

# Young Pianist Competition Of New Jersey



## NEWSLETTER

Fall 2006

*Dear Members:*

*This is the fourteenth 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](mailto:ypcofnj@aol.com). All materials must be submitted in typed format. Please submit your materials by February 1, 2007 for our next issue.*

*Please check our website [www.youngpianist.org](http://www.youngpianist.org) for the 2006-2007 dates and events, applications, and competition rule updates.*

*Board of Directors*

### DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

- October 21, 2006 **Workshop Recital**, Raritan Valley Community College. Materials must be submitted by October 15.
- November 12, 2006 **Fundraising Event & Art Sale** held at 1286 Washington Valley Road, Bridgewater, NJ 08807, Telephone for reservations 908-526-0794.
- November 15, 2006 **Application & Tape Deadline** for Concerto, Ensemble, and Chamber Music Divisions
- November 20, 2006 **Late Application & Tape Deadline** for Concerto, Ensemble, and Chamber Music Divisions
- December 10, 2006 Concerto, Ensemble, and Chamber Music Divisions **Final Round** at Steinway Hall
- January 7, 2007 **Concerto and Ensemble Divisions Winners' Recital** at Yamaha Salon (689 Fifth Avenue, entrance on 54<sup>th</sup> 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 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 Concerto Competition / One Movement Division
- 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
- 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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**Sondra Tammam**  
*Ensemble Division*

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*Young Artist Division*  
*Cyclical Work Division*

**OTHER ACTIVITIES**

**Yelena Ivanov**  
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**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS OF THE 2006 SOLO & YOUNG ARTIST & CYCLICAL WORK DIVISIONS**

STUDENTS	DIVISION	AWARD	TEACHER
Annabell Suh	Cyclical Work	Gold	Yelena Ivanov
Mio Tsunenari	Young Artist	Gold	*
Remi Yang	Cyclical Work	Silver	Susan Lou
Kevin Lee	Young Artist	Silver	Yelena Ivanov
David Luor	Solo	Silver	Yelena Mamonova
Kevin Buczkowski	Solo	Silver	Yelena Ivanov
Brianna Tang	Young Artist	Bronze	Yelena Ivanov
Stella Wong	Solo	Bronze	Golda Tatz
Roland Yang	Cyclical Work	Honorable Mention	Susan Lou
Luiko Yoshimoto	Cyclical Work	Honorable Mention	Golda Tatz
Caroline Kwon	Cyclical Work	Honorable Mention	Lana Ivanov
Doris Lee	Young Artist	Honorable Mention	Yelena Ivanov
Erica Liu	Young Artist	Honorable Mention	Yelena Mamonova
Lina Freeman	Solo	Honorable Mention	*

YPCNJ's Board of directors says "Thank you" to all of the other participating teachers and students who performed in our Winner's Recital held on June 18, 2006 at **Weill Recital Hall** in Carnegie Hall.

Mori Kanako (student of **Eugenia Betman**), Jean Lin (student of **Ursula Ingolfsson**), James Lin (student of **Lana Ivanov**), Jeffrey Cai, Monica Chon, Haesuh Ji (students of **Yelena Ivanov**), Benjamin Song, Christine Weng (students of **Andor Kiszely**), Amy Li (student of **Susan Lou**), Cathy Nie (students of **Yelena Mamonova**), Allison Peng, Alexander Zhang, Arichin Zhu (students of **Lena Solaiman**), Ana Patete (student of **Golda Tatz**), Thomas Torng (student of **Liyin Torng**), Christopher Chen (student of **James Vaughan**), Claire Jiang, Job Ma (students of **Pei Hua Wang**), Ken Akiba (student of **Hanako Yamagata**), Andrew Liu (student of **Marion Zarzeczna**), Aaron Huang\*, Karen Lin\*.

