

2020-2021



Annual Recitals

"UNMASKED!"

June 13, 2021

EKS MUSIC SCHOOL



Annual Recitals: Unmasked!

Dear EKS Families, Parents, Students, Faculty, Staff and Friends,

Defined in the OED (Oxford English Dictionary), the word "**Unmasked**" means "to show the true nature and character of an individual". At this moment in time, I cannot find a better word to describe us, as teachers, musicians and students in our community.

United - The connection between our instructors and students not only remained tight, but grew deeper and stronger during the pandemic;

Noble - We worked towards breaking boundaries while protecting ourselves and others;

Meaningful - Music continued to keep us emotionally fit and nurtured our souls;

Adaptive - We adjusted to the new normal quickly and offered different ways to allow students and families to continue their lessons remotely, safe in the comfort of their own homes;

Savvy - We all became smarter when it comes to technology, interacting with enthusiasm and creating amazing virtual performances;

Knowledgeable - Uncertainties did not hinder our instructors. They continued to share their expertise and fulfilled their responsibilities with the highest standards;

Excellent - Social distancing and health measures did not stop us from pursuing excellence;

Distinctive - The ability to face challenges and provide a stable teaching and learning platform was what set EKS apart from other community music schools in the area.

Despite all the changes and challenges, we have strived and survived. We have come so far. In my opinion, this alone calls for a celebration. As you continue to read this recital program booklet, you will see some of our students have even made some outstanding achievements in our state and at national levels. The 13 concerts will be premiered on Youtube throughout our recital day, in celebrating everything we have done and our accomplishments in this unforgettable year.

I cannot wait for the day when we do not have to wear these masks. What will normal look like going forward? The other day, I asked members of my family what they thought "normal" was. My son said, "Normal, right now, is just another word for excellence." We've worked together as an enlightened community. We've achieved that true sense of "normality, even though the toughest times". What could be more excellent than that?

Thank you very much for all your support this year and joining us for this wonderful annual event.

Ellyses Kuan

Music Director, EKS Music School

**Immediate Past President, Massachusetts Music Teacher Association
2020 Teacher of the Year, Massachusetts Music Teacher Association**



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EKS MUSIC SCHOOL ANNUAL CONCERT

Nature and Stories I

8:30A.M.

Performer		Program	Composer
Issac Gao	(7)	Ant and Eagle	Gorin
		The Jesters	Gorin
Shi-Yan Lu	(5)	Jasmine in the Mist	Carol Klose
Abigail Wang	(1)	Autumn	Hague & Fisher
Serenity Zeng	(5)	Little Red Wagon	Teresa Richert
		Air in D minor	Henry Purcell
Tavi Swisher-Rosa	(4)	Clouds	Lawrence Long
Evelyn Le	(7)	Sneaky Ape	Wendy Lynn Stevens
Cody Lin	(5)	Squirrels at Play	Boris Berlin
Anna Currie	(7)	I Like Bananas	Hague
Joline Chen	(1)	The Wind	Chee-Hwa Tan
Linda Liang	(6)	Scarborough Fair	Traditional English
Boonyadech Wiwatyukhan	(2)	Old Macdonald	Beethoven / Faber
		Merrily We Roll Along	Traditional
Melody Zeng	(5)	Squirrels at Play	Boris Berlin
Shaanveer Gupta	(4)	Adelita	Francisco Tarrega
Kevin Liu	(1)	Le Chant des bergers	B. Quoniam
Olivia Chamberland	(6)	The Water is Wide	American Folksong
Ryan Ruel	(5)	Doctor Gradus ad Parnassum &	C. Debussy
		Mother Goose	M. Ravel
Zoe Kazmierski	(6)	Amarilli mia Bella	Giulio Caccini
Ellyses Kuan (Faculty)		"January: At the Fireside"	Peter Tchaikovsky
Raley Beggs (Faculty)		Lagrima (Teardrops)	Francisco Tarrega

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Joline Chen

RCM Piano Level 2

First Class Honors with Distinction (Highest Score 96/100)

Joline Chen joined EKS Music School in 2020. She has been taught by Dr. Ines Andrade for almost a year and a half, and has made significant progress. She is currently at RCM level 2.

