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## ADMTA APRIL 2008 ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### **TWO Upcoming PIANO FACULTY RECITALS at UT:**

Nancy Garrett is playing at 4:00 PM on Sunday, April 30 in Jessen Auditorium. Her program consists of Beethoven, Sonata in Eb Major, 'quasi una fantasia', Op. 27, No. 1; Chopin-4 Impromptus; Novelette by Kathryn Mishell and Schubert, Sonata in c minor, D 958.

Betty Mallard and David Renner are playing a recital for four-hands on April 13 at 8 PM in Bates Auditorium. Their program is Mozart Sonata in Bb, K. 358; Faure, Dolly; Schubert, Trois Marches Militaires; Schubert, Sonata in Bb Major, D. 617; and Moszkowski, Spanish Dances.

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### **From the Studio of Jeannie DeArmond-Henselman**

The United States Open Music Competition (USOMC) is an Olympic-Style Competition hosted annually in Oakland, California (San Francisco Bay Area). The USOMC invites students from all over the world to compete in as many events as a student chooses to enroll. This year, the USOMC hosted 99 separate competitions that took place over the course of five days. Many events have no age restrictions, which mean that students of all ages compete on pre-selected repertoire against other students of widely diverse ages. The following ADMTA students competed 26 times for a collective total of 30 possible medals. Their performances were well-received and competitively very successful.

Christopher Henselman enrolled in a total of 9 events. He earned the following awards:

- 6 Gold Medal First Place Awards (tied for the highest # that any student earned in the USOMC this year)
- 1 Silver Medal Second Place Award
- 1 Bronze Medal Third Place Award
- 1 Crystal Medal Fourth Place Award

Benjamin Henselman enrolled in a total of 8 events. He earned the following awards:

- 2 Gold Medal First Place Awards
- 4 Silver Medal Second Place Awards

Sarah Henselman enrolled in a total of 7 events. She earned the following awards:

- 1 Gold Medal First Place Award
- 2 Silver Medal Second Place Awards
- 1 Crystal Medal Fourth Place Award

Anna Henselman enrolled in a total of 6 events. She earned the following awards:

- 1 Gold Medal First Place Award
- 2 Bronze Medal Third Place Awards
- 2 Crystal Medal Fourth Place Awards

One unique feature of the USOMC is the fact that the medals are real gold, silver, bronze, and lead crystal. First place medals are 24k gold plated solid silver medals. Second place medals are solid silver. Third place medals are solid bronze, and fourth place medals are 24% lead crystal. In addition to the beautiful and valuable medals that were presented to the winners, all First Place winners also received scholarship awards ranging from \$40.00 to \$150.00 per event. These students were awarded a total of \$690.00 in prize money.

All First Place winners from all 99 events were judged one last time as they performed on a series of four Honors Concerts. Selected First Place winners were then invited to perform at an additional Showcase Concert for scholarship donors and musical dignitaries on Sunday. Three of these students were selected

for this honor. Christopher played his Prokofieff Concerto; Christopher and Benjamin played a duet, and Sarah played a Bach French Suite Air.

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**Student Accomplishments From:**  
**The Hicks/Chernysheva-Hicks Piano Performance Academy**

- 1) 2 Winners of Austin Civic Orchestra's Pearl Amster Concerto Competition; both winners performed with the Austin Civic Orchestra on March 1, 2008.  
7<sup>th</sup> Grade student of Irina Chernysheva/Hicks  
7<sup>th</sup> Grade student of Eric Hicks
- 2) 1<sup>st</sup> Prize 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grade, and 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize and Honorable Mention (the only HM given in the category) in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade division of the Texas State University Young Pianist Competition  
1<sup>st</sup> Prize: 5<sup>th</sup> grade student of Eric Hicks  
2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: 7<sup>th</sup> Grade student of Irina Chernysheva/Hicks  
HM: 7<sup>th</sup> Grade student of Eric Hicks
- 3) Finalist in San Antonio Symphony Orchestra's 'Future Stars' Concerto Competition.  
7<sup>th</sup> Grade student of Irina Chernysheva/Hicks
  
- 3) 3 winners in the 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> grade divisions of Student Affiliate Local Performance competition:  
Two 7<sup>th</sup> grade students of Eric Hicks  
One 10<sup>th</sup> grade student of Eric Hicks
  
- 4) Winner of 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade piano solo and Alternate in 9<sup>th</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> grade piano solo Student Affiliate District 3 Competition.  
Winner of 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade piano solo division: Student of Eric Hicks  
Alternate in 9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> grade division: Student of Eric Hicks
  
- 5) 2 Finalists in the Austin Symphony Youth Auditions  
5<sup>th</sup> Grade student of Eric Hicks  
7<sup>th</sup> Grade student of Eric Hicks
  
- 6) 1<sup>st</sup> Prize winner in Dallas Music Teachers Association Piano Solo Competition Division I: 3<sup>rd</sup> grade;  
Honorable Mention distinction in Division V: 7<sup>th</sup> grade .  
Both students of Eric Hicks
- 7) 7<sup>th</sup> Grade student of Eric Hicks chosen as a 2008/'09 Austin Young Artist.
  
