis. To complete the registration process and guarantee your requested lesson time, the completed registration form, the registration fee and the original signed Academy Policies form must be received.

For those who are not taking summer classes, you need to mail in all paper work and registration fee by the deadline. Whether you will resume your lessons in the week of August 11 when the public schools start, or the first week of our fall semester in September, you need to register early to reserve a space of your choice.



Summer Tuition

Tuition during the summer semester, from June 1 to August 31, is charged by the number of lessons in each month. Since some public schools start their fall semester in mid August, our fall schedule needs to be put in effect at the same time. We will start our 9 equal-payment plan in September, due by the 1st of each month.

Independence Day Holiday



Friday, July 4, 2008

No regular lessons



Guild Achievements

Many students from our Academy participated in the annual National Piano Guild auditions in May, 2008. The auditions were judged on many areas of accomplishment, such as accuracy, tone quality, dynamics, and interpretation.

We are very proud of these students who achieved "Superior Plus" ratings at the auditions.

From Kathy Ackermann's studio —

Sanders O'Toole

From Lois Finlay's studio —

Donna Guo	Emily Gupta	Nicholas Gupta
Andy Huang	Daniel Levine	Caterina Li
Tammy Liaw	Timothy Shu	Harsha Sridhar
Derek Vann	Eric Wan	Richard Wan
Kelvin Wey		

From Margaret Liu's studio —

Ariana Alexander	Ozanne Alexander	Jocelyn Chan
Nathanie Cheung	Wesley Cheung	Annie Chow
Davon Harper	Anthony Lam	Alex Law
Valerie Lin	Evin Liu	Sabrina Long
Stephanie Lui	Arnold Pfahnl	Stephanie Pham
Terry Phang	Deepti Rao	Joshua Tam
Anusha Sthanunathan		Charles Wang
Irene Weng	Shannon Wong	Emily Yeh
Adam Zhang	Maggie Zhang	

From Chiu-May Yu's studio —

Mila Colizza	Christina Curlette	Ziyu Ding
Rebecca Hu	Jessie Leung	Joshua Liu
Jane Morrow	Stephanie Tang	

Special congratulations to **Emily Gupta** and **Caterina Li**, students of Ms. Finlay, who received the "High School Diploma" at the event.

GMTA Winners

Several piano students of Lois Finlay were winners at the **Georgia Music Teachers Association In-State Auditions** at University of Georgia, Athens in May 2008. They competed with other local winners in the same school grade.

Timothy Shu	Grade 7	Award of Excellence
Eric Wan	Grade 7	Honorable Mention
Donna Guo	Grade 8	Outstanding performer
Richard Wan	Grade 9	Honorable Mention
Caterina Li	Grade 12	Outstanding Performer
Derek Vann	Concerto	Outstanding Performer & Convention Recitalist Second Alternate

Congratulations to these students! Good Job!



The Academy's ultimate goal is to provide a high standard of music instruction in your community. We utilize many resources to ensure the standard is maintained, such as the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music (ABRSM) Practical Exams. The outstanding achievements that our students received in the past have proven the effectiveness of this program. As a result, students increase motivation and gain recognition from participating in this international program.

The next Theory Exam will be held on Saturday, November 1 and the Practical Exam for all instruments will be held between October and December. The deadline for entering is August 15. If you would like your child to take these exams, you may discuss it with your teacher.

Bach Competition

The **Bach Competition**, sponsored by North DeKalb Music Teachers Association will be held on Saturday, October 18 at Johns Creek Baptist Church. Application deadline is September 13.

The competition categories include piano, flute, strings and voice. You may discuss it with your teacher if you are interested in participating.



Ensemble Recital

It is not too early to talk about our fall Ensemble Recitals to be held on Saturday, November 17 at England Piano and Sunday, November 18 at Piano Works. We encourage students to study ensemble music and perform at the fall recitals.

Students should start looking for a favorite piece with their teacher and start learning it. Students may perform with their teacher, parent, sibling or friend in a duet, trio or quartet. It's a lot of fun, too!

Partner in Performance

Our upright piano in Alpharetta is provided by

Piano Works

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