
ADMTA MAY 2009 ANNOUNCEMENTS

Updates from the Hicks/Chernysheva-Hicks Piano Performance Academy

● We would like to invite ADMTA members to Eric Wang's (14 yrs, 9th grade) performance of the 1st movement of MacDowell's 2nd piano concerto in D minor with the Austin Civic Orchestra. The performance will take place on May 16th, 7:30 p.m. at Bethany Lutheran Church/3701 Slaughter Lane. Eric was chosen as one of the 3 winners of the 2009 ACO/Pearl Amster Concerto Competition. As promotion for this event, Eric appeared recently on KMFA-FM radio and performed the last movement of Beethoven's 'Moonlight' Sonata.

● Former student Benjamin Laude (graduated 2004) will be performing his first recital at the Juilliard School of Music on May 18th. Benjamin enrolled in the Masters Program at Juilliard in the fall '09 after graduating with a degree in piano performance from the Sheppard School of Music at Rice University in Houston. He is currently studying with Jerome Rosenthal.

● **Congratulations to our students for the following accomplishments for 2008-2009:**

- Eric Wang (13yrs) and Edward Wang (11 yrs) – Finalists in Austin Symphony Youth Auditions
- Eric Wei and Wells Leng – Duo performers in Austin Young Artists Collaborative Concert.
- Eric Wang, winner, and Rayhan Chang, alternate in 2009 ACO/Pearl Amster Concerto Competition.
- Rayhan Chang (2nd Prize 7th-8th Concerto) and Victoria Fung (HM 7th-8th Solo) in the Baylor/Waco Young Artist Competition.
- Eric Wei and Jessica Hwang (Tied for 2nd prize 8th grade), Eunice Lee (HM 3rd-4th grade), Cathy Li (HM 5th-6th) and Victoria Fung (HM 7th grade) in Texas State University's Young Pianist Competition.
- Wells Leng, Jessica Hwang, Eric Wei, Victoria Fung (7th & 8th grade solo) and Eric Wang (9th grade Concerto) for being chosen as winners for Student Affiliate Local Performance contest winners. They will all compete at the State level at the TMTA State Convention in Houston in June 2009.

● **We would also like to invite you to our outstanding students Spring Recital on Saturday, May 2nd at Live Oak Unitarian Church at 4:30 p.m.**

Warm regards and best wishes to everyone,
Eric Hicks & Irina Chernysheva/Hicks

10 ADMTA STUDENTS CHOSEN TO PERFORM ON "STUDIO HONOR'S RECITAL" AT NATIONAL COMPETITION

10 ADMTA students were chosen to perform on a special "Studio Honors Recital" at the Debose National Competition. The recital was organized by the competition to honor teachers/studios for "excellence in Piano Performance and Pedagogy." The students who performed were: Cameron Dennis, April Yu, Jason Chiang, Michael Xu, Lily Xu, David Yu, Jenny Luo, Shiphrah Meditz, Henry Finch and Hannah Wei. All are students of Julia Amada Kruger.

24 ADMTA STUDENTS BRING HOME 24 NATIONAL AWARDS

24 ADMTA students from the studio of Julia Amada Kruger were awarded 9 First Place, 9 Second Place and 6 Third Place awards at the Debose National Competition. First Place winners were Jeremy Li, Olivia Tung, Hyejee Bae, Shunan Zhu, Jason Chiang, Derek Zhou, Katie Amatangelo, and Ryan Lannan. Second

Place winners were Nancy Sang, Amy Wu, Claire Wong, April Yu, Shiphrah Meditz, Brian Tung, Serene Hoskins, Lisa Kao and Cameron Dennis. Third Place winners were Jaden Luo, Eric Lu, David Yu, Amber Sundaram, Michael Xu and Andrew Yu.

