

# Performer Biographies

**Kevin Ahfat**, 15, from Centennial, CO, studies with Dr. Lei Weng of the University of Northern Colorado. He was featured on CPR 88.1 Classical KVOD Radio, has appeared with the Arapahoe Philharmonic, and won first prizes in the Wells Music Yamaha Competition, Boulder Philharmonic Young Artists Concerto Competition, and SITV Young Artists Concerto Competition. Kevin speaks French fluently.

**Joseph Eisele**, 15, is a student of Larry Graham and a four-year roster member of the Colorado Young Musicians Foundation. He has placed first in numerous competitions, becoming state champion of the 2008 MTNA Piano Competition. Joseph has appeared with several professional orchestras, and enjoys performing in retirement homes. He lives in Greenwood Village, CO.

**Jina Kim**, 17, was born in South Korea and now lives in Birmingham, AL, where she attends Alabama School of Fine Arts and studies with Ronald Shinn. Jina has won both the Alabama Music Teachers Association Competition and the Alabama division of MTNA. Besides playing piano, her favorite activity is hanging out with friends.

**Aileen Gozali**, 15, lives in Singapore, where she attends the United World College and has studied with Benjamin Loh for the past three years. Aileen received First Prize in the Young Pianist Competition in Singapore and the Silver medal at the 3<sup>rd</sup> ASEAN International Chopin Piano Competition in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. She recently attended a summer festival in Hungary on full scholarship. Aileen studies Tae-Kwon-Do and is also a percussionist.

**Chelsea de Souza**, 16, is a native of Mumbai, India. She was a four-time winner of the All-India Piano Competition, and was nominated as a Steinway Young Artist in April 2010. Chelsea has been to Germany three times on music scholarships, and performed in Belgium and Germany. In December 2009 she passed the Licentiate of The Trinity College of Music examination with a score of 93%, the highest in India. Chelsea enjoys reading, theatre, debate, and is an adept singer of both classical and popular music.

**Frank Wu**, 16, has been playing the piano since age five and currently studies with Brenda Huang. He received first place in the Illinois State Music Teachers Association senior piano division and was the winner of the piano division of the 2006 Walgreens National Concerto Competition. Frank is a member of the MYA Chamber Music Trio Trifecta and plays flute in his school's Honor Band. He is a resident of Buffalo Grove, IL.

# Finalist Awards

Sonata in E-flat major, Hob. XVI:52  
I. Allegro

*Franz Joseph Haydn (1732 - 1809)*

**Kevin Ahfat**

Polonaise No. 6 in A-flat major, Op. 53

*Frédéric Chopin (1810 - 1849)*

**Joseph Eisele**

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*Claude Debussy (1862 – 1918)*

**Jina Kim**

# Third Place

Ballade No. 4 in F minor, Op. 52

*Frédéric Chopin (1810 – 1849)*

**Aileen Gozali**

# Second Place (tie)

Abegg Variations, Op. 1

*Robert Schumann (1810 - 1856)*

**Chelsea de Souza**

Paganini Jazz

*Fazil Say (1970 – )*

Sonata No. 2 in B-flat minor, Op. 36

II. Non allegro – Lento – Piu mosso

*Sergei Rachmaninoff (1873 – 1943)*

**Frank Wu**

Gaspard de la Nuit

III. Scarbo

*Maurice Ravel (1875 – 1937)*

# First Place

Not Awarded

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