

Young Pianist Competition of New Jersey



NEWSLETTER

Winter / Spring 2006

Dear Members:

This is the Fifteenth 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. All materials must be submitted in typed format. Please submit your materials by September 1, 2006 for our next issue.

Please check our website www.youngpianist.org for the 2005-2006 dates and events.

Board of Directors

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

- February 12, 2006 **Chamber Music Recital** at Steinway Hall
- March 1, 2006 Membership Renewal
- March 11, 2006 **Fundraising Concert** featuring past multiple prizewinners **Patricio Molina** and **Jeanette Aufiero**. Concert held at 1286 Washington Valley Road, Bridgewater, NJ 08807, Telephone for reservations 908-526-0794.
- March 25, 2006 **Workshop Recital** at Raritan Valley Community College
- April 2, 2006 **Fundraising Concert** featuring past multiple prizewinners **Caroline Kwon**, **Annabell Suh** and **Allen Yueh**. Concert held at 1286 Washington Valley Road, Bridgewater, NJ 08807, Telephone for reservations 908-526-0794.
- April 9, 2006 Concert: **Plainfield Symphony Orchestra** featuring the 2005 Gold Prize Winners of the Concerto Competition / One Movement Division **Annabell Suh** performing Ludwig van Beethoven: Concerto No. 2. Major, Op. 19, First Movement (Allegro con brio) and **Daria Koltunyuk** performing Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart: Concerto No. 9, K, 271 First Movement (Allegro)
- April 15, 2006 **Application Deadline** for Solo, Young Artist Divisions
- April 22, 2006 **Workshop Recital** at Raritan Valley Community College
- April 24, 2006 **Application & Video Tape Deadline (Preliminary Round)** for Cyclical Work Divisions
- April 29, 2006 **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 6 & 7, 2006 **Preliminary Round** for Solo, Young Artist Divisions
- May 20 & 21, 2006 **Final Round for Solo**, Young Artist & Cyclical Work Divisions
- June 18, 2006 Solo & Young Artists **Winners' Recital** at Weill Recital Hall

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CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS OF THE 2004 CONCERTO & ENSEMBLE DIVISIONS

STUDENTS	DIVISION	AWARD	TEACHER
Allen Yueh	Entire Concerto	Gold Prize	Yelena Ivanov
Daria Koltunyyuk	Concerto – One Movement	Gold Prize	Golda Tatz
Annabell Suh	Concerto – One Movement	Gold Prize	Yelena Ivanov
Dennis Hsu & Michelle Lee	Ensemble – Two Pianos	Gold Prize	Lana Ivanov
Erica Liu & Doris Lee	Ensemble – One Piano	Gold Prize	Yelena Mamonova & Yelena Ivanov
Mikhail Kaykov	Entire Concerto	Gold Prize	*
Stella Wong	Concerto – One Movement	Silver Prize	Golda Tatz
Kevin Lee	Concerto – One Movement	Silver Prize	Yelena Ivanov
Patricia Yeh & Justin Yeh	Ensemble – Two Pianos	Silver Prize	Yelena Mamonova
Brianna Tang	Concerto – One Movement	Silver Prize	Yelena Ivanov
David Ammirata & William Downey	Chamber Music	Bronze Prize	Janet Hein
Stephanie Sun	Concerto – One Movement	Honorable Mention	Lana Ivanov
Anastasia Andrej & Patricio Molina	Ensemble – One Piano	Honorable Mention	Vladimir Zaitsev

* Teacher not member

Thank you to all of the other participating teachers and students who performed in our Winner's Recital held on January 14, 2006 at **Steinway Hall** in New York City.

Other performers included: **Yunhee Kang** (Student of Lana Ivanov) **Alexandria Guo, Nicolas Guo** (Student of Victoria Mitelman) **Sourah Chakraborty, Dhruv Kathuria, Emily Maheras** (students of Julia Reina).

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Lillian	Feygin	Oradell, NJ
Christine	Huang	New Hartford, NY
Abigail	Lupi	Essex Fells, NJ
Ludmila	Oleinika	Brooklyn, NY
Charlotte	Wang	Mr. Laurel, NJ
Hendry	Wijaya	New York, NY

COMPETITION NEWS

Chamber Music Recital, which was schedule for February 12, 2006 was cancelled due to snowstorm. The recital included the following winners and finalists of the 2005 Concerto & Ensemble Divisions: **Christianna Bates** (Student of Raffi Besalyan); **David Ammirata & William Downey** (Students of Janet Hein), **Michelle Lee**, **Kevin Buczkowski** (Students of Yelena Ivanov), **Patricia Yeh** (Student of Yelena Mamonova), **Patricia Maheras**, **Santosh Vallabhaneni**, **Anna Lorraine Espinoza**, **Smeeth Udeshi & Patricia Maheras**, **Emily Maheras & Shraavan Kumaran** (Students of Julie Reina). Other performers included **Monica Sun & Stephanie Sun** (Students of Larissa Blitz & Lana Ivanov). Unfortunately this concert could not be rescheduled to accommodate all of the performers. The Board of Directors would like to take this opportunity to apologize for this inconvenience and to wish all of the finalists and other participants well and hope to hear them in the near future.