KRUGER/BUNIN TEAM CHOSEN TO CHAIR INTERNATIONAL PERFORMANCE FESTIVAL IN ITALY

The Julia Kruger/Victor Bunin duo/duet team has again been chosen as the professors-in-residence at the International Performance Festival ("Resonant Thoughts") in northern Italy the summer of 2009. The festival, which includes daily lessons and master classes as well as nightly performance by every participant will now also include an international ensemble competition judged by Kruger, Bunin and Ennio Comminetti, Director of the Department of Sacred Music and Professor of Organ for the Arts Academy of Rome.

THE INTERNATIONAL MUSIC FESTIVAL IN ALBANIA

The Austin/Moscow team of Julia Kruger and Victor Bunin has been chosen to be one of three performing artists at the International Music Festival held in Gjirokastra and Tirana, Albania. The other performers will be the St. Petersburg String Quartet and an Albanian vocalist. Kruger/Bunin will perform the closing concert and will then also present master classes in Tirana. The Festival will be held the first of June, 2009.

ADMTA SENIOR TO PRESENT SENIOR RECITAL IN MOSCOW

ADMTA senior, Cameron Dennis, has received an invitation to perform his senior recital at the Scriabin Hall (in Scriabin's home) in Moscow, Russia. He is the student of ADMTA member Julia Amada Kruger

From the Studio of Jeannie DeArmond-Henselman

Congratulations to five ADMTA students who competed in the DeBose National Piano Competition in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. This competition provides events for students of all ages and levels of advancement. These students competed either at grade level, or in the accelerated divisions. Students who compete in an accelerated division must perform repertoire that is four grade levels higher than their grade level. (1st grade must perform at the 5th grade level; 3rd grade must perform at the 7th grade level, etc.). The following students were winners: **Keziah Chow**: 1st Place winner in the 3rd Grade regular division; **Anna Henselman**: 1st Place winner in the 1st Grade accelerated division; **Sarah Henselman**: 1st Place winner in the 3rd Grade accelerated division; **Benjamin Henselman**: 2nd Place winner in the 5th Grade accelerated division (the highest award given for that division); **Christopher Henselman**: 1st Place winner in the 7th Grade accelerated division. These students each received trophies. First Place winners will also be receiving cash awards. In addition, selected First Place winners were asked to perform at the awards ceremony, including Keziah Chow and Christopher Henselman.

In February, four students competed in the Texas State University Young Pianist Competition. This is a state-wide competition that is designed to attract the top competitors from around the state and to promote the Music School at Texas State University. These students earned awards: **Christopher Henselman**: 1st Place in the 7th Grade division; **Benjamin Henselman**: 1st Place in the 5th Grade division; **Sarah Henselman**: 3rd Place in the 3rd/4th Grade division; **Anna Henselman**: Blue Ribbon Superior Rating in the 3rd/4th Grade division (There is no division for younger students, so young students must compete with older students). Place winners in this competition received award plaques.

Also in February, **Christopher Henselman** competed in the Baylor/Waco Piano Competition, a five-state competition that also attracts top competitors from five states (Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, and New Mexico) and is hosted to promote Baylor University's Music School. Christopher competed in the

Grades 7-9 Concerto Division and was awarded First Place. In addition to a monetary prize, he was also awarded a full scholarship to attend Baylor University's Summer Piano Workshop.

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POSITION OPEN

Regents School of Austin, located in SW Austin, announces a one-semester piano faculty position for fall, 2009. This temporary position will replace a current teacher who will be on maternity leave for the fall semester only. The successful candidate will teach approximately 20 half-hour lessons per week in Regents' after-school music program. Current teaching hours are Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday afternoons, though hours may be flexible depending upon the schedule of the teacher. The majority of the students are elementary to early intermediate.

Regents School of Austin is a private institution offering a classical Christian education for grades K-12. Music faculty members must possess at least a bachelor's degree in music. For more information or to apply for the position, contact Sandra Burnaman at 512-231-8362 (email: toh_wy3@hotmail.com).

Convention, anyone?

Would anybody be interested in sharing a room at the TMTA convention June 12-14? Contact: Lillian Simmons, 246-2597 lillian.martinez@usa.net