\* - Teacher not a member

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### WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Lina	Freeman	New York, NY
Azar	Gordon	Upper Saddle River, NJ
David	Kim	East Brunswick, NJ
Joy	Kiszely	Ardmore, PA
Andor	Kiszely	Ardmore, PA
David	Ko	Cranbury, NJ
Karen	Lin	Great Neck, NY
Alexander	Liu	Belle Mead, NJ
Thomas	Osuga	New York, NY
Alla	Tokar	Ridgewood, NJ
Mio	Tsunenari	New York, NY
Lauren	Wisbeski	Hillsborough, NJ
Hanako	Yamagata	Riverdale, NY

### COMPETITION NEWS

**BROCHURES & WEBSITE:** YPCNJ will no longer print season brochures or send out applications in mass mailings. All of the competition's information, applications, etc. are available on our Website ([www.youngpianist.org](http://www.youngpianist.org)), which stays very current. Please consult the website for any questions that you might have. If you still have unanswered questions regarding our events, please E-mail us, which can be done by using the Contact Us link on our website. All of your concerns will be answered promptly. This is the most efficient way to contact our organization and receive information in the timely fashion.

**CONCERTO / ENSEMBLE COMPETITION NEWS:** The 2007 Winners Recital will be held at the Yamaha Salon in New York City - 689 Fifth Avenue, Third Floor, New York, NY.

### MEMBER NEWS

**Lana Ivanov** has been invited as a jury member for the Second International Youth Competition "Astana-Merei" held in Astana Kazakhstan in December 2006. Her students **James Lin** and **Helen Shen** were winners in the TYMA Russian Music Festival Audition and will perform at Weill Recital Hall at Carnegie Hall on November 4.

**Yelena Ivanov's Studio:** **SuJin Jung** was the First Place winner in three different competitions: Piano Teacher's Congress of New York, Steinway Society of Greater Princeton, and YWCA and Korean Daily New York Piano Competition. **Doris Lee** was a winner of the Show Case for Exceptional Young Artists. **Annabell Suh** was the Second Place winner of the 2006 Goldblatt Scholarship Competition in the Senior Division, attended as pianist the Governor's School Summer Program and the Shandelee Music Festival, where she performed in a master class of Ruth Slenszinska. **Brianna Tang** was a winner at the Piano Teacher's Congress of New York. **Allen Yueh** was the 2006 Goldblatt Scholarship Competition winner in the Senior Division. He also performed his second solo recital at the Shandelee Music Festival to rave review by the Times Herald Record. Students **Irisa Chen**, **Michelle Lee**, and **Andrew Chon & Frank Long** were winners in the TYMA Russian Music Festival Audition and will perform at Weill Recital Hall at Carnegie Hall on November 4. Also, **Brianna & Brendon Tang**, **Jeffrey Hu** and **Nathanael Udell** were winners at the TYMA Russian Music Festival Audition and they will perform at Westminster Choir College's Bristol Chapel Hall on November 5, 2006.

**Susan Lou's studio:** Eight-year old **Amy Li** won the First Prize in Level 7 at the 50<sup>th</sup> World Piano Competition of Cincinnati. As the youngest competitor in Level 7, Amy competed with many teenage contestants and won a Gold medal in final round. Along with WPC winners, Amy performed at Weill Recital Hall at Carnegie Hall this fall, which was the third for Amy this year. This spring she performed there after receiving a Gold Award from the Golden Keys Music Festival, and after winning at the Young Pianist Competition of New Jersey.

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**Yelena Mamonova's Studio:** student **Justin Yeh** was the 2006 Goldblatt Scholarship Competition winner in the Senior Division. Students **Erica Liu**, **Patricia Yeh** and **Alexander Nie** were winners in the TYMA Russian Music Festival Audition and will perform at Weill Recital Hall at Carnegie Hall on November 4.

**Thomas Osuga's Studio:** Mr. Osuga will be curating the 2006-07 piano/chamber music concert series "On the Rise" at the Puffin Cultural Forum in Teaneck, New Jersey. All concerts on the series are scheduled on Sundays at 4:00 PM and will be premiering on October 8th, 2006 featuring pianist Ching-Yun Hu. Mr. Osuga's ensemble, Aurista Chamber Music, will appear on November 5th, 4:00 PM featuring standard and modern piano trio repertory. Other distinguished artists featured in the series will include Beatrice Long, Mei-Ting Sun, Peng-Peng Gong, Sunbin Kim, Jenny Lin and Sachiko Kato. The events promise to be very exciting and diverse and with limited seating, it is suggested tickets be ordered as early as possible in advance. The space of Puffin has been completely renovated and acoustically redesigned with an acoustic shell and a raised roof specially for this series. Yamaha has donated a new grand and this promises to be a very desirable set of concerts to attend. All members are invited and welcome to attend this special musical set of events! Puffin Cultural Forum: tel: 201/836-8923, [www.puffinfoundation.org](http://www.puffinfoundation.org), 20 East Oakdene Avenue, Teaneck, NJ 07666.

