



CAPMT VIII Winter 2013 Newsletter

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Coordinator's Corner

Happy Holidays! I can't believe it's the end of the year already. Thank you all who participated in CAPMT VIII's Fall events. Please mark your calendars for the Spring General Meeting on **Thursday, January the 16th**, 10:30 AM at Field's Piano, 810 E. Dyer Rd., Santa Ana, CA 92705. I'm excited to announce that our member teacher, Dr. Grace Fong, will be joined by renowned cellist Benjamin Truchi to bring us music by Brahms, Crumb and Schumann. Please see below at the end of the Newsletter for artist' bios. Hope you can join us!

CAPMT State Conference 2014

The CAPMT State Conference 2014 featuring artists Hans Boepple and Peter Mack is fast approaching! It will take place at the Santa Clara Hyatt Hotel, on Great America Parkway, Santa Clara from Friday, January 31st to February 2nd 2014. Visit www.santaclara.hyatt.com.

The CAPMT Concerto Competition Finals will take place on the Friday (January 31st) in the late afternoon/evening and all other CAPMT State Finals will take place on Saturday, February 1st. It's not too late to register! Please go to the State Website for details and registration info:

http://capmt.org/California_Association_of_Professional_Music_Teachers/State_Conference.html

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 Dr. Andrea Garreffa who joined the district board as a new co-chair of the Piano Auditions. We are still in search for Sonata / Sonatina Festival Co-chair and District Treasurer. Our current treasurer, Soonmee Kwon, will be relocating to Seattle, WA in year 2014. Please email the coordinator at minz319@gmail.com if interested. Please note that in recognition of time and effort dedicated to board member duties, the teacher non-involvement fees are waived for the district board members.

Spring 2014 District Events

January 5th: Community Concert @ Inn at the Park, 3:00 PM

January 16th: Spring General Meeting @ Field's Piano, 10:30 AM

February 2nd: Student Recital @ New California Conservatory, 5 PM

Spring General

Meeting:

Jan. 16th, 2014

*We need co-chair
for Sonata/Sonatina
Festival and District
Treasurer.*

March 2nd: Community Concert @ Inn at the Park, 3:00 PM

April 6th: Student Recital @ New California Conservatory, 5 PM

April 12th: CAPMT VIII Young Musicians Concerto Competition @ Field's Piano

May 4th: Community Concert @ Inn at the Park, 3:00 PM

June 1st: Student Recital @ New California Conservatory, 5 PM

June 8th: Sonata & Sonatina Festival @ Salmon Hall, Chapman University

June 22nd: Student Evaluations @ Little Chopin School

TBA: End-of-the Year Party & Masterclass

CAPMT VIII Fall Events Results

Piano Auditions

Students Receiving Rating of 5 (Students of Su-Shing Chiu, Heidi Lee Kim & Joy Tseng)

Jenna Kim, Michelle Tekawy, Conrad Park, Andrew Park, Madison Park, Yi Ning Li, Candice Gwak, Sarah Chen, Michael Ho, Serena Yu, Jenna Yan, Joanna Chou, Tiffany Huang, Melody Chen and Claire Hsu

Ensemble Auditions

Students Receiving Rating of 5 (Students of Su-Shing Chiu, Mami Higashi, Dr. Judy Huang, Heidi Lee Kim, Dr. Minji Noh Lee, Teresa De Jong Pombo)

Joshua Kim, Hannah Sim, Emily Uh, Sarah Chen, Laura Chen, Melody Chen, Tiffany Huang, Hanae Yoshida, Ayumi Gotoh, Donna Kim, Hanna Kim, Yi Ann Li, Yi Ning Li, Eitaro Inoue, Nicky Agahain, Sarah Williams, Kana Shaffer, Serena Yu, Lauren Yu, Erin Kim, Ethan Kim, Skyla Jin, Caitlyn Jin, Claire Hsu, Stacey Yu, Nao Ichikawa, Anne Morita, Benjamin Cheng, Ethan Cheng, Alexander Licudine, Mikaela Licudine, Channing Lee, Jessalyn Yam, Matthew Pombo, Minjee Kim, Robert Shlyakhtenko, Victor Shlyakhtenko & Gabriel Licudine

