

YOUNG PIANIST COMPETITION OF NEW JERSEY



NEWSLETTER

September 2004

Dear Members:

This is the twelfth edition of our annual 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. All materials must be submitted in typed format. Please submit your materials by January 1, 2005 for our next issue.

Please check our website www.youngpianist.org for the 2004-2005 dates and events.

Board of Directors

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

- October 6, 2004 **Children's Concert** at the Shimon and Sara Birnbaum Jewish Community Center in Bridgewater.
- October 23, 2004 **Workshop Recital**, Raritan Valley Community College. Materials must be submitted by October 15.
- November 15, 2004 **Application & Tape Deadline** for Concerto, Ensemble, and Chamber Music Divisions
- November 20, 2004 Concert: **Plainfield Symphony Orchestra** featuring 2003 YPCNJ Entire Concerto Division Gold Prize Winner: **Allen Yueh** (Ludwig van Beethoven, Piano Concerto No. 3 in C Minor, Op. 21)
- November 20, 2004 **Late Application & Tape Deadline** for Concerto, Ensemble, and Chamber Music Divisions
- December 1, 2004 **Children's Concert** at the Shimon and Sara Birnbaum Jewish Community Center in Bridgewater.
- December 18, 2004 Concerto, Ensemble, and Chamber Music Divisions **Final Round** at Steinway Hall
- January 15, 2005 Concerto and Ensemble Divisions **Winners' Recital** at Steinway Hall
- January 25, 2005 Chamber Music Recital VHS Tape Audition Deadline
- March 1, 2005 Membership Renewal
- March 13, 2005 Concert: **Plainfield Symphony Orchestra** featuring the 2004 Gold Prize Winners of the Concerto Competition / One Movement Division
- March 19, 2005 **Chamber Music Recital** at Steinway Hall
- June 12, 2005 Solo & Young Artists **Winners' Recital** at Weill Recital Hall

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CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS OF THE 2004 SOLO & YOUNG ARTIST DIVISIONS

STUDENTS	DIVISION	AWARD	TEACHER
Justin Yeh	Young Artist	Gold	Yelena Mamonova
Katelyn Tran	Young Artist	Silver	Veda Zuponic
Kevin Jang	Young Artist	Silver	Yelena Ivanov
Kevin Li	Solo	Silver	Susan Lou
Sophia Yan*	Solo	Bronze	
Paul von Autenried	Solo	Honorable Mention	Chiu-Tze Lin

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 13, 2004 at **Weill Recital Hall** in Carnegie Hall.

Gloria Fanchiang (student of **Svetlana Brill**); David Hua, Constance Kaita, William Huang (students of **Ingrid Clarfield**); John Carpenter (student of **Elena Galynina**); Victor Hsu (students of **Tomoko Harada**); Tiffany Cheng (student of **Ursula Ingolfson**); Andrew Ghosh, Caroline Kwon, Caroline Na, Stephanie Sun, Shirley Wang (students of **Lana Ivanov**); Kevin Buczkowski, Sherry Kuo, Kevin Lee, Michelle Ma, Anabell Suh, Edward Suh, Howard Wei (students of **Yelena Ivanov**); Rebekah Liang (student of **Grace Liang**); Amy Li, Stephen Li (students of **Susan Lou**); David Luor, Patricia Yeh (students of **Yelena Mamonova**); Samuel Budish, Brian Lee (students of Sofia **Ososkov**); Darya Koltyniyk, Stella Wong (students of **Golda Tatz**).

* - Teacher not a member

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Lina	Budianto	New York, NY
Jessica	Chen	Dix Hills, NY
Andrew	Chen	Roslyn Heights, NY
Devon	Chen	Roslyn Heights, NY
Florence	Liu	Livingston, NJ
Jake	Myers	Skillman, NJ
Anna	Vozhik	Springfield, NJ
Calvin	Wang	Hawthorne, NJ
Sophia	Yan	East Brunswick, NJ

COMPETITION NEWS

WORKSHOP RECITAL NEWS: Any participant of a Workshop Recital is eligible to receive an evaluation and a "mini" Master Class (about 10 – 15 minutes) at the end of the recital. The Artistic Director and Chairperson of the Workshop Recital, Yelena Ivanov, will give this evaluation. Those teachers, who wish for their students to be evaluated must include a written request along with their student's recital repertoire and must send in a check in the amount of \$25.00 payable to the Young Pianist Competition of New Jersey. This request could be submitted **only** by teachers.

