

Young Pianist Competition of New Jersey



NEWSLETTER

Winter / Spring 2007

Dear Members:

This is the Fifteenth 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 ypcofnj@aol.com. All materials must be submitted in typed format. Please submit your materials by September 1, 2007 for our next issue.

Please check our website www.youngpianist.org for the 2005-2006 dates and events.

Board of Directors

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

- January 7, 2007 **Concerto and Ensemble Divisions Winners' Recital** at Yamaha Salon (689 Fifth Avenue, entrance on 54th Street, Third Floor, New York, NY 10022, Tel. 212-339-9995)
- January 22, 2007 Chamber Music Recital VHS Tape Audition Deadline
- March 1, 2007 Membership Renewal
- March 3, 2007 Fundraising Concert featuring YPCNJ Alumni: **Kevin Buczkowski, Suejin Jung, Doris Lee, Kevin Lee, Jacek Skryzalin, Annabell Suh, Allen Yueh**. Concert held at 1286 Washington Valley Road, Bridgewater, NJ 08807, Telephone for reservations 908-526-0794
- March 10, 2007 **Chamber Music Recital** at Steinway Hall
- March 24, 2007 **Workshop Recital**, Raritan Valley Community College. Materials must be submitted by March 15.
- April 15, 2007 Concert: **Plainfield Symphony Orchestra** featuring the 2006 Gold Prize Winners of the Entire Concerto Divisions, **Poony Poon** performing W.A. Mozart's Concerto No. 19, K. 459 (Allegro – First Movement) and Concerto, One Movement Division, **Sue Jin Jung**, performing L. van Beethoven's Concerto No. 3, Op. 37 (Allegro Con Brio – First Movement).
- April 16, 2007 **Application Deadline** for Solo, Young Artist Divisions
- April 21, 2007 **Workshop Recital**, Raritan Valley Community College. Materials must be submitted by April 14.
- April 23, 2007 **Application & Video Tape Deadline (Preliminary Round)** for Cyclical Work Division
- April 28, 2007 Fundraising Concert featuring YPCNJ Alumni: **George Lykogiannis**. Concert held at 1286 Washington Valley Road, Bridgewater, NJ 08807, Telephone for reservations 908-526-0794
- May 5 & 6, 2007 **Preliminary Round** for Solo, Young Artist Divisions
- May 19 & 20, 2007 **Final Round** for Solo, Young Artist & Cyclical Work Divisions
- June 3, 2007 Solo & Young Artists **Winners' Recital** at Weill Recital Hall

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CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS OF THE 2006 CONCERTO & ENSEMBLE DIVISIONS

STUDENTS	DIVISION	AWARD	TEACHER
Poony Poon	Entire Concerto	Gold Prize	*
Sue Jin Jung	Concerto – One Movement	Gold Prize	Yelena Ivanov
Stella Wong	Concerto – One Movement	Bronze Prize	Golda Tatz
Howard Wei	Concerto – One Movement	Bronze Prize	Yelena Ivanov
Brianna Tang & Brendan Tang	Ensemble – One Piano	Silver Prize	Yelena Ivanov
Doris Lee & Kevin Lee	Ensemble – Two Pianos	Silver Prize	Yelena Ivanov
Erica Liu & Doris Lee	Ensemble – One Piano	Bronze Prize	Yelena Mamonova
Eda Chen & Helen Xu	Ensemble – Two Pianos	Bronze Prize	Joy Kiszley
Andrew Chang & Frank Long	Ensemble – One Piano	Honorable Mention	Yelena Ivanov

* Teacher not member

Thank you to all of the other participating teachers and students who performed in our Winner's Recital held on January 7, 2008 at the **Yamaha Piano Salon** in New York City.

