

# Young Pianist Competition of New Jersey



## NEWSLETTER

February 2005

Dear Members:

This is the thirteenth edition of our biannual newsletter. This letter comes out twice a year in February and September 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, 2005 for our next issue.

Board of Directors

### DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

- February 5, 2005 **Fundraising Concert** featuring **Raffi Besalyan**. Concert held at 1286 Washington Valley Road, Bridgewater, NJ 08807, Telephone for reservations 908-526-0794.
- March 1, 2005 Membership Renewal
- March 13, 2005 Concert: **Plainfield Symphony Orchestra** featuring the 2004 Gold Prize Winners of the Concerto Competition: **Dennis Hsu, Kevin Li, Stephen Li, Stephanie Sun, and Luiko Yoshimoto**
- March 15, 2005 Festival "Musica in Laguna" first **Application Deadline**
- March 19, 2005 **Chamber Music Recital** at Steinway Hall
- March 26, 2005 **Workshop Recital** at Raritan Valley Community College
- April 15, 2005 Solo & Young Artist Divisions **Application Deadline**
- April 17, 2005 **Fundraising Concert** featuring past multiple prizewinners **Kevin Jang** (student of Yelena Ivanov) and **Katelyn Tran** (student of Veda Zuponic). Concert held at 1286 Washington Valley Road, Bridgewater, NJ 08807, Telephone for reservations 908-526-0794.
- April 30, 2005 **Workshop Recital** at Raritan Valley Community College
- May 7, 2005 **Young Artists Showcase Fundraising Concert** featuring past winners and scholarship recipients of YPCNJ. Concert held at 1286 Washington Valley Road, Bridgewater, NJ 08807, Telephone for reservations 908-526-0794.
- May 14 & 15, 2005 Solo & Young Artist Divisions **Preliminary Round**
- May 28 & 29, 2005 Solo & Young Artist Divisions **Final Round**
- June 12, 2005 Solo & Young Artists **Winners' Recital** at Weill Recital Hall

**ADMINISTRATION**

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**OTHER ACTIVITIES**

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**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS OF THE 2004 CONCERTO & ENSEMBLE DIVISIONS**

<b>STUDENTS</b>	<b>DIVISION</b>	<b>AWARD</b>	<b>TEACHER</b>
Jeanette Aufiero	Entire Concerto	Gold Prize	*
Kevin Li	Concerto – One Movement	Gold Prize	<b>Susan Lou</b>
Haesuh Ji	Children's Concerto	Gold Prize	<b>Yelena Ivanov</b>
Henry Namkung, Cyndi Chung, Christine Woodbury, Sofia Nowik	Chamber Music Division	Gold Prize	<b>Sondra Tamnam</b>
Patricia Yeh & Justin Yeh	Ensemble – Two Pianos	Gold Prize	<b>Yelena Mamonova</b>
Remi Yang & Roland Yang	Ensemble – One Piano	Gold Prize	<b>Susan Lou</b>
Stephen Li	Concerto – One Movement	Silver Prize	<b>Susan Lou</b>
Christina Qiu	Children's Concerto	Silver Prize	<b>Lana Ivanov</b>
Annabell Suh & Edward Suh	Ensemble – Two Pianos	Silver Prize	<b>Yelena Ivanov</b>
Kevin Lee & Doris Lee	Ensemble – One Piano	Silver Prize	<b>Yelena Ivanov</b>
Dennis Hsu	Entire Concerto	Bronze Prize	<b>Lana Ivanov</b>
Luiko Yoshimoto	Concerto – One Movement	Bronze Prize	<b>Golda Tatz</b>
Christina Qiu & Jeanna Qiu	Ensemble – One Piano	Bronze Prize	<b>Lana Ivanov</b>
Lilly Kim	Concerto – One Movement	Honorable Mention	*
Howard Wei & Sherry Kuo	Ensemble – One Piano	Honorable Mention	<b>Yelena Ivanov</b>
Stephanie Sun	Concerto – One Movement	Baroque Award	<b>Lana Ivanov</b>

\* Teacher not member

Thank you to all of the other participating teachers and students who performed in our Winner's Recital held on January 15, 2005 at **Steinway Hall** in New York City.

Other performers included: **Janette Qian & Joanna Qian** (students of Susan Lou) and **Patricia Maheras & Kayla Rubin** (students of Julia Reina).

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### WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Shou-Ping	Chiu	South Ozone Park, NY
Sara	Drogheo	New York, NY
Jennifer	Fang	Bridgewater, NJ
Lilly	Kim	Alpine, NJ
April	Lin	Ambler, PA
Marcia	Maul	Bedminster, NJ
Victoria	Mitelman	Emerson, NJ

### COMPETITION NEWS

Young Pianist Competition of New Jersey's Board of Directors would like to express their deep appreciation to **Elena Tatulian** and **Raffi Besalyan** for their exceptional performances during our Fundraising Series.