CONCERTO COMPETITION NEWS: Starting from 2004 Concerto Competition, YPCNJ will no longer accept teachers as accompanists for their students during the actual competition. Teachers are still welcomed to accompany their students during the winners' recital. For those who require help finding an accompanist, please call our Competition Administrator, **Julia Reina** at 908-218-9235.

CONCERT SERIES AT THE SHIMON AND SARA BIRNBAUM JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER IN BRIDGEWATER: YPCNJ sponsors a series of concerts held on Wednesday Matinees at 1:00 PM. We are actively searching for students ready to perform during these concerts. The next two concerts will be on October 6, 2004 & December 1, 2004. For those teachers who would like to showcase their students, please contact Yelena Ivanov as soon as possible.

MEMBER NEWS

ROBERT MURRAY DIFENDORF: *"Release the Butterfly* is a one of a kind book on teaching music, addressing the all the needs of a music educator from practical to psychological to profoundly musical, in lucid, elegant prose and a readable format. "

- Hailed by Seymour Bernstein as "deep, philosophical,"
- and Lillian Livingston as "a tribute to the teaching profession,"
- and accepted into the Lincoln Center Library for the Performing Arts,

Release the Butterfly fills the gap that exists for books on music pedagogy in general, and the modern thinking music educator in particular. It is also a beautifully designed book, with aesthetically pleasing paper and typesetting to make for an all round pleasurable read.

Go to www.releasebutterfly.com to read reviews and the *Release the Butterfly Newsletter*, including the Alphabet Diaries, addressing learning challenges.

- The book can be read in short "dips" or at a stretch for maximum effect.
- As the school year approaches, teachers and music majors may want to be "energized,"
- or may simply want to reinforce the humane, nurturing, holistic philosophies that we all strive for, in clear and inspiring language.

Please distribute this email to other faculty and students of music at your school, or post a printout version if possible. Books may be ordered through your bookstore via Baker and Taylor, or through special discount/drop shipment through the publisher, via this email or 609-439-1915. To sign up for the newsletter and/or Alphabet Diaries, please email me and write SUBSCRIBE TO in the subject heading. I thank you for your time and wish you powerful and joyous teaching.

TOMOKO HARADA: is now an adjunct professor at Seton Hall University, and for 2003-2004 year, she has served as an adjudicator for MTNA piano performance competition for the state of NJ for junior high, senior high, and collegiate levels. She was also a judge for

the Manalapan Battleground Symphony Young Artists Concerto competition, as well as NJMTA's annual spring recital auditions and Golden Key Arts and Music Festival Competition. In February, her students, Victor Hsue (First Place, Level I), John Wu (First Place, Level II), Daniel Kahn (First Place, Level III), Javian Le (Second Place, Level IV), and Yinfei Xu (Third Place, level IV) were winners of the Federation Music Club Gifted Students Competition. In April, Javian Le was the scholarship winner of the Fifteenth Florence Boughton Competition for Young Artists, and Daniel Kahn won the first place winner in his age group for the Piano Teachers Congress of NY annual Young Pianist Honors Recital. A total of 10 students performed at the Weill Recital Hall at Carnegie Hall for winning competitions in the spring.

RAY LANDERS: Arjun Ayyangar, who is now 6 years old, will appear on the Animal Planet international network TV show, "Most Extreme Tough Babies" on September 7 at 9 PM, repeated at midnight and 4 AM on the 8th. He appears about 37 minutes into the show. His musical, mathematical, and geographical knowledge will be emphasized. He just returned from California where he filmed a new "America's Talented Kid" show, which will appear, on network TV in December. He, his family and I are going to Hollywood on October 8th where we will appear as part of a Democratic fund-raising concert. Arjun will be presenting a special solo concert at Trenton's War Memorial Auditorium and will appear with several other of my students at Philadelphia's Kimmell Center as part of the UNICEF/Steinway "Peace Piano" world fund-raising tour. He recently played the second movement of the Haydn D major concerto with the International Music Festival Orchestra in Cleveland and he and I played concerts together in Haines City FL, New Orleans LA, Moultrie GA, and Cleveland OH. I have just accepted a new part time job a special high school for problem students and look forward to the challenge. I will continue to teach students of all ages privately and continue my workshops and writing. Also, the International Music Festival I founded and am the artistic director will have three locations as of 2005- Cleveland, New Jersey, and California. I also attended conferences in Minneapolis and Kansas City. I would love to hear news from each of you.