Other performers included: **Kanako Mori** (student of Eugenia Betman), **Monica Chon**, **Kevin Lee** (student of Yelena Ivanov), **Rayna Sun** (student of Joy Kiszely), **Ana Patete** (student of Golda Tatz)

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Poony	Poon	New York, NY
Rayna	Sun	Berwyn, PA
Elena	Pelih	Salt Point, NY
Donald	Pirone	Flushing, NY

COMPETITION NEWS

A Note from the Artistic Director:

This is to update our members regarding our ongoing relationship with the Plainfield Symphony Orchestra. Since the year 2000, our winners have performed regularly on the orchestra's annual Family Concert, as well as during their regular concert series. The basis of our agreement with the orchestra is that our Entire Concerto Division Gold Prize winner would perform on the regular concert series and our Concerto-One Movement Division Gold Prize winner would perform during the Family Concert.

During the past years we have been able to mutually present many students on the Orchestra's Concert Series, including **Esther Park** (Student of Veda Kaplinsky, The Juilliard School), **Han Chien Lee** (student of Helen Sokoloff, Curtis Institute), **Geroge Lykogiannis & Allen Yueh** (students of Yelena Ivanov), **Jeannette Aufiero** (student of Nina Svetlanova, Manhattan School of Music). Many winners appeared in the Family concert: **Kaity Kao** (student of Beatrice Long), **Sun-A Park** (Student of Veda Kaplinsky, The Juilliard School), **Justin Yeh** (student of Yelena Manonova), **Katelyn Tran** (student of Veda Zuponcic), **Misha Kaykov** (student of Joseph Ries), **Valeria Kotok** (student of Alexander Slobodyanik), **Kevin Jang & Annabell Suh** (student of Yelena Ivanov), **Stephanie Sun & Dennis Hsu** (students of Lana Ivanov), **Stephen Li & Kevin Li** (students of Susan Lou), **Luiko Yoshimoto & Darya Koltyniuk** (students of Golda Tatz), just to mention a few.

In 2006, for the first time since our collaboration started, the concert appearance of our 2005 Entire Concerto Division Gold Prize winner, Allen Yueh (Student of Yelena Ivanov), originally scheduled for November of 2006, was cancelled without any notification. After several discussions with the Orchestra's Music Director, as well as Orchestra's Administrative Personnel, this concert has been rescheduled for the November 2007.

Also, in the past, we have been able to showcase more than one winner during the Family Concert, so we have been able to exhibit our Silver & Bronze Winners, along with the Gold Winners. The number of students varied from year to year, depending on the available time given to YPCNJ. Now, the situation has changed. Since the Plainfield Symphony Orchestra is a community orchestra, that has their own agenda, we can only count on one Gold Prize Winner of the Concerto-One Movement Division to appear during the Family Concert. Unfortunately the freedom that we have had in the past, no longer applies, and we have to strictly follow the rules, which are stated in our rules for this division. We will still try to increase the number of performers in the following seasons, but unfortunately this is something we cannot promise.

As the Artistic Director of Young Pianist Competition of New Jersey, I am very grateful to the Plainfield Symphony Orchestra for their ongoing efforts and continuous collaboration with our organization.

I am deeply saddened by an untimely and tragic death of our colleague and good friend Samuel Bellardo. Dr. Bellardo was closely associated with YPCNJ as a judge and as an exceptionally fine pianist and composer. He was passionate about music, musical education, and always encouraged young musicians to excel. We will all miss him very much.

MEMBER NEWS

Joy M. Kiszely's student James Sun won the Grand Prize in the July World Piano Competition in Levels 5-8, performing 2 complete programs in Solo, Level 8, Gold Medal, and Concerto, Level 9, Gold Medal. Jennifer Han won a Gold Medal, Level 7, Katherine Xu, a Silver Medal, and Level 3. Dorsin Chang, student of Dr. Andor Kiszely, won a Gold Medal, Level 5, and Benjamin Song, Bronze Medal, level 8.

