
ADMTA SEPTEMBER 2008 ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Hicks/Chernysheva-Hicks Piano Performance Academy

Wishes to extend

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR STUDENTS

For their awards and performances:

•Melissa Wu(student of Ms Irina Hicks): Received the coveted Outstanding Performer Award from the 2008 UIL Statewide auditions (5/2008). Of the approximately 85,000 students participating in the regional UIL music contests and the 22,000 musicians who performed at TSSEC, only 256 students from all instruments earned the distinguished honor of being recognized as an OUTSTANDING PERFORMER.

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•To Rayhan Chang (student of Dr. Eric Hicks) on her recent first prize in the Bradford-Buono International Piano Competition New York City Weill Recital Hall Debut appearance 5/18/ 2008.

•To Eric Wei (student of Dr. Eric Hicks): On his recent KMFA-FM radio performance for Austin Young Artists (6/'08) and for his high recognition (1st Honorable Mention) in the TMTA State Performance Solo Competition for 7th-8th grades (6/'08).

•To Alexander Dai, Carolyn Dai, Michael Han, Edward Wang, Emily Wei, and Eric Wei, for their outstanding performances in San Antonio's Musical Bridges Prodigy Concert which features outstanding performers under the age of 12. They, among other talents were presented in a gala performance at San Antonio's Carver Performance center in June 2008.

•To Former student Benjamin Laude-graduated 2004 - (student of Dr. Eric Hicks) who recently achieved national fame by winning 1st Prize in the 2008 Yamaha Young Performing Artists Competition Piano Division.

•To former student Benjamin Laude for his acceptance in the Julliard School of Music's Masters Degree Program for Piano Performance following his graduation from Rice University's Shepard School of Music in Spring 2008.

•To our students for their noteworthy performances at the annual ADMTA luncheon - May, 2008. : Jessica Hwang (1st Prize Shedler competition and student of Ms Irina Hicks), Eric Wang (3rd Prize Shedler competition and student of Dr. Eric Hicks), and Nola Lu (2nd Prize High School Competition and student of Dr. Eric Hicks).

And to our students who received recognition in last Spring's:

2008 ADMTA SOLO COMPETITION:

2nd Grade: Maggie Chen, age 7 – 2nd Prize

Student of Ms Irina Chernysheva-Hicks

3rd Grade: Caroline Dai, age 8 – 1st Prize

Student of Ms Irina Chernysheva-Hicks

Michael Han, age 8 – 2nd Prize

Student of Dr. Eric Hicks

Eunice Lee, age 8 – Honorable Mention

Student of Ms Irina Chernysheva-Hicks

4th Grade: Emily Wei, age 9 – Honorable Mention

Student of Dr. Eric Hicks

5th Grade: Alexander Dai, age 10 – 1st Prize

Student of Ms Irina Chernysheva-Hicks

Edward Wang, age 10 - 2nd Prize

Student of Dr. Eric Hicks
Grace Song, age 10, **Honorable Mention**
Student of Dr. Eric Hicks

7th Grade: Eric Wei, age 12 - **1st Prize**

Student of Dr. Eric Hicks
Rayhan Chang*, age 12 – **2nd Prize**
Student of Dr. Eric Hicks

Jessica Hwang, age 12 –, **3rd Prize**
Student of Ms Irina Chernysheva-Hicks

Wells Leng, age 12, **Honorable Mention**
Student of Dr. Eric Hicks

8th Grade: Eric Wang, age 13 – **1st Prize**

Student of Dr. Eric Hicks

10th Grade: Nola Lu, age 16 – **Honorable Mention**

Student of Dr. Eric Hicks

11th Grade: Melissa Wu, age 15 – **3rd Prize**

Student of Ms Irina Chernysheva-Hicks

Christopher Criswell, age 16 – **Honorable Mention**

Student of Ms Irina Chernysheva-Hicks

FROM THE STUDIO OF SAIDA KAFAROVA

Congratulations to Brian Park (teacher-Saida Kafarova) who was awarded the first prize at the 9-10 Grades Concerto Division of the 2008 Texas Music Teachers Association Performance Contest in Houston. He was the only first prize winner from Austin. Thus, with the new TMTA Performance Contest rules and regulations in action, Brian automatically earned an extra spot for the 2009 Performance Contest participants from Austin next year.