- 7) Former student, Benjamin Laude performed his Senior Recital at Rice University's Shepard School of Music on March 15<sup>th</sup>. His program consisted of Bach's Partita #3, Premiere communion de la Viege from Vingt Regards sur L'Enfant Jesus by Olivier Messiaen, and. Brahms 3<sup>rd</sup> Sonata in F minor, op.5. Benjamin intends to continue his studies into his Master's degree, and is currently awaiting the results of his auditions.

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**ADMTA STUDENTS WIN STATE BACH COMPETITION**

Eleven students from the studio of Julia Amada Kruger were named "First Place Winners" in the Kilgore State Bach Competition and performed on the State Awards Concert. The students were: Hannah Wei, Jenny Luo, Jason Chiang, Cameron Dennis, David Yu, Shiphrah Meditz, Katrina Chan, Shunan Zhu, Stephen Mulkey, Nancy Sang and Ricky Chiang.

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**ADMTA STUDENTS WIN INTERNATIONAL DUO COMPETITION IN COLORADO**

32 students from the studio of Julia Amada Kruger submitted 48 duos/quartets to compete in 12 divisions of the International duo Competition held in Denver, CO. Of the 48 duos/quartets, all but one were named "First Place International Winners" and performed on the International Awards Concert at the Broadmoor Hotel in Colorado Springs, CO. The students were: Emma Nebeker, Dan Yang, Shunan Zhu, Ryan Lannan, Cindy Chang, Lisa Kao, Michael Xu, Lily Xu, Christopher Currens, Won-he Lee, April Yu, Katrina Chan, Ayon Sen, Helen Nebeker, Shannon Zhou, David Yu, Lily Yu, Amy Wu, Shealtiel Meditz, Shiphrah Meditz, Jenny Luo, Eric Lu, Stephen Mulkey, Derek Zhou, Jason Chiang, Franklin Ellis, Ricky Chiang, Henry Finch, Cameron Dennis, Nancy Sang, Hannah Wei, and Minwoo Bae.

The Awards Concerts were also adjudicated and the following students were awarded scholarships for Outstanding Performances in the Awards Concerts in the following divisions: Helen Nebeker, Henry Finch, Minwoo Bae, Won-he Lee----collegiate level quartet; Derek Zhou, Shannon Zhou, April Yu, Eric Lu-----intermediate level quartet; Katrina Chan, Stephen Mulkey, Minwoo Bae, April Yu----advanced quartet; Helen and Emma Nebeker-----sibling division; Won-he Lee and Cameron Dennis----most outstanding collegiate level duos in the professional division; April Yu and Shannon Zhou---most outstanding high school level duos in the professional division; Emma Nebeker and Cindy Nebeker in the parent/child division; Jenny Luo and David Yu in the professional intermediate level; Cameron Dennis and Shiphrah Meditz-----most outstanding duo of the entire competition!!

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**KRUGER STUDENTS AT THE USOMC COMPETITION IN CALIFORNIA**

10 students from the studio of Julia Amada Kruger competed in the USOMC Piano Competition in Oakland, CA. 8 students received the following awards in various solo/ensemble divisions: Helen Nebeker, age 9 (First Place: 2; Second Place: 2; Third Place: 4; Fourth Place: 1); Cameron Dennis, age 16 (First Place: 2; Second Place: 4, Fourth Place: 2); Jenny Luo, age 11 (First Place: 2; Second Place: 5; Third Place: 1; Fourth Place: 2); Won-he Lee, age 18 (First Place: 1; Second Place: 3); Minwoo Bae, age 15 (Second Place: 3; Fourth Place: 1); April Yu, age 15 (Third Place: 1; Fourth Place: 1); Stephen Mulkey, age 17 (Second Place: 1; Third Place: 2; Fourth Place: 1); Daniel Yang, age 17 (Second Place: 1). Helen Nebeker and Jenny Luo (elementary duet) as well as Won-he Lee and Cameron Dennis (advanced duet) were then invited to perform on the Gold Medal Recital held the day following the International Awards Concert.

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**The ANANDA TRIO in Concert**

The Ananda Trio - Miranda Dale (violinist in the Philharmonia Orchestra, London) Margaret Coltman (Austin cellist) and Felicity Coltman (pianist, founder and Artistic Director Emeritus of the Austin Chamber Music Center.) - presents *After Grand Hotel*, Music from the Age of Romance and Elegance, on Sunday, April 6, at 3:00 pm at the St. Cecilia Music Series, First Presbyterian church, 8001 Mesa Drive, Austin.

Be transported back in time to the Golden Age, the early days of the twentieth century, when there was time to relax in elegant coffee and tea rooms in grand hotels, listening to joyous and sentimental music. Enjoy reminiscing with tea and coffee, cucumber sandwiches, cream scones and small cakes. Medleys of arrangements of operas by Gounod and Lalo, music by Gabriel Pierné, Rudolf Friml and Oscar Strauss, in addition to many delightful nostalgic trios, will be played. Tickets \$15/\$12. Phone 454-1563 for more information.

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