Besides playing piano, she also likes art and craft activities, swimming, ice skating, and creating videos for her YouTube channel. She owns a miniature poodle dog named Coco, and enjoys playing with her dog. In terms of music achievement goals, she wishes to continue practicing hard, move up RCM levels, and become a piano teacher one day.

"Strong performance with confidence." -- Kathy Southworth Lundahl, MMTA Judged Festival Judge.

EKS MUSIC SCHOOL ANNUAL CONCERT

Nature and Stories II

9:15A.M.

Performer		Program	Composer
Hailey Chen	(7)	Rainbow Fish	Catherine Rollin
	(7)	Outer Space	Hague
Sermannie Wu	(2)	Yankee Doodle	--
	(2)	Grandmother	--
Melody Zeng	(5)	Avalanche	Stephen Heller
Adam Bouzidi	(2)	Twinkle Twinkle Little Star	--
	(2)	Horseback Riding	--
Alexandra Li	(1)	White Rabbit	B. Kirkby-Mason
Bradon Quon	(1)	At Night	--
	(1)	Shadows at Dusk	--
Felix Chen	(1)	Rainbow Fish	Catherine Rollin
Issac Gao	(7)	An Apple	Corin
Kian Chan	(5)	Circus Sonatina - I. Ringmaster's Parade	Chee-Hwa Tan
	(5)	II. To Fly Trapeze	--
Travis Liang	(7)	Soldier's March	--
		Sonatina in C, Op. 36, No. 1 (1st mvt)	M. Clementi
Jonathan Truong	(7)	Rain	Chee-Hwa Tan
	(7)	Hawk on the Mountain Peak	Knerr & Fisher
Colette Huang	(1)	Pyranese Melody	Muzio Clementi
Olivia Chamberland	(6)	Caro Mio Ben	Giuseppe Giordani
Ryan Ruel	(5)	Intermezzo, Op. 118 no. 2	J. Brahms
Shi-Yan Lu	(5)	Your Lie in April "Hikaru Nara"	Arr. Fonzi M
Zoe Kazmierski	(6)	Dolente Immagine	Vincenzo Bellini
Anya Healy	(6)	I'm Wishin'	Donna Rhodenizer
Linsey Chen	(5)	Squirrels at Play	Boris Berman

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Kian Chan

MMTA Judged Festival,
3rd prize winner

Kian started his first piano lesson at EKS on September 14th, 2019. He studied with Dr. Xuan He for about a year. Upon the departure of Dr. He in the summer of 2020, Kian continued his lessons with Ms. Kuan. Kian practices for about an hour each day. He participated in the 2021 MMTA Judged Festival and placed 3rd in his group. Besides piano, Kian loves superheroes, dinosaurs, construction trucks, and cars. He is also very good at LaQ.

"Super poised, formal, wonderful stage presence!" -- Sarah Takaki, MMTA Judged Festival Judge.



Anya Healy

Boston NATS,
2nd Prize Winner
RCM (Voice Levels 2 & 3)
First Class Honors with Distinction

Anya Healy has been singing at EKS since 2017 with Ms. Jen Pearl. She completed her first Royal Conservatory of Music exam (Preparatory Level) in 2018 and received the highest score statewide (distinction with honors). She was invited to sing at Carnegie Hall at the RCM annual concert. In January 2021, she entered her first singing competition with the Boston National Association of Teachers of Singing, and was awarded second place in her age category for classical singing. This summer, Anya will take part in her first opera, Mozart's The Magic Flute with Opera51.

"Charming, light soprano voice with good placement and flow. Elegant but warm performance." -- D'Anna Fortunato, NATS Boston Virtual Audition judge.

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diVIR-sity (Diversity)

10:00A.M.

