

# YOUNG PIANIST COMPETITION OF NEW JERSEY



## NEWSLETTER

February 2004

Dear Members:

This is the eleventh edition of our annual newsletter. This letter comes out twice a year in February and September and features our upcoming events, news about Competition Winners, Alumni and Teachers. We hope that this will be helpful and keep you up-to-date with our events.

If you have any news that you would like us to put in our next issue, please mail it to Young Pianist Competition of New Jersey, P.O. Box 3, Martinsville, NJ 08836, send a fax to 908-704-1694, or e-mail to [ypcofnj@aol.com](mailto:ypcofnj@aol.com). All materials must be submitted in typed format. Please submit your materials by September 1, 2004 for our next issue.

Board of Directors

### DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

- January 25, 2004 **Fundraising Concert** Featuring The 2003 Winner of the Young Artist Auditions held by the New Jersey Symphony, pianist **Daniel Shleyenkov**. Concert held at 1286 Washington Valley Road, Bridgewater, NJ 08807, Telephone for reservations 908-526-0794.
- February 29, 2004 Plainfield Symphony Orchestra Family Concert Featuring 2002 & 2003 YPCNJ Concerto Division Winners: **Kevin Jang** (Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, Concerto No. 12 in A Major, K. 414, Third Movement: Rondo, Allegretto), **Misha Kaykov**, (Ludwig van Beethoven, Piano Concerto No. 1 in C Major, Op. 15, First Movement: Allegro con Brio) & **Valeriya Kotok** (Camille Saint-Saëns, Concerto No. 2, in G Minor, Op. 22, First Movement: Andante sostenuto.)
- March 1, 2004 Membership renewal (membership form is attached)
- March 7, 2004 **Chamber Music Recital** at Steinway Hall
- March 13, 2004 **Fundraising Concert** featuring renowned concert pianist **Nina Leichuk**. Concert held at 1286 Washington Valley Road, Bridgewater, NJ 08807, Telephone for reservations 908-526-0794.
- March 27, 2004 **Workshop Recital** at Raritan Valley Community College
- April 17, 2004 Solo & Young Artist Divisions **Application Deadline**
- April 24, 2004 **Workshop Recital** at Raritan Valley Community College
- May 2, 2004 **Young Artists Showcase Fundraising Concert** featuring past winners and scholarship recipients of YPCNJ. Concert held at 1286 Washington Valley Road, Bridgewater, NJ 08807, Telephone for reservations 908-526-0794.
- May 5, 2004 **Application & tape deadline** for Cyclical Division.
- May 15 & 16, 2004 Solo & Young Artist Divisions **Preliminary Round**
- May 29, 30, 2004 Solo & Young Artist Divisions **Final Round**
- June 13, 2004 Solo & Young Artists **Winners' Recital** at Weill Recital Hall

**ADMINISTRATION**

**Lana Ivanov**  
*Executive Director*

**J. Anthony Strong**  
*Chairman of the Board*

**Yelena Ivanov**  
*Artistic Director*

**Julie Reina**  
*Administrator & Audition Coordinator*

**Andria Lykogiannis**  
*Recital Coordinator*

**DIVISION CHAIRS**

**Eugenia Betman**  
*Concerto Divisions*

**Larissa Blitz**  
*Chamber Music*

**Yelena Mamonova**  
*Solo Division*

**Sondra Tammam**  
*Ensemble Division*

**J. Anthony Strong**  
*Young Artist Division*  
*Cyclical Work Division*

**OTHER ACTIVITIES**

**Yelena Ivanov**  
*Workshop Recital Chair*

**Anna Vaidman**  
*Treasurer*

**Sharon Wei**  
*Director of Publicity*  
*Web master*

**Irene Gersh**  
*Fundraising*

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS OF THE 2002 CONCERTO & ENSEMBLE DIVISIONS**

