

# Cambridge Academy of Music and Arts

## NEWSLETTER

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### Fall Recitals

Our Fall Recitals will be held on Saturday, November 11 at England Piano at 3740 DeKalb Tech Parkway, Doraville for the Chamblee school, and Sunday,

December 3 at Piano Works at 2785 Buford Highway, Duluth for the Alpharetta school.

The program will be a mix of different levels so that elementary level students may perform with their more advanced older siblings. Several parents have volunteered to play duets with their children.

A program will be prepared for each recital. Students who perform will receive a certificate.

These recitals are formal performances and we should observe the following rules:

1. **Be on time.** The recital will start *promptly*. Performers should arrive at least 15 minutes before the recital to be lined up at the front in the order of performance in the program.

2. **Dress Code.** Participants should *dress up* for the occasion. Blue Jeans, T-shirts, platform shoes and short mini skirts are not appropriate. Sunday clothes will be recommended.

3. **Manner.** Performers need a quiet environment to concentrate and try to do their best. Interruptions like talking and going in and out of the room can bother the performer, as well as the audience members who are trying to listen.

Parents, we would greatly appreciate it if you would have someone take care of your baby or toddler at home.

### Student Solo Festival

Student Solo Festival is sponsored by the North DeKalb Music Teachers Association. It will be held on Saturday, February 3, 2007 at Piano Works. The Festival provides a place for piano students to perform privately for a music judge and receive adjudication. Students will perform 2 pieces by memory. Application deadline is January 12 and the fee is \$15.00.



### Federation Gold Cup Festival

Cambridge Academy of Music has federated with the National Federation of Music Clubs this fall. Our first Gold Cup Festival will be held on Saturday, February 26, 2007 at our Chamblee location. Students who participate will be a member of their teacher's Junior Music Club. They will play two pieces by memory before the Federation judge and will receive comments, a certificate and points towards the Gold Cup award, besides gaining great performance experience. Subjects include piano, strings, woodwinds, guitar, percussion, and all instrument ensembles.

Six piano teachers have joined and will be preparing their students for the Festival — Lisa Bong, Lois Finlay, Margaret Liu, Troy Palmer, Mary Parsons and Chiu-May Yu.

This will be our annual event besides the fall and spring recitals.

### The Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music

The Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music (ABRSM) Exams will be held from Friday, November 10 to Wednesday, November 15 at our Academy at Alpharetta and Chamblee.

Each year over 600,000 students take these exams in more than 90 countries around the world knowing that their achievements will be recognized internationally. Today, exams can be taken in 20 states in the US, including Georgia exam center, established in 1996.

Three teachers from Cambridge will send 28 students to participate in the practical exam this time. Subjects include piano and voice, and grade levels range from Grade 1 to Grade 7. Students will play three pieces and the scale requirements, and participate in aural and sight-reading tests.



## Congratulations

Lois Finlay' piano students participated in the Bach Competition and received Outstanding Performer ratings:

**Nicholas Gupta**   **Caterina Li**   **Megha Mathews**  
**Donna Guo**   **Tammy Liaw**   **Timothy Shu**  
**Joella Lee**   **Charlton Lin**   **Harsha Sridhar**  
**Daniel Levine**

Two students received Award of Excellence ratings: **Emily Gupta** and **Debbie Kim**.

**Ariana Alexander** and **Ozanne Alexander**, piano students of *Margaret Liu*, were accepted into the DeKalb School of the Arts and the DeKalb Elementary School of the Arts, respectively. Both students are majoring in piano.

Hats off to the following students:

**Bryant Wang**, an Alpharetta clarinet student of *Karine Renaudin*, is first chair clarinet in the Medlock Bridge Elementary School Honor Band.

**Emily First**, a Chamblee saxophone student of *Adam Pendleton*, is first chair saxophone in the Lakeside High School Symphonic Band.

**John Reimer**, another Chamblee saxophone student of *Adam Pendleton*, is first chair saxophone in the Henderson Middle School 8th Grade Band.

**Daniel Perry**, piano student of *Kathy Ackermann*, is the pianist for the Marist School Jazz Combo.

**Charles Wang**, piano student of *Margaret Liu* and violin student of *Lana Saccomanno*, is the pianist for the Jazz Band at Dickerson Middle School.

## Announcing It's a Boy!

Congratulations to our violin/viola teacher, Mrs. **Lana Saccomanno** and her husband Sal on the birth of their baby boy. **Vincent** was born on October 25.

## Happy Holidays



There will be no regular lessons from Wednesday, November 22 to Sunday, November 26 due to **Thanksgiving**. Classes will resume on Monday, November 27.

There will be no regular lessons from Friday, December 22 to Thursday, January 4 due to our **winter break**. Classes will resume on Friday, January 5, 2007.

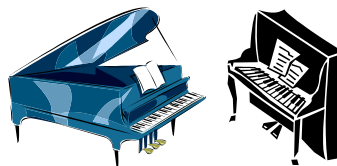


## Health News

In order to maintain a healthy environment for all students and staff members, please do not bring sick students to the academy. Please keep children at home if they are not well. We appreciate your cooperation.



## Grand and Upright



The words "grand" and "upright" refer to pianos. Grand pianos were first built around 1700 and upright pianos became popular in the mid-1880s.

<i>Baby Grand</i>	length: 4 1/2' to 5 1/4'
	Weight: around 600 pounds
<i>Grand</i>	Length: 5 1/2' to 7'
	Weight: about 700 pounds
<i>Concert Grand</i>	Length: 7 1/2' to 12' (9' is common)
	Weight: over 1000 pounds
<i>Upright Piano</i>	Height: approximately 4'
	Weight: 450-500 pounds

## Happy Birthday

### NOVEMBER

- 10 **Francois Couperin**, French composer & organist
- 14 **Aaron Copland**, American
- 14 **Leopold Mozart**, Austrian composer and father of Wolfgang Amadeus
- 18 **Ignace Paderewski**, Polish pianist & composer
- 22 **Sir Benjamin Britten**, English composer
- 23 **Manuel de Falla**, Spanish composer
- 28 **Anton Rubinstein**, Russian composer



### DECEMBER

- 8 **Jean Sibelius**, Finnish composer
- 10 **Cesar Frank**, Belgian/French composer
- 11 **Hector Berlioz**, French composer
- 16 **Ludwig van Beethoven**, German composer
- 16 **Zoltan Kodaly**, Hungarian composer
- 18 **Edward McDowell**, American composer
- 22 **Giacomo Puccini**, Italian composer
- 30 **Dmitri Kabalevsky**, Russian composer