

Performer Biographies

Katrina Jia, 12, is from Chandler, Arizona and studies with Fei Xu. She has been the first prize winner of several piano competitions, including the 2008 Arizona Youth Piano Competition and the 2012 MTNA National Junior Piano Competition. Katrina is a member of the Rio Salado swim team, and enjoys drawing and reading.

Roger Shen, 14, from Northbrook, Illinois, studies with Sueanne Metz. Roger made his debut with the Northbrook Symphony Orchestra and later performed with the MYA Symphony Orchestra. He has performed twice in Carnegie Hall. Roger loves science and enjoys reading, swimming, fishing, and playing chess.

Alice Zhang, 11, began studying piano with Brenda Huang at age 4. Alice is very active as a performer and has won numerous piano competitions in the Chicago area. In August 2012, she had her first public solo recital in the Cindy Pritzker Auditorium in the Chicago Harold Washington Library. Besides music, she likes reading, drawing, and running cross-country with her friends.

John Wang is a freshman at Ben Franklin High School. Recent competitions include the National MTNA competition, in which he placed second and won the Chopin Prize, and numerous state contests. For three consecutive years he has been a featured performer of the Louisiana Philharmonic Orchestra. John likes to swim and read.

Jack Yarbrough is 16 years old and lives in Birmingham, Alabama, where he studies with Lucy DeSa. Jack has won many state piano competitions, and was most recently awarded a special prize for best performance of a piece by Bach at the Indian Springs Piano Competition. In his spare time, Jack enjoys collecting records and taking naps.

Phoebe Wu, 18, has studied piano for twelve years and is currently studying with John McCarthy. In July 2012 she received first prize at the Eastern Music Festival Piano Competition and performed at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. Phoebe is looking forward to pursuing a Bachelor of Music in Piano Performance this fall at the University of Michigan. She also tap dances and plays the alto saxophone.

David Geng is a 16-year-old who currently resides in Princeton, NJ. He has been studying with Professor Ingrid Clarfield for the last 6 years and has performed in such venues such as Carnegie Hall, Alice Tully Hall, and Merkin Concert Hall. David also enjoys working on challenging math problems and watching good movies. His favorites include "Forrest Gump" and "The Shawshank Redemption".

Kai Ono is 17 years old and lives in Irvine, California, where he studies with Chizuko Asada. He was a winner of the Celia Mendez Young Artists Beethoven Competition along with various other state competitions, and received honorable mention at the MTNA competition, California Branch. Kai likes his eggs scrambled, but does not enjoy the cafeteria eggs.

Patrick Pan, 15, began studying piano at age three and violin at seven. He won the Dubois, McKinney, and Bösendorfer-Yamaha International Piano Competitions. Patrick will perform with the Houston Symphony and on "From the Top" in 2013. Patrick has completed high school credits, including AP Calculus at age 12. He lives in Texas, where he studies with John Weems.

Jason Kim is a 17-year old from San Diego. He currently studies piano with Bernadene Blaha of The Thornton School of Music at USC. Jason has received prizes and awards in the Glendale Competition, Los Angeles 2012 Liszt International Competition, and the American Protege Competition. Jason also performs regularly for benefit concerts organized by missionaries to raise funds for trips to distant lands.



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Arabeske, Op. 18	Katrina Jia
<i>Robert Schumann (1810-1856)</i>	
Paraphrase on a Waltz from Gounod's <i>Faust</i>	Roger Shen
<i>Franz Liszt (1811-1886)</i>	
Sonata in D minor, Op. 31, No. 2 III. Allegretto	Alice Zhang
<i>Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827)</i>	
Liebestod	John Wang
<i>Richard Wagner (1813-1883)/Franz Liszt (1811-1886)</i>	
Prelude No. 1	Jack Yarbrough
<i>Olivier Messiaen (1908-1992)</i>	
Drei Klavierstücke, Op. 11 II. Mässige	Phoebe Wu
<i>Arnold Schoenberg (1874-1951)</i>	
Transcendental Etude No. 4, <i>Mazeppa</i>	David Geng
<i>Franz Liszt (1811-1886)</i>	
Estampes I. Pagodes	Kai Ono
<i>Claude Debussy (1862-1918)</i>	
Sonata in E-flat Major, Op. 31, No. 3 II. Scherzo. Allegretto vivace	Patrick Pan
<i>Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827)</i>	
Ballade No. 2 in F Major, Op. 38	Jason Kim
<i>Frederic Chopin (1810-1849)</i>	