<b>STUDENTS</b>	<b>DIVISION</b>	<b>AWARD</b>	<b>TEACHER</b>
<b>Allen Yueh</b>	Entire Concerto Division	Gold Prize	<b>Yelena Ivanov</b>
<b>Valeriya Kotok</b>	Concerto – One Movement	Gold Prize	*
<b>Edward Suh &amp; Annabell Suh</b>	Ensemble-Two-Pianos Division	Gold Prize	<b>Lana Ivanov</b>
<b>Kevin Li &amp; Amy Li</b>	Ensemble-One-Piano Division	Gold Prize	<b>Susan Lou</b>
<b>Kevin Jang</b>	Concerto – One Movement	Silver Prize	<b>Yelena Ivanov</b>
<b>Irisa Chen &amp; Yunji Kang</b>	Ensemble-Two-Pianos Division	Silver Prize	<b>Lana Ivanov</b>
<b>Henry Namkung &amp; Jean Namkung</b>	Ensemble-One-Piano Division	Silver Prize	<b>Sondra Tammam</b>
<b>Annabell Suh</b>	Entire Concerto Division	Bronze Prize	<b>Yelena Ivanov</b>
<b>Constance Kaita</b>	Concerto – One Movement	Bronze Prize	<b>Ingrid J. Clarfield</b>
<b>Remi Yang &amp; Roland Yang</b>	Ensemble-Two-Pianos Division	Bronze Prize	<b>Susan Lou</b>
<b>Howard Wei &amp; Jeffrey Cai</b>	Ensemble-Two-Pianos Division	Bronze Prize	<b>Yelena Ivanov</b>
<b>Dennis Hsu &amp; Roger Kuo</b>	Ensemble-One-Piano Division	Bronze Prize	<b>Lana Ivanov</b>
<b>Michelle Ma</b>	Concerto – One Movement	Honorable Mention	<b>Yelena Ivanov</b>
<b>Sherry Hui &amp; Julia Zhou</b>	Ensemble-Two-Pianos Division	Honorable Mention	<b>Sondra Tammam</b>
<b>Michael Harwick &amp; Melody Safarzadeh</b>	Ensemble-One-Piano Division	Honorable Mention	<b>Julia Reina</b>

\* Teacher not member

Thank you to all of the other participating teachers and students who performed in our Winner's Recital held on January 23, 2004 at **Steinway Hall** in New York City. This recital was re-scheduled from January 18 due to bad weather conditions, so we thank everyone who made the effort to attend.

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### WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Caroline	Reppert	Kingston, PA
Samuel	Bellardo	Trenton, NJ
Deborah	Robb	Yardley, PA

### COMPETITION NEWS

**CHAMBER MUSIC RECITAL:** will take place at Steinway Hall in New York City and will feature many other 2003 Concerto, Ensemble and Chamber Music Division Winners & Finalists: **Deborah Robb** (Student of **Samuel J. Bellardo**), **David Ammirata, & William Downey**, (students of **Janet Hein**); **Brian Cai, Jean Lin** (students of **Ursula Ingolfsson**); **Shirley Wang, Dennis Hsu & Roger Kuo** (Student of **Lana Ivanov**), **Edward Suh, Evanna Wang, Allen Yueh**, (students of **Yelena Ivanov**); **Jeanette Qian & Joanna Qian** (students of **Susan Lou**); **Amanda Li, Michael Harwick & Melody Safarzadeh** (students of **Julia Reina**); **Stefan Curcic, Qiaozhi Yang, Henry Namkung & Jean Namkung, Sherry Hui & Julia Zhou** (students of **Sondra Tammam**).

Those who wish to participate at this recital, please send us a video tape of your ensemble by February 20, 2004. This should be sent to Young Pianist Competition of New Jersey, P.O. Box 3, Martinsville, NJ 08803.

**NEW RULE:** Students do not qualify for a **GOLD** Prize, if they are consecutively competing in the same age category and same Division.

**NEWS:** Solo Division is no longer offering Special Category (SVIII).

### MEMBER NEWS

**LENA SOLAIMAN:** Her students, Janet Song (12) and Benjamin Song (10) won the honorable mention (Level 7) and the silver medal (Level 5) respectively at the 2003 World Piano Competition sponsored by the American Music Scholarship Association. Both students were invited to perform at Carnegie Hall in November 2003.

**BOB DIFENDORF:** Online piano teacher chatroom available, Tuesdays 10 to 11 am for the month of February, possibly longer. Talk in real time to other teachers from your home!

- Go to [releasethebutterfly.com](http://releasethebutterfly.com) and click on Teachers Forum.
- When the login page appears, type in the name you would like used in the chatroom.
- Click on login. Then you're in!
- Those present can decide on a topic or talk in general.

Sponsored by *Release the Butterfly*, a holistic book on learning and creativity, accepted by the Lincoln Center Library for Performing Arts and available at [releasethebutterfly.com](http://releasethebutterfly.com).

**SONDRA TAMMAM** and the faculty of the Taubman Seminar will present a 4 day program June 3 - 6, 2004 at CAMI Hall in NYC. For further information, please go to [www.TaubmanSeminar.com](http://www.TaubmanSeminar.com). Ms Tammam performed in a concert for the Suburban Music Study Club in November. Her student Kathy Yang, won the \$1000.00 award for students of club members and will perform a recital in March. Kathy, Wendy Lin and Faye Xu were winners in the first MEA Honors Recital competition in November. Grace Kim was a winner in the Bergen Scholarship competition.