It has just come to our attention that The Plainfield Symphony Orchestra did not receive their annual grant to hold their Family Concert in March of 2005.

The Young Pianist Competition of New Jersey and The Plainfield Symphony Orchestra are still planning to go ahead with the concert; however, various changes will need to be made for the 2005 program:

- In order to be eligible to perform with the orchestra in March of 2005 (from the One Movement Division), the winner has to be performing a concerto either from the Classical or Baroque era. (Please note that qualifying Beethoven Concertos are only No. 1 & No. 2). This requirement is only due to the size of the orchestra.

**Please note:** Those winners who are performing either a Romantic or 20<sup>th</sup> Century Concerto will be given a chance to perform their winning Concerto in the spring of 2006 (provided that the orchestra will receive their annual grant).

- Those chosen to perform with the orchestra in March of 2005 will be asked to pay a fee of \$250.00 in order to help with the funds necessary to hold this concert. This fee is mandatory.

The Young Pianist Competition of New Jersey's Board of Directors would also like for you to be aware that we, as an organization give a large donation to The Plainfield Symphony Orchestra each year, in order for our winners to appear in their concert series. Unfortunately our organization alone cannot support this orchestra and we have no recourse but to inform everyone of this change.

**Chamber Music Recital**, which is held on March 19 will include the following winners and finalists of the 2004 Concerto & Ensemble Divisions: **Yunhee Kang, Alan Tong, Karen Liu & Amy Tong, Stephanie Sun & Shirley Wang** (students of Lana Ivanov), **Monica Chon** (student of Yelena Ivanov), **Sarah Wang** (student of Beatrice Long), **Alexandria Guo & Nicolas Guo** (students of Victoria Mitelman), **Emily Maheras & Santosh Vallabhaneni, Lauren Wisbeski & Michael Wu** (students of Julia Reina), **Tucker Chan** (student of Veda Zuponic).

### MEMBER NEWS

**LANA IVANOV** was invited to give master classes and lectures at the Kazakh National Academy in Astana City, Kazakhstan in December 2004. She will be returning to Kazakhstan for another series of master classes in Astana and Karaganda in April/May of 2005.

**YELENA IVANOV'S STUDIO:** In January of 2005, Annabell Suh performed at the Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church in Plainfield, NJ, as part of the Showcase for Exceptional Young Artists.

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**DR. RAY LANDERS:** Several students participated in October, along with students of several other teachers, in concerts, sponsored by Jacobs Music and Steinway Inc., at Philadelphia's Kimmel Center and Trenton's War Memorial Patriots Theatre. These included Lilah Arrazcaeta, Arjun Ayyangar, Suveer Bhatia, Emily and Robert Cai, Michael Chen, Alan Fang, Arnold Kao, Christopher Lee, Emiko and Jake Myers, Eli Shapiro, Katherine Song, and Nathaniel and Stephanie Wong. Joining the studio of Dr. Landers for these recitals were Olivia Chiong, Savina Kim, and Matthew Lehman, students of Lilia Bigun, and Dante DiMidio, student of Carol Schamnely-Cahn. The Landers studio was honored to have raised several thousand dollars for the benefit of UNICEF and to have won second prize for studios, which raised the most money. Their prize will be a grand tour of the Steinway piano factory in New York City. The students enjoyed being able to play on the famous Steinway Grand "Peace Piano" at these two great halls; also several of them were honored to play and be recorded on the Peace Piano at Philadelphia's classical radio station, WRTI. Some of these will be featured playing and being interviewed, along with an interview with Dr. Landers by WRTI announcer Jill Pasternak, on a special upcoming broadcast about UNICEF and the Peace Piano student. 6 year old Arjun Ayyangar was honored to be featured in December on two national PAX network television "America's Most Talented Kids" TV shows; he had performed on two of the NBC versions of the shows last year. Another student, 13-year-old Eli Shapiro also recorded that show in California in December; his performance will be shown in February. Two other students, 13-year-old Robert Cai and 13-year-old Nathaniel Wong, are finalists in the show and will film their portions shortly. Arjun Ayyangar also appeared in November on the International Animal Planet TV show "Most Extreme Babies," and has been invited to appear shortly on two other national TV shows, "The Ellen DeGeneres Show," and "Good Morning America." Arjun will also be playing during intermission for 22,000 people at the New York Knicks/Miami basketball game at New York City's Madison Square Garden. This game will be televised live at 7:30 on February 9th. Arjun and Dr. Landers recently presented joint recitals in Haines City FL, Moultrie GA, and New Orleans LA, and Arjun in July played the Haydn Concerto in C major with the International Music Festival Concerto Orchestra. 15 other students from all over the world were also featured in concerto performances with the orchestra. Dr. Landers continues teaching at studios in his home in Yardley PA and in the Hopewell, Princeton, and Montclair areas. He continues to direct the International Music Festival at Baldwin-Wallace College near Cleveland OH. The festival celebrates its 20<sup>th</sup> year this coming July and it will also present a weekend music festival at the College of New Jersey in Ewing, near Trenton May 20 - 22. Dr. Landers also teaches piano and general music courses at the Buxmont Community Service Foundation Academies in Trevoise and Feasterville PA; these are alternative high schools for underprivileged youth. Several Dr. Landers' books, recordings and a curriculum guide for Suzuki and traditional piano students will soon be published by Warner Bros. Dr. Landers may be reached at E-mail: [randers@mymailstation.com](mailto:randers@mymailstation.com) or by phone at 215-321-7811.

