

Young Pianist Competition of New Jersey



NEWSLETTER

Spring 2008

Dear Members:

This is the Seventeenth edition of our annual newsletter. This letter comes out twice a year in the Spring and Fall 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 ypcnjoffice@aol.com. All materials must be submitted in typed format. Please submit your materials by September 1, 2008 for our next issue.

Please check our website www.youngpianist.org for the 2008 dates and events.

Board of Directors

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

- March 2, 2008 Fundraising Concert featuring YPCNJ Alumni: **Allen Yueh**. Concert held at 1286 Washington Valley Road, Bridgewater, NJ 08807, Telephone for reservations 908-526-0794
- March 10, 2008 **Chamber Music Recital** at Steinway Hall
- March 10, 2008 **Application Deadline** for Festival Musica in Laguna. Available at www.youngpianist.org / Applications
- March 22, 2008 **Workshop Recital**, Raritan Valley Community College. Materials must be submitted by March 12.
- April 1, 2008 Membership Renewal
- April 16, 2008 **Application Deadline** for Solo, Young Artist Divisions
- April 21, 2008 **Workshop Recital**, Raritan Valley Community College. Materials must be submitted by April 11.
- April 23, 2008 **Application & Video Tape Deadline (Preliminary Round)** for Cyclical Work Division
- May 10 & 11, 2008 **Preliminary Round** for Solo, Young Artist Divisions
- May 15, 2008 **Late Application Deadline** for Festival Musica in Laguna. Available at www.youngpianist.org / Applications
- May 24 & 25, 2008 **Final Round** for Solo, Young Artist & Cyclical Work Divisions
- June 15, 2008 Solo & Young Artists **Winners' Recital** at Weill Recital Hall

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CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS OF THE 2007 CONCERTO & ENSEMBLE DIVISIONS

| STUDENTS | DIVISION | AWARD | TEACHER |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------|--------------|------------------|
| Allen Yueh | Entire Concerto | Gold Prize | Yelena Ivanov |
| Christopher Kong | Concerto – One Movement | Gold Prize | Lana Ivanov |
| Stella Wong | Entire Concerto | Silver Prize | * |
| Doris Lee | Concerto – One Movement | Silver Prize | Yelena Ivanov |
| Helen Shen | Children's Concerto | Silver Prize | Lana Ivanov |
| Andrew Liu | Concerto – One Movement | Bronze Prize | Marion Zarzeczna |
| Doris Lee & Kevin Lee | Ensemble – Two Pianos | Gold Prize | Yelena Ivanov |
| Brianna Tang & Brendan Tang | Ensemble – One Piano | Silver Prize | Yelena Ivanov |
| Helen Shen & Nikita Tang | Ensemble – One Piano | Silver Prize | Lana Ivanov |

* Teacher not member

Thank you to all of the other participating teachers and students who performed in our Final Round Recital held on January 13, 2008 at the **Steinway Hall** in New York City.

Other performers included: **Kanako Mori** (student of Eugenia Betman), **Catalina Ouyang** (student of Lana Ivanov), **Martha Mingle** (student of Joy Kiszely), **Lauren Wang***

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

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| Kazuko | Hayami | New York, NY |
| Lauren | Wang | Flushing, NY |
| Michael | Lei | Poughkeepsie, NY |

COMPETITION NEWS

2008 Chamber Music Recital, which will take place at Steinway Hall on March 15, 2008 will include many finalists of our 2007 Concerto & Ensemble Competition, including: **Emily Woo, & Tracy Li, Claudia Hu**, (Students of **Yelena Ivanov**), **James & Michael Sun** (Students of **Joy Kiszely**), **Laura Shu & Chulan Li** (Students of **Yelena Mamonova**), **Samyukta Kumaran & Alex Lai, Angelica Magpile, & Lorraine Espinoza, Shravan Kumaran**, (Students of **Julie Reina**).

MEMBER NEWS

Lana Ivanov studio: Christopher Kong, YPCNJ Alumni, was the 2008 Winner of the Lancaster Symphony Orchestra Junior and Senior Divisions. As a result, he will be performing Mendelssohn's Concerto in G minor with the Lancaster Symphony Orchestra later this season.

Yelena Ivanov studio: Doris Lee, YPCNJ Alumni, was a winner of the Suburban Music Club Scholarship Competition. She will perform a solo recital at the Madison Library on March 16 at 2:00 PM. **Allen Yueh**, YPCNJ Alumni, was a winner of the Marion Garcia Scholarship Competition, as well as the Summit Symphony Orchestra Concerto Competition. As the result, he will perform Tchaikovsky Piano Concerto No. 1 with the Summit Symphony Orchestra later this season.

Yelena Mamonova studio: Justin Yeh, YPCNJ Alumni was the 2008 Winner of the Bravura Philharmonic Concerto Competition. As the result, he will be performing Rachmaninoff's Piano Concerto No. 1 with the Bravura Philharmonic Orchestra later this season.

Dr. Donald Pirone has been appointed Director of the Lawrence Eisman Center for Preparatory Studies in Music at Queens College.