**YELENA IVANOV** was invited to adjudicate an International Piano Competition "Shabyt Inspiration" held in Astana City, Kazakhstan in November of 2003. She will be giving master classes and open lesson-lectures at the Ohio State University in Athens in April of 2004. During the past season, her student **George Lykogiannis** will perform 2 recitals in May of 2004 held at the Seelig Theatre in Sullivan County College presented by the Shandeleo Music Festival. **Kevin Jang** won the NJMTA Competition in his age category. **Allen Yueh** won the Junior Division of the MTNA Competition – State of New Jersey.

**LANA IVANOV** was invited to give master classes and lectures sponsored by the "Shabyt Inspiration" Competition-Festival held in Astana City, Kazakhstan in November of 2003.

**Beatrice Long's** upcoming concerts: recitals in Del Valle Concert Series, California, "Music at First", Springfield Massachusetts. On June 18, 2004, she will perform in Alice Tully Hall, Lincoln Center appearing in the "Taiwan Connection 2004" concert sponsored by National Endowment for Cultural and Arts in Taiwan, playing Bartók's Sonata for Two Pianos and Percussions.

### **JULY 2004 PROGRAM FOR THE FESTIVAL MUSICA IN LAGUNA, CORSI MUSICALI**

Next festival dates are July 3 – 13, 2004. The available piano programs consist of Workshops, Concerto Competitions for Junior and Senior divisions. Participants in the Concerto program will have six private lessons, two of which will be accompanied by **Giavane Sinfonietta Clodiense** or **Orchestra Sinfonica del Festival di Chioggia**. Winners of the Concerto Competitions will perform in concert with **Giavane Sinfonietta Clodiense** or **Orchestra Sinfonica del Festival di Chioggia**

**JUNIOR DIVISION:** Age 8 – 16

**SENIOR DIVISION:** Age 17 and up

#### **REQUIRED REPERTOIRE FOR THE CONCERTO PROGRAM:**

❖ JUNIOR DIVISION	<b>WOLFGANG AMADEUS MOZART</b>	Piano Concerto No. 13 in C Major, K. 415
	<b>JOHANN SEBASTIAN BACH</b>	Piano Concerto in F Minor, BWV 1056
	<b>FRANZ JOSEPH HAYDN</b>	Piano Concerto in C Major (students under 10 years of age)
❖ SENIOR DIVISION	<b>EDVARD GRIEG</b>	Piano Concerto in A Minor, Op. 16
	<b>SERGEI RACHMANINOFF</b>	Piano Concerto No. 2 in C Minor, Op. 18

For those who are interested in participating in this program and would like to take advantage of airfare group rates, please contact us by March 15, 2004.

Those 2003 prizewinners of the Young Pianist Competition of New Jersey (any division) attending the 2004 Festival "Musica in Laguna" are eligible for the Young Pianist Competition of New Jersey scholarship:

Gold Prize	\$500.00
Silver Prize	\$375.00
Bronze Prize	\$250.00

For further information on the festival, festival program, faculty members, etc., please check our website at [www.youngpianist.org](http://www.youngpianist.org) (International Summer Program) or write to:

Festival Musica in Laguna  
P.O. Box 3  
Martinsville, NJ 08836  
Fax: 908-704-1694  
E-mail: [MusicainLaguna@aol.com](mailto:MusicainLaguna@aol.com)  
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# Young Pianist Competition of New Jersey

*2004 Membership Application & Renewal Form  
(Membership Year March 1, 2004 - February 28, 2005)*

## PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE

*(please detach this application and submit with your check)*

**NAME:**

LAST

FIRST

MIDDLE INITIAL

**ADDRESS:**

STREET

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

TELEPHONE

FAX

E-MAIL ADDRESS

PLEASE CHECK **ONE** CATEGORY WHICH SUITS YOU THE BEST:

**TEACHER:** *Piano*

1 YEAR \$35.00

2 YEARS \$60.00

**RENEWAL**

*Chamber Music*

1 YEAR \$15.00

2 YEARS \$25.00

YES

**INDIVIDUAL**

1 YEAR \$10.00

2 YEARS \$15.00

NO

**LATE FEE** *After March 1*

\$5.00 (fee for teachers only)

**YEAR:**

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*(For Office Use Only)*

**NUMBER:**

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