Performer		Program	Composer
Linsey Chen	(4)	My Scarf is Yellow	Hale Smith
RoisAine Gannon	(6)	Oh When the Saints	African-American Spiritual, arranged by Kinneys
Tavi Swisher-Rosa	(3)	Stand by Me	Ben E. King
Kayden Xu	(5)	The Entertainer	Scott Joplin
Colette Huang	(1)	Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen	Spiritual Song
		The Cascades	Scott Joplin
Nora Hasson	(1)	The Entertainer	Scott Joplin
Neo Shum	(4)	Lullaby, from "Suite for Piano"	Bangmbula Vindu
Winnie Dong	(4)	Kwela No. 1 from African Miniatures	Isak Roux
Cody Lin	(4)	Ticklin' Toes	Florence Price
Jenny Lin	(5)	Tender Thought from "Ten Short Essays"	Ulysses Kay
Evelyn Le	(5)	Maple Leaf	Scott Joplin
Jonathan Truong	(4)	The Cascades	Scott Joplin
Lisa Liang	(6)	Sonata, 2nd movement	Florence Price
Anya Healy	(2)	He's got the whole world in his hand	African-American Spiritual
Skye Gao		Midnight Special	Traditional
Susan Bill (Faculty) & Ellyses Kuan (Faculty)		Idyll	S. Coleridge-Taylor

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CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL STUDENTS WHO COMPLETED THE ANNUAL 28-DAY PRACTICE CHALLENGE (2020-2021)

Aaryan Joseph	Evelyn Le	Naomi Shum
Abigail Wang	Felix Chen	Neo Shum
Albee Huang	Haley Yuen	Neo Shum
Alexandra Li	Ian Quon	Nora Hasson
Alice Xiao	Jenny Lin	RoisAine Gannon
Alise Yuen	Joanna Chiang	Ruiyi Wang
Anna Currie	Joline Chen	Samantha Wong
Anya Healy	Joyce Mei	Serena Tacelli
Bailey Lin	Julia Tacelli	Serenity Zeng
Brandon Quon	Keeva Chan	Shaanveer Gupta
Candice Chan	Kevin Liu	Sophia Zhang
Cloris Chen	Kian Chan	Stella Wong
Cody Lin	Koko Lowe	Travis Liang
Colette Huang	Landon Yi	Triston Lin
Cyrus Lin	Linsey Chen	Vaibhav Sathish
Eamon Pint	Max Yang	Vidyuth Sathish
Elizabeth Xue	Max Yu	Winnie Dong
Elsa Lu	Melody Zeng	



EKS MUSIC SCHOOL ANNUAL CONCERT

All That Jazz + Pop I

10:45A.M.

Performer	Program	Composer
Felix Chen (1)	Boogie	W.C. Handy
Nicole Shum (2)	Six Months	Nicole Shum
Melody Zeng (5)	St. Louis Blues	Nancy and Randall Faber
Bailey Lin (5)	Mr. McGill's Boop Sha-Bop!	Nancy and Randall Faber
Haley Yuen (5)	Boogie on Broadway	Nancy and Randall Faber
	Jazzy Joe	Faber
Mina Le (6)	Jazz Blast	Nancy and Randall Faber
Aaryan Joseph (1)	Bullfrog Blues	--
Colette Huang (1)	The Cascades	Scott Joplin
Candice Chan (5)	Crazy Comics	Christine Donklin
Caroline Pham (5)	Kiss the Rain	Yurima
Vidyuth Sathish (1)	Coconut Rag	Christofer Norton
Tyler Nguyen (2)	Fly me to the moon	Bart Howard
Erica Huang (2)	Mad at Disney	Salem Ilese
Triston Lin (5)	Jazz Exercise	Oscar Peterson
Alise Yuen (5)	Foggy Day Blues	Mike Springer
Katelyn Chan (2)	Mad at Disney	Salem Ilese
Neo Shum (4)	Etude #5	Leo Brouwer
Ethan Tai (3)	Love Story	Taylor Swift
Elsa Lu (5)	Hikaru Nara	Goose House Arranged by Fonzi M
Liam Cody (2)	Billie's Bounce	Charlie Parker
	Fly me to the moon	Bart Howard
Andy Lo (Faculty)	Children Song No. 1	Chick Corea

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Caroline Pham RCM Level 5 First Class Honors



"Charming dance character with a fine sense of steady playing." -- Helen Muriel Torney, RCM examiner.