Honors Audition

Category B: Winner, Ryan Liu, Student of Dr. Emily Hung

Alternate, Christopher Cung, Student of Pamela Worcester

C: Winner, Victor Shlyakhtenko, Student of Teresa De Jong Pombo

Alternate, Chloe Nelson, Student of Pamela Worcester

D: Winner, Jade Chen, Student of Dr. Myong Joo Lee

Alternate, Alice Cung, Student of Pamela Worcester

E: Winner, Kelly Hur, Student of Dr. Myong Joo Lee

F: Winner, Danielle Braga, Student of Teresa De Jong Pombo

Alternate, Ashley Bui, Student of Dr. Susan Boettger

H: Winner, Kristi Mckinley, Student of Dr. Janice Park

Contemporary Music Festival

Category I: Honorable Mention, Kohana Baird, Student of Su-Shing Chiu

II: Winner, Jevan Burmahln, Student of Lusine Shahinyan
Alternate, Abbie Maruna, Student of Mami Higashi

IV: Winner, Emily Uh, Student of Dr. Minji Noh Lee
Alternate, Elaine Chao, Student of Heidi Lee Kim

V: Alternate, Sophie Yeh, Student of Laurie Meinhold

About the Artists

GRACE FONG

Praised as "positively magical," an artist of "rare eloquence and grace," American pianist, Dr. Grace Fong is currently the Director of Keyboard Studies at Chapman University, Conservatory of Music in Orange, California. She is also faculty at Claremont Graduate University, teaching and advising Doctoral Candidates of Piano Performance. Dr. Fong performs internationally as a concerto soloist, recitalist, and chamber musician and has made appearances at Weill Hall at Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center, the Kennedy Center, Phillips Collection, Hollywood Bowl, Great Hall in Leeds, UK, Severance Hall in Cleveland, Ohio, the Liszt Academy in Budapest, Konzerthaus Dortmund, Germany, among others. She has been a prizewinner of numerous international competitions including the Leeds, the Bosendorfer, the Cleveland, and the San Antonio International Competitions. She has been named a "Presidential Scholar of the United States," awarded previously by former President Clinton. She is a guest artist and faculty at various festivals including the Innsbrook Institute, Schlern International Festival, Montecito Summer Festival, among others.

Dr. Fong can be seen on PPS, BBC, award-winning C-Music tv, and can be heard on the RED and Heinz labels.

For more information, please visit www.pianistgracefong.com

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BENJAMIN TRUCHI

Described as "adventurous, rebellious, and passionate" and a performer who "stands out among the others," French cellist Benjamin Truchi has established himself on the classical music scene as one of Europe's most interesting young soloists. He has performed in France, Italy, Austria, Czech Republic, Israel, Belgium, United States, among others. Benjamin is recognized for his superlative artistry, his technical prowess, and his charismatic performing style. He began the cello at the age of 6 in Cannes, and entered the Nice Conservatoire, graduating with a 1st Prize in cello. He then joined the National Academy of Paris (C.N.R.) and obtained his Perfectionnement in cello. At 17, he was accepted to the prestigious National

Conservatory of Music in Paris (C.N.S.M.D.P.) where he graduated at the top of his class with a unanimous 1st Prize in cello.

He has performed as soloist with the Symphony Orchestra of Lysenko National Musical Academy of Lviv Opera Studio in Ukraine, Provence-Alpes-Cote d'Azur Orchestra, the Orchestre Symphonique Azuréen, Chamber Orchestra of Cote d'Azur, among others.

Most recently he is the 2012 Grand Prize and Public Prize of the 2012 Brahms International Competition, Austria, the winner of the 2011 Schlern International Music Festival Competition, Italy, and the top prizewinner of the 2011 Eilat International Music Festival, Israel.