SOFIA OSOSKOV: Student Brian Lee won Young People Piano Competition sponsored by International Concert Alliance. He performed at CAMI Hall in New York City on May 23, 2004. Brian also won piano competition of Young People's Music Program sponsored by Chinese American Cultural Society.

LENA SOLAIMAN: Students Ben Song (10) and Janet Song (12) were awarded the Silver Medal of Level 6 and Gold Medal of Level 8 at the World Piano Competition at Cincinnati in July, 2004. They will subsequently perform at the Carnegie Hall and the United Nations in October of 2004. Lucy Zhang (14) received the 2nd Prize at the North Penn Symphonic Orchestra Piano Concerto Competition in March, 2004.

SONDRA TAMMAM: co-directed the 2nd Dorothy Taubman Seminar presenting Dorothy Taubman on June 3-6 at CAMI Hall in NYC with Paul Maillet, Eleanor Hancock and Maria del Pico Taylor. The 3rd Festival will be June 23-26, 2005 also at CAMI. Other events are on <http://www.taubmanseminars.com/>. Ms. Tammam will be a judge at the Frinna Averbuch International Piano Competition of the Piano Teachers Congress in NYC in October. In November she will also judge the Westminster College (Rider University) Concerto Competition. She will also perform a concert for the Suburban Music Club that month. This summer, her student, Henry Namkung, attended the Mannes College of Music (New School) International Piano Festival, as a student of Nina Lelchuk.

GOLDA TATZ: Tureck International Bach Competition will be launching in Spring of 2006, in New York City. More information can be obtained from Golda Tatz, Director (212) 873 6087 TureckBach@aol.com, www.TureckBachCompetition.com. For those who are interested, a repertoire list is already available upon request.

ALUMNI NEWS

KEVIN JANG (student of Yelena Ivanov) has won three international piano competitions in last June and July: First Place at the 19th International Young Artist Piano Competition in Washington D.C., First Prize at the 19th Rovere d'Oro International Young Talents Piano Competition in San Bartolomeo al Mare, Italy, and the 7th Junior Division Concerto Competition at the Festival "Musica in Laguna" in Chioggia, Italy. By winning the Concerto Competition, he has performed J. S. Bach's Piano Concerto in F Minor, BWV 1056, on July 9, 2004, with the orchestra "Giavane Sinfonietta Clodiense", under the direction of Maestro Pietro Perini at St. Nicolò Auditorium in Chioggia, Italy.

GEORGE LYKOGIANNIS, student of Yelena & Lana Ivanov, participated this past summer as a scholarship recipient at the ARIA International Summer Academy. During the one-month program, George partook in lessons, master classes & recitals with several prestigious professors from some of the most notable conservatories, namely Boris Slutsky (Peabody), Yong-Hi Moon (Peabody), Robert Shannon (Oberlin), Peter Takacs (Oberlin) and Marc Silverman (Manhattan School of Music). After auditioning and being accepted into all five of the conservatories & colleges he applied to, George chose to attend The Peabody Conservatory of Johns Hopkins University and study under Professor Boris Slutsky. George is honored to be one of only two freshmen accepted into Professor Slutsky's studio. Competition for entrance into Peabody was at a particularly high level with two hundred *more* prospective students auditioning this year over last years audition period. Several music scholarships were awarded to George in

order to help further his education at Peabody, notably a very generous scholarship from the Plainfield Musical Club, a Scholarship for the Arts from the Fechtner Family, and a Watchung Hills Band Parents Scholarship.

In April of 2004 **ALLEN YUEH** (student of Yelena Ivanov), 12 years old, won second time the First Place in Piano Teachers Congress of New York in his age category. And he was also awarded a scholarship for outstanding musicianship that was previously reserved for older high school category. In August Allen made a formal recital debut, opening 2004 Sunset Concert Series at the Shandalee Music Festival in Upstate New York. This concert series included world-class renowned pianists (this year Earl Wild). Allen's program consisted of selections by Bach, Beethoven, Chopin, Mendelssohn, and Schumann. In upcoming November Allen will perform Beethoven's Concerto No. 3 with the Plainfield Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Sabin Pautza.

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 **Giavane Sinfonietta Clodiense** or **Orchestra Sinfonica del Festival di Chioggia**. Winners of the Concerto Competitions will perform in concert with **Giavane Sinfonietta Clodiense** or **Orchestra Sinfonica del Festival di Chioggia**

JUNIOR DIVISION: Age 8 – 16

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

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 January 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

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