Teacher member **Dr. Andor Kiszely** passed away suddenly on September 1, 2006. Dr. Andor Kiszely, who resided at 925 Coopertown Road in Bryn Mawr for 34 years, was born in Balassagyarmat, Hungary on November 17, 1922. He passed away at home peacefully in his sleep on September 1, 2006 at age 83, from heart failure. Dr. Kiszely received his musical and pianistic training at the Franz Liszt Royal Academy of Music in Budapest, Hungary. His artist-teachers in piano were Dr. Ernő Daniel, and Dr. Bela Böszörményi-Nagy, who studied with Dohnanyi. His third teacher in piano was Lajos Hernady, a Bartok student, who was an adjutor in the 1970 Tchaikovsky Piano Competition in Moscow. Dr. Kiszely also studied with Zoltan Kodaly. Shortly after he received his Masters Degree in Performance and Piano Pedagogy from the Franz Liszt Academy, he also received a doctorate in Political Science from Peter Pazmany University in Budapest. After the Second World War, under the auspices of the U.S. Special services, he toured West Germany, giving concerts in Munich, Augsburg, Stuttgart, Nuremberg, Heidelberg, and other cities. Until 1956, Dr. Kiszely led an active life in Budapest as a well-known performing artist and a respected teacher at the Budapest Academy of Music. He gave numerous recitals, was soloist with the MAV Symphony Orchestra, and made recordings for the Budapest Radio. During the days of the Hungarian Revolution, Dr. Kiszely was one of the musicians chosen by his colleagues to lead the reorganized ministry of education. After 1956, Dr. Kiszely made his home in Vienna, Austria. He received a Ford Foundation Scholarship for two years of post-graduate study in orchestral conducting at the State Academy of Music (Akademi für Musik und Darstellende Kunst) with Hans Swarowsky. Among his classmates were Zubin Mehta, and Claudio Abbado. He received his Diploma in Orchestral Conducting in 1959. In Vienna, he gave many recitals in the Musikvereinsaal and the Brahmsaal, and made recordings for the Austrian Radio and Television. Other appearances in Austria include Salzburg, Linz, and other cities. Dr. Kiszely came to the U.S. in 1959, giving recitals in Judson Hall, New York, Rutgers University, New Jersey, Klein Memorial Hall, Norwalk Conn; in Philadelphia, at St. Josephs College; LaSalle College; Holy Family College; International Institute, International House. Dr. Kiszely and his wife Joy Miller Kiszely founded the Main Line Conservatory of Music in Ardmore in 1967, which over its 40 years has produced medal winners in major competitions like the Bartok-Kabalevsky National, Stravinsky International, International Piano Recording Competition of the NGPT, finalists in the Philadelphia Orchestra Greenfield Competition, Mann Music Center Competition, World Piano Competition Grand Prize winners and Medalists, Eaglesmere, West Chester University, Drexel University competition winners, Pottstown and New Jersey Symphony orchestra winners, Baldwin Junior Keyboard, PMTA Concerto and Solo winners Outstanding Young Christian Artist, Bart Pittman Award winners, Kennett Square, and Tri-County Youth Festival winners. In addition, many students of the Main Line Conservatory serve on the faculties of Universities and Colleges and others have followed Dr. Kiszely's example and founded music schools, which today are thriving and proudly carrying on the musical tradition learned at the Main Line Conservatory. Dr. Kiszely was nominated Master Teacher by the American Music Scholarship Association, and in 1983, received the Teacher of the Year Award from PMTA. He is listed in Who's Who in Music in the World, the International Who's Who of Music, and Who's Who in American Education.

Golda Tatz: Student **Darya Koltyniuk** won the Concerto competition in Manhattan School of Music's Pre-College Division and will perform with the Manhattan School of Music Orchestra on May 12th, 2007. Student **Ana Patete** won the Concerto Competition in Young Artists Division, Lucy Moses School and will perform with an orchestra in Merkin Hall on February 12th, 2007. Student **Luiko Yoshimoto** was a finalist at the 8th All Asia International Chopin Competition and performed in Tokyo in January 2007. **Golda Tatz** performed recitals in November 2006 in Athens, UGA University, GA, as well in Adelphi University, New Jersey, Prestige Series. She was adjudicating the Frina Averbuch International Competition in New York in October.

