

Performer Biographies

Hanyu Deng, 20, is studying Music Education at the Shenyang Conservatory of Music. Hanyu is from Dalian, China.

Meng Xu is a 19-year-old pianist from Dalian, China who is studying Music Education at the Shenyang Conservatory of Music.

Noe Baladad, 16, was born and raised in Honolulu, Hawaii. Over 11 years of piano study, she has won many top prizes at the state, national, and international levels. Noe will have her Carnegie Hall debut in December of 2013. Besides her love of music, she also enjoys hanging out with friends and surfing.

Kimberly Han, 12, is from Lake Forest, Illinois. She started piano lessons when she was five and a half and has been studying with Brenda Huang for 6 years. She is also studying violin with Sonia Hadar at the Music Institute of Chicago. In her spare time, Kimberly is very active in chorus, field hockey and golf.

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.

Lauren Nguyen is 13 years old and lives in Honolulu, Hawaii. She started learning piano at the age of 5. In 2012, Lauren won the Hawaii State Music Teachers' National Association competition junior division and received honorable mention at the regional competition in Utah. Lauren enjoys running cross country, listening to music, and going to the beach.

Ling Xiao Li, 16, is studying saxophone in Shenyang, China. He has competed in the Dalian global competition, and performed a solo recital in 2012. Ling Xiao enjoys Chinese calligraphy, table tennis, and basketball. He is currently preparing for the TOEFL.

Niklas Kniesche is a twelve-year old from Providence where he attends the French American School of Rhode Island. He started with Suzuki piano lessons at age 5, and has been a student of Marilyn Roth at the New England Conservatory since age 7. He won First Prize, Division II, in the 2012 Steinway Society of Massachusetts piano competition. Niklas is trilingual in English, German, and French, loves math and computers, and enjoys playing soccer and squash.

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.

Ham Chan is currently pursuing a B.A. in Music at Hong Kong Baptist University. In 2009, he won the first prize in the performance group of The 1st Guangzhou and Hong Kong Youth Piano Competition. His recent chamber performances include Schubert's Piano Quintet "Trout" and Shostakovich's Piano Quintet in G minor Op.57.

Byung Chan Kwak, 15, is from Korea and lives in Vietnam. He has played in UNICEF donation concerts and received 3rd place in the Seoul Philharmonic Orchestra Competition. Byung Chan likes to hang out with his friends and watch movies.

Evan Lin, a student of Joanna Fan, has played the piano for 12 years. Some of his recent awards include the John Bayless Award at the Virginia Waring International Piano Competition and first place in the 2011 Aloha International Piano Competition. Evan was also a member of the Punahou Symphony Orchestra as a violinist, as well as the Punahou Jazz Band as an electric guitarist.

Lian Lian, 20, is from Chengdu, China and studies with Dr. Chengang Yang at the Sichuan Conservatory of Music.



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Sonata in C Major, K. 521 I. Allegro <i>W. A. Mozart (1756-1791)</i>	Hanyu Deng Meng Xu
Rigoletto Paraphrase <i>Franz Liszt (1811-1886)</i>	Noe Baladad
Impromptu No. 3, Op. 51 <i>Frederic Chopin (1810-1849)</i>	Kimberly Han
Sonata No. 4 in C minor, Op. 29 II. Andante assai <i>Sergei Prokofiev (1891-1953)</i>	Kai Ono
Sonatine III. Animé <i>Maurice Ravel (1875-1937)</i>	Lauren Nguyen
Pequeña czarda <i>Pedro Iturralde (1929-)</i>	Ling Xiao Li , saxophone Dr. Daniel Chia-Te Liu, piano
Valse romantique <i>Claude Debussy (1862-1918)</i>	Niklas Kniesche
Sonata No. 2 in D minor, Op. 14 III. Andante <i>Sergei Prokofiev (1891-1953)</i>	Patrick Pan
Funérailles <i>Franz Liszt (1811-1886)</i>	Ham Chan
Etude in C minor, Op. 10, No. 12 <i>Frederic Chopin (1810-1849)</i>	Byung Chan Kwak
Le tombeau de Couperin VI. Toccata <i>Maurice Ravel (1875-1937)</i>	Evan Lin
Etude in D Major, Op. 39, No. 9 <i>Sergei Rachmaninoff (1873-1943)</i>	Lian Lian