**YELENA MAMONOVA'S STUDIO:** Justin Yeh was the First Place winner of the 2004 NJMTA Young Artists Competition, and Patricia Yeh received Honorable Mention. Erica Liu was the First Place winner of the 2004 CACA Competition and David Luor, Evaline Liu, Jerry Song and Victor La were winners.

**GOLDA TATZ'S STUDIO:** Stella Wong received a First Prize at the First Asia Bank Competition in New York. Her former student, Natalie Erlich, performed in February the Haydn Concerto with LMS School Orchestra in the Winners and Alumni Concert at Lucy Moses School competition in Merkin Hall.

**VEDA ZUPONCIC** performed the Shostakovich First Piano Concerto with the Portland Oregon Chamber Orchestra on January 29 & 30, as well as a solo recital and Master Class in Portland. **FROM VEDA ZUPONCIC'S STUDIO:** The Northern Lights Trio, consisting of Katelyn Tran, Joshua Kim and Brannon Cho, performed two recitals in the 900 seat Laredo, Texas Independent School District Auditorium on January 6 and 7. In addition to performances of the Haydn Gypsy Rondo Trio and the Beethoven Trio Op. 1 No. 1, they performed solo works. Veda Zuponcic provided commentary on the works performed. Alexander Timofeev, her student at Rowan University, won the Eastern Division of MTNA Young Artists competition. Julia Sheriff won the Junior Competition. Both students advance to the National Competition in Seattle in April.

The Northern Lights Music Festival (Summer Program) in Aurora, Minnesota now has a website: [www.northernlightsmusic.org](http://www.northernlightsmusic.org).

### ALUMNI NEWS

**KEVIN JANG** (student of Yelena Ivanov), 10 years old, has won the Young Artist Competition of Cecilian Music Club at his age category in October 2004. He was invited to perform with the Edison Symphony at their Holiday Concert in Middlesex County College in December 2004. The Edison Arts Society has honored Kevin as the "Artist of the Season" for the winter 2005. He will be a guest on their cable television program, "The Arts in Edison", performing his piano solo repertoire. His photograph and biography will be displayed at Edison Town Hall for three months through the end of March 2005. He will appear as special guest pianist with the Edison Symphony at the von Trapp Children's "Alive...with the Sound of Music" Concert at State Theatre in New Brunswick, NJ on Sunday, February 27, 2005 at 2pm. For more information, please visit [www.kevinjang.com](http://www.kevinjang.com).

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**JULY 2005 PROGRAM FOR THE FESTIVAL MUSICA IN LAGUNA, CORSI MUSICALI**

Next festival dates are July 5 – 15, 2005. The available piano programs consist of Workshops, Concerto Competitions for Junior and Senior divisions. Participants in the Concerto program will have six private lessons, two of which will be accompanied by ***Giovane Sinfonietta Clodiense*** or ***Orchestra Sinfonica del Festival di Chioggia***. Winners of the Concerto Competitions will perform in concert with ***Giovane Sinfonietta Clodiense*** or ***Orchestra Sinfonica del Festival di Chioggia***

**JUNIOR DIVISION:** Age 8 – 16

**WOLFGANG AMADEUS MOZART:** Piano Concerto No. 6 in B<sup>b</sup> Major, K. 238  
**LUDWIG VAN BEETHOVEN:** Piano Concerto No. 2 in B<sup>b</sup> Major, Op. 19  
**FRANZ JOSEPH HAYDN** Piano Concerto in C Major (*students under 10 years of age*)

**SENIOR DIVISION:** Age 17 and up

**LUDWIG VAN BEETHOVEN:** Piano Concerto No. 4 in G Major, Op. 58  
**FREDERICK CHOPIN:** Piano Concerto No. 2 in F Minor, Op. 21

For those who are interested in participating in this program and would like to take advantage of airfare group rates, please contact us by March 15, 2005.

Those 2004 (Fall) & 2005 (Spring) prizewinners of the Young Pianist Competition of New Jersey (any division) attending the 2005 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 and festival brochure, please contact:

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## 2005 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION & RENEWAL FORM

(Membership Year March 1, 2005- February 28, 2006)

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INDIVIDUAL		<input type="checkbox"/>	1 YEAR \$10.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	2 YEARS \$15.00	
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