Yelena Ivanov's Studio: **Annabell Suh** won the Scholarship Award from NJMTA. Annabell and another student **Deborah Robb** shared the First Prize of the Marion Garcia Piano Competition, sponsored by the Penn State University, PA. **Allen Yueh** won the Suburban Music Study Club (SMS) Scholarship Competition. He will be performing at their annual benefit Concert on March 18, 2007 at 2:30 PM at the Madison Public Library in Madison, NJ.

Professor **Veda Zuponic** will return to the prestigious Oxford, England, Piano Festival in July, 2007, for the third year. She has been invited to present Master Classes and a Piano Pedagogy Workshop. Also on the faculty this season will be Claude Frank, John Lill and Abbey Simon. In July 2006, she served on the jury for the Vladimir Viardo Competition. For the fourth year, Miss Zuponic will lead the Northern Lights Music Festival in Aurora, Minnesota. The chamber music and piano festival presented 18 concerts in 16 days last season, and included students from the United States, Armenia, England, Jamaica and Russia. Miss Zuponic performed on several faculty concerts with colleagues Lydia Boguslavsky, pianist and Victor Uzur, cellist. She also performed the Shostakovich 1st Concerto with the chamber orchestra. For information, go to www.northernlightsmusic.org. Miss Zuponic will perform the Gershwin Concerto in F in Kharkov, Ukraine in March 2007; her son, Gavriel Heine will conduct. Miss Zuponic will also collaborate with her colleague Dr. Lourin Plant in a recital of Negro Spirituals, to be presented in three Ukrainian cities. Miss Zuponic will also present Master Classes at the Kharkov Institute of the Arts. On March 26, as part of Women's History Month, Miss Zuponic will present a Lecture-Recital, "Klavierabend: An Evening with Clara and Robert Schumann." She will perform Clara Schumann's Variations on a Theme of Robert Schumann as well as works by Fanny Mendelssohn, Brahms and Robert Schumann. **Alexander Timofeev**, a student of Veda Zuponic and a recent graduate of Rowan University, began his studies at the Eastman School of Music in Fall, 2007. In his first month there, he won the Eastman Concerto Competition, performing the Chopin f minor Piano Concerto with the Eastman Orchestra; and the NY State MTNA Competition. In January, he also won the Eastern Division of MTNA. In June, Mr. Timofeev won third place in the International Young Pianists Competition in Washington, D.C. He received a full scholarship to the Oxford Piano Festival in August, 2006, and performed in Master Classes for Vladimir Krainev, Gary Graffman and John Lill. **Jacek Skryzalin** won the Manalapan Symphony Concerto Competition in January, 2007, performing the Prokofiev 3rd Concerto.

JULY 2007 PROGRAM FOR THE FESTIVAL MUSICA IN LAGUNA, CORSI MUSICALI

Next festival dates are July 1 – 14, 2007. 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 8 – 16

WOLFGANG AMADEUS MOZART: Piano Concerto in F Major, K. 459
JOHANN SEBASTIAN BACH: Piano Concerto in F Minor, BWV 1056
LUDWIG VAN BEETHOVEN : Piano Concerto No. 2 in B-flat Major, Op. 19

For students under the age of 10:

FRANZ JOSEPH HAYDN: Piano Concerto in C Major Hob. XVIII:10

SENIOR DIVISION: Age 17 and up

LUDWIG VAN BEETHOVEN : Piano Concerto No. 2 in B-flat Major, Op. 19
LUDWIG VAN BEETHOVEN : Piano Concerto No. 3 in C minor, Op. 37
EDVARD GRIEG Piano Concerto in A Minor, Op. 16
PIOTR TCHAIKOVSKY: Piano Concerto No. 1 in B-flat Minor Op. 23

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, 2007.

Those 2006 (Fall) & 2007 (Spring) prizewinners of the Young Pianist Competition of New Jersey (any division) attending the 2007 Festival "Musica in Laguna" are eligible for the Young Pianist Competition of New Jersey scholarship:

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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(Membership Year April 1, 2007- March 31, 2008)

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LATE FEE	<i>After March 1</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$10.00 (fee for renewing teachers only)			<input type="checkbox"/> NO

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