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ADMTA MAY 2008 ANNOUNCEMENTS

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From the Studio of Julia Amada Kruger:

THE FARRELL MUSIC FESTIVAL IN SAN ANGELO, TX

Two ADMTA students from the studio of Julia Amada Kruger performed in the Farrell Music Festival held at Angelo State University in San Angelo, TX. Both students, Jenny Luo (6th grade) and Hannah Wei (4th grade) received the highest grades in all repertoire programmed, resulting in their performing on the Awards Concert at the University.

ADMTA TEACHER JUDGES UKRANIAN INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION

ADMTA member, Julia Amada Kruger, was again chosen to join the judging panel as the only United States adjudicator in the 9th Krainev International Piano Competition held in Kharkov, Ukraine from March 19-31, 2008. The competition, held bi-annually, included students from China, Georgia, Ukraine, Korea, Russia, Japan, Lithuania, Bulgaria, Bilorus, Luxembourg, Armenia, Germany and Estonia. The 7 other adjudicators were from Russia (2), Ukraine (1), Germany (2), France (1), and Korea (1). The competition's "Jubilee Competition" will be held in 2010 and Kruger has been invited to again represent the United States on the judging panel. In addition to the 2008 competition, Kruger has also judged the 2004 and 2006 Krainev Competitions.

The Grand Prize winner of the competition was from the "junior" (up to age 13) division and lives in Tbilisi, Georgia. The "junior" division was also awarded two "First Place" awards (China, Japan), one "Second Place" award (Korea), and three "Third Place" awards (all from the Ukraine). The "senior" division (up to age 18) was awarded two "First Place" awards (Russia, Georgia), three "Second Place" awards (Ukraine, Armenia, Japan), and two "Third Place" awards (Russia, Ukraine). All winners then traveled to Kiev to perform in the Grand Hall (both solo and with orchestra). The winning performers will also perform throughout Europe, Russia and Asia in the coming two years.

DUO TEAM CHOSEN TO PRESENT "RESONANT THOUGHTS" MASTER CLASSES IN ITALY IN JULY, 2008

The "duo" team of Victor Bunin/Julia Amada Kruger has been chosen to be the two pianists-in-residence for the new "Resonant Thoughts" master classes to be held July 1-10 in Cepina/Bormio/Sondrio Italy. Kruger and Bunin will present 10 days of intense solo/ensemble master classes for students up to the age of 18. The classes, open to both Italian and foreign students, offer students not only the opportunity to study an intense amount of repertoire in a short time but also the opportunity to perform on nightly concerts.

ADMTA STUDENT ACCEPTED TO STUDY AT ASPEN SUMMER CAMP

Marie Feng, a high school junior and student of Julia Amada Kruger, has been accepted to study at the Aspen Summer camp.

ADMTA TEACHER PRESENTS INTERNATIONAL MASTER CLASSES

The Krainev International Piano Competition, held in Kharkov, Ukraine, offers Master Classes for the International students and teachers during the competition's two-week duration. For the 2008 Competition, the two judges chosen to present all master classes were Julia Amada Kruger (US judge) and Berndt Goetz (German judge). The competition, one of the most highly respected competitions in eastern Europe, included performers ranging in age from eight to eighteen.

ADMTA STUDENTS BRING HOME 25 NATIONAL AWARDS

Thirty-two students from the studio of Julia Amada Kruger recently competed in the DeBose National Piano Competition and were awarded 25 National Awards: 9 First Place Awards, 10 Second Place Awards, and 6 Third Place Awards. "First Place" winners were Michael Xu, Brian Tun, Ethan Thane, Dan Yang, Stefan Fulks, Shannon Zhou, Katrina Chan, Marie Feng and Won-he Lee. "Second Place" winners were Sarah Wei, Claire Wong, Katie Amatangelo, Cindy Chang, Shealtiel Meditz, Ryan Lannan, Hannah Wei, Jenny Luo, David Yu and April Yu. "Third Place" winners were Hyejee Bae, Derek Zhou, Lily Xu, Shiphrah Meditz, Minwoo Bae and Cameron Dennis. Four students were awarded additional recognition and scholarship monies when they were performers on the National Awards Concert. These students were: Ethan Thane, Shannon Zhou, Marie Feng and Won-he Lee.

ADMTA STUDIO HONORED AT NATIONAL COMPETITION

The studio of ADMTA member, Julia Amada Kruger, received recognition as one of five national studios honored at the DeBose National Piano Competition. As a result, 7 students from the studio were invited to perform on a special "Studio Recognition" concert. Students who received the honor of performing were: Hannah Wei, Jason Chiang, David Yu, Nancy Sang, Shiphrah Meditz, Cameron Dennis, and Dan Yang.

ADMTA STUDENT WINS TOP HONOR IN NATIONAL COMPETITION

Won-he Lee, student of Julia Amada Kruger, was awarded "First Place" in the highest level of the DeBose National Piano Competition-----the Young Artist category. As a result, he was the recipient of the largest scholarship awarded by the competition & performed on the National Awards Concert.

From the studio of Jeannie DeArmond-Henselman:

Congratulations to Christopher Henselman, First Place winner and Nathan Ojong, Second Place winner of the Schedler Piano Contest. Christopher performed music by Bach and Prokofieff. Nathan performed music by Bach and Kennan.

Congratulations to the following students for their accomplishments in the ADMTA Solo Contest:

- Anna Henselman, First Place winner in the First Grade Division
- Sarah Henselman, First Place winner in the Second Grade Division
- Keziah Chow, Honorable Mention winner in the Second Grade Division
- Benjamin Henselman, Third Place winner in the Fourth Grade Division
- Christopher Henselman, First Place winner in the Sixth Grade Division
- Nathan Ojong, Honorable Mention winner in the Eighth Grade Division

From the studio of Brian Henselman:

Congratulations to Amy Min, Third Place winner in the ADMTA Solo Contest, First Grade Division.