I am in seventh grade, and I currently attend Central Middle School. My hobbies are drawing, writing, and swimming. My best achievement in swimming is a first-place two-minute and 27-second swim for 200 yards.

During my musical journey, I have studied with EKS for about three years. Ms. Ellyses is my current teacher. One performance tip to share is that if you make a mistake during your playing, you should try to just continue playing instead of trying to fix the mistake. My musical achievement is passing RCM Level 5 with high honors. Music has been a great part of my life, and without it, I would not be the person I am today.

Vidyuth Satish RCM Level 2 First Class Honors with Distinction



"Crisp articulations enliven your performance." -- Andrew O'Brian, RCM Examiner.

My name is Vidyuth Sathish. I have been studying piano at EKS Music School for almost 2 years. My former teacher was Mr. Berezovsky & my current teacher is Dr. Andrade. My musical achievement was achieving honors with distinction in piano. I like to cook and swim.

I have earned 8th place with my team in a NEPSAC tournament for swimming. Personally, I think that it is most important to believe in yourself when you are performing, & to not pile pressure on yourself. When you are practicing, make sure that you can play (or sing) your piece to the level which you are satisfied with. Finally, make sure to have fun while you are playing an instrument, singing a song, or doing anything else in general, because life is short & you should enjoy it while you still have it. Thank you!

EKS MUSIC SCHOOL ANNUAL CONCERT

"VIRTUAL-osity" (Virtuosity)

11:30A.M.

Performer	Program	Composer
Anya Healy (6)	Or let the merry bells ring round	G. F. Handel
Joline Chen (1)	Turkish Bazaar	Mark Mrozinski
RuiYi Wang (4)	Etude, Op. 498, No. 3 III. Poule	Bellini, arr. Carl Czerny
Vidyuth Satish (1)	Etude in C major	Alexander Gedlike
Linsey Chen (4)	Exercise, Op. 599 No. 69	Carl Czerny
Soha Shiffas (5)	Kinetic Energy	Hague
Lisa Liang (7)	Concerto in D major	Kihler
Serenity Zeng (4)	Scherzo	D. Kabalevsky
Shenglei (Max) Yang (5)	Celebration	Gaudet
Julia Tacelli (7)	Sonatine	G. F. Handel
Jenny Lin (4)	Etude in C major	Jean-Baptiste Duvernoy
Alise Yuen (4)	The Top	Mel Bonis
Viabhav Sathish (1)	Scherzo	D. Kabalevsky
Karthik Balamurugan (2)	Study in 2 Voices	Christopher Parkening
Elizabeth Xue (1)	Allegro in A Major	Hassler
	Zinc Pink	D. Alexander
Keith Craig (7)	Concertina	--
Alice Xiao (4)	Solfeggio in C minor	C.P. E. Bach
Candice Chan (4)	Scherzo	D. Kabelevsky
Winnie Dong (4)	Zinc Pink	D. Alexander
Tavi Swisher-Rosa (3)	Sweet Child O Mine	Guns n Roses
Wilson Dong (2)	Grand Finale	Will Schmid
Serena Tacelli (4)	Etude in A minor, Op. 61 No. 13	Hermann Berens
Melody Zeng (4)	Somersault King	Mike Shoenmehl
Cyrus Lin (4)	Study in D minor	Stephen Heller
Isabella Tse (2)	Cancion	Anonymous
Robert Pham (1)	Sonata	D. Scarlatti
	May Morning	Charles Gounod
Triston Lin (4)	Dance of the Marionette	Mario Tarenghi
Samantha Wong (1)	Toccatina	Kabalevsky
Graciela Arguedas (Faculty)	Etude-Tableaux Op. 39 No. 8	S. Rachmaninoff

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Linsey Chen MMTA Judged Festival, 1st prize winner

Linsey Chen is 8 years old. She loves reading. She started to play piano when she turned 5 years old. She passed her RCM level 2 test in May 2019. After that, she continued to explore her piano journey with some beautiful songs. She participated in a MMTA Judged Festival competition in April 2021 and she was awarded first place in her division group. She felt lucky, but at the same time she is willing to face upcoming challenges in the future of her piano journey.