**Lena Solaiman's studio:** **Alan Yang**, won the 2nd prize of Level 7 at the World Piano Competition in Cincinnati, OH in July 2006 and **Alex Zhang** also won the Honorable Mention of Level 6 at the same Competition. Both students performed at Weill Recital Hall at Carnegie Hall in September 2006. **Micah Phua**, won the Grand Prize at the Christian School Fine Art Festival in April 06 in Maryland. **Felix Lu** won the Concerto Competition sponsored by the Ambler Symphony in Pennsylvania. He is to perform the Beethoven Piano Concerto No. 1 in Spring 2007.

**Anthony Strong** was promoted to Assistant Professor at the Raritan Valley Community College.

**Sondra Tammam's Studio:** The Alpha Centauri Piano Trio with pianist Sondra Tammam, violinist Matti Braun and cellist Avron Coleman will perform piano trios by Schubert, Beethoven and Dvorak. The concerts will include a benefit performance for Congregation Israel on September 14 and at Wesley Hall in Montgomery NY. Sondra Tammam is Co-Director of the Taubman Seminar at Lincoln Center, which will celebrate its 5th season June 21-23, 2007.

### ALUMNI NEWS

**Christopher Johnson** most recently performed at the Bar Harbor Music Festival (July 2006), Mostly Mozart at Monteux Festival (August 2006), Mendelssohn's D Minor Piano Trio and Brahms' G Minor Piano Quartet with Elliot Rosoff in Milford, PA (September 2006). His upcoming concerts will include 3 Solo Recitals for the Florida Music Teachers Association (October 2006), Collegiate Residency Tour with violinist Francis Fortier (October – November 2006), Solo Recital with live broadcast on WXXI for Hochstein Series in Rochester, NY, and a Solo Recital at the Villa Maria Institute, Buffalo, NY (November 2006), Gershwin Rhapsody in Blue with the Garden State Philharmonic Orchestra (May 2007), Mendelssohn Concerto for Piano and Violin with the New Sussex Symphony (June 2007). His most recent seasons have included appearances with orchestra performing piano concerti of Tchaikovsky, Grieg, Liszt, Mozart, and Gershwin and a CD release of Chopin and Rachmaninoff, titled "An Epic of Romantic Piano...Live from the Bar Harbor Music Festival."

**Christopher Kong** was the second place winner for the Westchester University Piano Competition in April 2006 and was awarded a cash prize and performed at the Winners' Recital in the University. He is also in the Finals of the Hershey Symphony Orchestra's Young Artists Competition, which will take place on October 18. Christopher's piano teacher is Dr. Carl Cranmer.

Alumni **Kevin Buczkowski**, **Monica Chon**, **James Lin**, **Doris Lee**, **Kevin Lee**, **George Lykogiannis** & **Brianna Tang** attended the 2006 Festival "Musica in Laguna". **Kevin Buczkowski**, **James Lin**, **Doris Lee**, **Kevin Lee** & **Brianna Tang** were winners in the Junior Division Concerto Competition and performed with *Orchestra Sinfonica del Festival di Chioggia* in concert. **Kevin Lee** was also the First Prize winner of the Festival "Musica in Laguna" International Solo Competition (Junior Division). In addition to the cash award, Kevin also received a full scholarship awarded by the Festival to attend the 2007 program. All of the alumni performed several times on the Festival's Concert Series in St. Nicolò Auditorium in Chioggia, VE Italy.

**George Lykogiannis** was the Third Place prizewinner at the Festival "Musica in Laguna" International Solo Competition (Senior Division). In addition to his piano studies and performances at the festival, he was also assistant teacher of the Theory course. George was also a winner at the TYMA Russian Music Festival Audition and will perform at Weill Recital Hall at Carnegie Hall on November 4, 2006

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## 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

**For students under the age of 10:**

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

**SENIOR DIVISION:** Age 17 and up

**EDVARD GRIEG** Piano Concerto in A Minor, Op. 16  
**PIOTR TCHAIKOVSKY:** Piano Concerto No. 1 in B-flat Minor Op. 23

**ANY DIVISION:**

**LUDWIG VAN BEETHOVEN:** Piano Concerto No. 2 in B-flat Major, Op. 19

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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