



# CAPMT VIII Summer 2013 Newsletter

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## Coordinator's Corner

Thank you everybody for another eventful year at CAPMT VIII! Last few events of the 2012-2013 will be happening soon. Student Evaluations (June 9<sup>th</sup>) & Sonata/Sonatina Festival (June 8<sup>th</sup>) will be happening next week. There's also the **End-of-the-year party / Masterclass with Dr. Angela Cholakyan** (bio below) on **June 21<sup>st</sup>** at 10:00 AM at Southwest Conservatory, 18430 Brookhurst St. Suite 101, Fountain Valley, CA 92708. If you have not already RSVP'd, please do so with Dr. Miji Kim at [mijiykim@gmail.com](mailto:mijiykim@gmail.com).

*End-of-the-year Party & Masterclass with Dr. Angela Cholakyan*

*Fri., June 21st, 2013 @ 10:00 AM -12:00 PM*

## Call for New Board Members

None of these events will be made possible without the help of many teachers who volunteer their times. Special thanks to Kathy Anzis, Dr. Miji Kim and Sophie Kam for joining the board this year.

We're still looking for co-chairs for Piano Auditions and Sonata / Sonatina Festival. Please email the coordinator at [minz319@hotmail.com](mailto:minz319@hotmail.com) if you're interested.

## CAPMT VIII & OCS Young Musicians Concerto Competition

We're excited to announce the successful conclusion of the competition's inaugural year and look forward to the winners' concert on August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2013. There will be tickets available for purchase at a discounted price of \$15 for CAPMT member teachers. For more information on the Orange County Symphony, please refer to their website [www.ocsymphony.org](http://www.ocsymphony.org). If you have any questions about the competition, please email the coordinator at [minz319@hotmail.com](mailto:minz319@hotmail.com).

### 2013 CAPMT VIII & OCS YMCC Results:

Adjudicators: Anna Gliadkovskaya, Dr. Angela Cholakyan & Dr.

Category A	Winners	Teachers
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Student No.6 Emily Uh	Dr. Minji Noh Lee
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Student No.7 Sean Chang	Yobhungsook Park
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Student No. 5 Victor Shlyakhtenko	Teresa de Jong Pombo

### Category B

*We need co-chairs for Piano Auditions and Sonata/Sonatina Festival.*

1st Place	Student No.11 Derek Chao	Dr. Susan Boettger
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Student No.14 Andrew Edwards	Sofia Zukerman
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Student No. 9 Daniel Tan	Heidi Lee Kim
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Student No. 15 Shelby Wong	Pamela Worcester

### **Category C**

1st Place	Student No.3 Primitivo Cervantes	Dr. Grace Fong
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Student No. 2 Jessica Huang	Heidi Lee Kim

### **About Dr. Angela Cholakyan**

Dr. Angela Cholakyan is an international concert pianist and teacher. Born and raised in Russia, she was trained in the best traditions of Moscow School of piano performance. At the Moscow State Tchaikovsky Conservatory, Ms. Cholakyan studied with Professor Yevgeni Malinin, a student and assistant of legendary Heinrich Neuhaus. She graduated from Moscow Conservatory with honors, and performed multiple solo and chamber recitals in the Soviet Union and abroad. In 1988, Angela Cholakyan immigrated to the United States. In 1993, she became a laureate of the International Piano Competition in Florida, and in 1998, she founded the Tchaikovsky Music Academy.

Dr. Cholakyan received Doctor of Musical Arts degree from the University of Southern California, where she is currently completing Artist Diploma program. At USC, Dr. Cholakyan studied with Professor Norman Krieger, simultaneously working as his assistant. For outstanding achievement during her tenure at USC, Ms. Cholakyan was honored with the two highest Thornton School of Music awards: "Outstanding Doctoral Class of 2009" from the keyboard department and "Outstanding Doctoral Class of 2009" from Thornton School of Music. She was a recipient of the Sima Mannick Endowed Music Scholar, Adele Marcus Foundation Music Scholarship, USC Friends of Armenian Music Scholarship, and the Harley Hamilton Endowed Music Scholarship.

Over the past few years Dr. Cholakyan's performance career grew in the US and abroad. Among the highlights are Tchaikovsky's Piano Concerto #1 in B-flat minor with the Thornton Symphony and celebrated conductor Carl St.Clair; Olivier Messiaen's Oiseaux Exotiques with the Thornton Wind and Percussion Ensemble and Dr. Larry Livingston; lecture-recitals dedicated to Arno Babajanian and Peter Tchaikovsky; performances at the Hawaii Performing Arts Festival, solo and chamber ensemble performances in the Chopin Festival and LACMA's Sundays Live, performance of Chopin Concerto #2 with San Bernardino Symphony; three broadcasts at much respected radio station KUSC, and two tours in China, where she was consequently re-engaged. In fall 2013, Dr. Cholakyan will start teaching at renowned Soochow University as a professor of piano.