MEMBER NEWS

LENA SOLAIMAN will perform Grieg's Piano Concerto at the Philadelphia Music Teachers Recital at Jacobs Music Company in March. Her students Eric Peng (Silver Prize at Level 8), Janet Song (Honorable Mention at Level 9) and Alan Yang (Honorable Mention at Level 5) performed at the winner's recital at Carnegie Hall in October following their awards granted by the 2005 World Piano Competition. Felix Lu was awarded Honorable Mention at the Tri-County 2005 Youth Music Festival Junior Division in Philadelphia. Micah Phua has won the First place at the Association of Christian School Fine Arts Festival in Maryland in April, 2005.

LANA IVANOV was invited to give master classes and lectures at the Kazakh National Academy in Astana City, Kazakhstan in February 2006. Her student Caroline Kwon, as a winner of the Show Case for Exceptional Young Artists, performed at the Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church in January, 2006.

ANTHONY STRONG received notification of his tenure appointment as professor of music in the Visual and Performing Arts Department of Raritan Valley Community College.

SONDRA TAMMAM, co-director of the Taubman Seminar in NY announces that the next 3-day event will be at Lincoln Center on June 22 - 24, 2006. Dorothy Taubman will give daily master classes as well as concerts by international artists. For more info call the Taubman Institute at 518-966-5558. Ms. Tammam will present a lecture on Beethoven Sonatas for the Developing Pianist for the Piano Teachers Congress on NY on April 6. Her student Sujin Jung, 14, won the 2nd prize in the MacDowell Club Competition.

Students of **VEDA ZUPONCIC**: Melissa Chan and Katelyn Tran, were winners of the NJMTA Concerto Competition and will perform with the Westfield Symphony in April, 2006. Melissa Chan also performed Mozart's Concerto in G Major with the Manalapan Battleground Symphony in February, 2006. Alexander Timofeev was the Alternate in the MTNA Eastern Division; he also won the Georgia Tech Piano Competition and a \$1000 award in February. Jacek Skryzalin won an Honorable Mention in the MTNA Eastern Division Competition. Maria Sumareva won the Rowan University Concerto Competition, performing the Rachmaninoff First Piano Concerto.

Veda Zuponcic organized the Shostakovich 100 Festival at Rowan University in March. A lecture By Maya Pritsker; a performance by Miss Zuponcic's students of the 24 Preludes and Fugues of DD Shostakovich; and a two day performance of music of Shostakovich and Mozart, which also raised money for the NJMTA, were held. More than 100 students and 12 teachers participated in the two week-end event. Additionally, Miss Zuponcic performed the Shostakovich First Piano Concerto with the Festival Orchestra, conducted by Gavriel Heine. Miss Zuponcic travels to Serbia and Montenegro in late March to

adjudicate the Nis International Competition. She will also perform a solo recital as part of the Competition schedule. She continues to direct the **Northern Lights Music Festival** in Aurora, Minnesota. Interested pianists and string players who would like to play chamber music can check the website: www.northernlightsmusic.org.

JULY 2006 PROGRAM FOR THE FESTIVAL MUSICA IN LAGUNA, CORSI MUSICALI

Next festival dates are July 1 – 14, 2006. 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 No. 8 in C Major, K. 246
Piano Concerto No. 23 in A Major, K. 488

For students under the age of 10:

FRANZ JOSEPH HAYDN: Piano Concerto in C Major or any other Divertimento with a limited string ensemble. YPCNJ administration must approve this repertoire in advance

SENIOR DIVISION: Age 17 and up

CAMILLE SAINT SAËNS: Piano Concerto No. 2 in g minor, Op. 22
WOLFGANG AMADEUS MOZART: Piano Concerto No. 20 in d Minor, K. 466
Piano Concerto No. 21 in C Major, K. 467

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 2007 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, 2006.

Those 2005 (Fall) & 2006 (Spring) prizewinners of the Young Pianist Competition of New Jersey (any division) attending the 2006 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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2006 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION & RENEWAL FORM

(Membership Year March 1, 2006- February 28, 2007)

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE

(Please detach this application and submit with your check)

NAME:

LAST

FIRST

MIDDLE INITIAL

ADDRESS:

STREET

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

TELEPHONE

FAX

E-MAIL ADDRESS

PLEASE CHECK **ONE** CATEGORY WHICH SUITS YOU THE BEST:

TEACHER: *Piano*

1 YEAR \$40.00

2 YEARS \$70.00

RENEWAL

Chamber Music

1 YEAR \$20.00

2 YEARS \$30.00

YES

INDIVIDUAL

1 YEAR \$10.00

2 YEARS \$15.00

NO

LATE FEE *After March 1*

\$10.00 (fee for renewing teachers only)

YEAR:

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