Anthony Strong, Assistant Professor of Music at Raritan Valley Community College, once again coordinated and participated in their Annual Music Faculty Recital, Sunday, February 24, in the college's Welppe Theatre. The faculty contributed classics, jazz standards and original compositions in a wonderfully varied recital, which also featured several instrumental and vocal guest artists. Of special note was a performance by guest pianist, 13-year old Jinny Li, of Princeton, of the Chaconne from the Sonata in D-flat by John Sichel. Dr. Sichel, a faculty colleague of Mr. Strong at RVCC, had been asked by the NJMTA to offer several of his original compositions for piano for the selected contemporary music divisions of their annual competitions. Jinny was the winner of her division in November of 2007. Mr. Strong contributed a performance of Robert Schumann's Kinderscenen (Scenes from Childhood), Op. 15. RVCC will host a special event on Saturday, May 10, in the college's Edward Nash Theatre. A program of all-American classics will be presented by the Central Jersey Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Roger Briscoe, featuring the Overture to the School for Scandal and the Adagio by Samuel Barber, Quiet City and the Suite from Rodeo by Aaron Copland and An American in Paris and Rhapsody in Blue by George Gershwin. This event will honor the retirement of Dr. Briscoe, the upcoming anniversary of the Nash Theatre (the CJSO played its inauguration, and presented more concerts there than any single arts organization) and will raise money for the Performing Arts Department's performance fund. The orchestra features many of our community colleagues who also perform in the Plainfield and Hunterdon Symphonies, as well as selected faculty and students from RVCC. Anthony Strong will appear as piano soloist in Rhapsody in Blue. Tickets for May 10 will be available by calling the RVCC theatre box office at 908-725-3420

Sondra Tammam, Co-Director of the Taubman Seminar in NYC, presented lectures and performed the Schubert Trout Quintet with members of the NY Philharmonic at the Rose Hall, Lincoln Center in June. She recently has presented workshops in NY, CT and NH. Her student, Grace Kim, a winner in the YPCNJ competitions, is a freshman at Princeton University. Joshua Kao, 11, is going to perform at the Crescent Ave. Church in Plainfield, as a winner in their annual competition.

JULY 2008 PROGRAM FOR THE FESTIVAL MUSICA IN LAGUNA, CORSI MUSICALI

Next festival dates are July 1 – 14, 2008. The available piano programs consist of Workshops, Concerto Competitions for Junior and Senior divisions. Participants in the Concerto program will have five private lessons, two of which will be accompanied by *Orchestra Sinfonica del Festival di Chioggia*. Winners of the Concerto Competitions will perform in concert with *Orchestra Sinfonica del Festival di Chioggia*

JUNIOR DIVISION: Age 6 – 12 Inclusive

JOHANN SEBASTIAN BACH: Concerto in G Minor, BWV 1058
WOLFGANG AMADEUS MOZART: Concerto for Cembalo & Orchestra in G Major, KV 107
Concerto for Cembalo & Orchestra in E-flat Major, KV 107
FRANZ JOSEPH HAYDN: Divertimentos

JUNIOR DIVISION: 13 – 16 - inclusive:

LUDWIG VAN BEETHOVEN: Concerto No. 2 in B-flat Major, Op. 19
WOLFGANG AMADEUS MOZART: Concerto No. 13, K. 415

SENIOR DIVISION: Age 17 and up

SERGEI RACHMANINOFF: Piano Concerto in C Minor No. 2, Op. 18
ROBERT SCHUMANN: Piano Concerto in A Minor, Op. 54

Festival Musica in Laguna will also hold an **International Piano Solo Competition** for Junior & Senior Divisions. Gold winners will receive cash awards and a full tuition scholarship to the 2008 Festival.

For those who are interested in participating in this program and would like to take advantage of airfare group rates, please contact us by January 15, 2008.

Those 2007 (Fall) & 2008 (Spring) prizewinners of the Young Pianist Competition of New Jersey (any division) attending the 2008 Festival "Musica in Laguna" are eligible for the Young Pianist Competition of New Jersey scholarship:

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| Gold Prize | \$500.00 towards tuition |
| Silver Prize | \$375.00 towards tuition |
| Bronze Prize | \$250.00 towards tuition |

For further information, please contact:

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2008 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION & RENEWAL FORM

(Membership Year April 1, 2008- March 31, 2009)

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE

(Please detach this application and submit with your check)

NAME:

LAST FIRST MIDDLE INITIAL MALE FEMALE

ADDRESS:

STREET

CITY STATE ZIP CODE

TELEPHONE FAX

E-MAIL ADDRESS

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

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| TEACHER: | <i>Piano</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 1 YEAR \$40.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> | 2 YEARS \$70.00 | RENEWAL |
| | <i>Chamber Music</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 1 YEAR \$20.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> | 2 YEARS \$30.00 | |
| INDIVIDUAL | | <input type="checkbox"/> | 1 YEAR \$10.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> | 2 YEARS \$15.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> NO |
| LATE FEE | <i>After April 1</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | \$10.00 (fee for renewing teachers only) | | | |

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