"Exciting! Very imaginative and playful. Strong technique." -- Margaret Tuttle, MMTA Judged Festival Judge.

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Tango & Dances I

1:00P.M.

Performer		Program	Composer
Sophia Zhang	(5)	Sensual	Astor Piazzolla
Caroline Pham	(5)	Los Suenos (The Dream)	Astor Piazzolla
Julia Tacelli	(7)	Sarabande	G. Handel
Albee Huang	(7)	Minuet II & III	Bach
Kevin Liu	(1)	Old Dance	Gnyesina
Keeva Chan	(1)	March	V. Markevichuvna
Joline Chen	(1)	Ecosaise	Beethoven
Issac Gao	(6)	Waltz of the Dogs	Traditional
Wilson Dong	(3)	Wildwood Flower	Traditional
Nora Hasson	(1)	Malagueña	Nancy and Randall Faber
		Evening Guitars	Nancy and Randall Faber
Adrian Leong	(2)	Let's Boogie	--
Alexandra Li	(1)	Minuet	Mozart
Robert Pham	(1)	Colliwog's Cakewalk	C. Debussy
Neo Shum	(4)	Blinging Lights ft. Nicole Shum	The Weeknd
Isa Murray	(4)	Etude #1	Leo Brouwer
		Prelude #5	Bryan Johanson
Jie Wang	(5)	Little Waltz	Cornelius Gurlitt
Liam Cody	(3)	Saltorello	Vincenzo Galilei
Samantha Wong	(1)	Burlesca	J. L. Krebs
		Libertango	Piazzolla
Grace Chan	(5)	Romanian Folk Dances	Bela Bartok
Raley Beggs (Faculty)		"Rondeaux" from Partita No. 1 in C minor	J.S. Bach

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Sophia Zhang
RCM Piano Level 5
First Class Honors with Distinction

My name is Sophia Zhang. I love playing the piano. I also play the flute. My teacher is Ms. Kuan, she is really nice to me. I've been playing the piano for 3 years now! This year, I passed my piano level 5 exam with the first class honor with distinction. Some of my hobbies are dancing and playing soccer.

"An energetic, robust performance" -- Heather Smith, RCM Examiner.

I also enjoy skateboarding, roller skating, and biking. I take my time hanging out with my brother. My mom bought me a bird for my birthday. I love building legos, although it takes a lot of time and maybe I am impatient sometimes, but still I try very hard and truly enjoy it.



Alexandra Li
RCM Piano Preparatory B
First Class Honors with Distinction

Alexandra Li is an eight year-old girl. Her parents like to call her Ali. She has been taking piano lessons at EKS for over 3 years. Her current teacher is Dr. Ines Andrade who is very professional and patient. Ali has completed both preparatory A & B in RCM, she is going to take the level one exam in the fall of 2021. Ali is very sweet, kind little girl. She loves to read, one of her favorite book series is Harry Potter.

"Confident tone played in each note." -- Christine Mader, RCM examiner.

She loves her baby brother and her friends. She is studying remotely during pandemic, and looking forward to going back to school in fall.

EKS MUSIC SCHOOL ANNUAL CONCERT

Nature and Stories III

1:45 P.M.

Performer		Program	Composer
Travis Liang	(7)	The Song of Twilight	Yoshinao Nakada
Adam Bouzidi	(2)	Are you sleeping	Faber
		Dancing with Frankenstein	Faber
		Cowboy Joe	Faber
Hailey Chen	(7)	Curious Cat	Theresa Richert
		Old MacDonald had a Farm	Traditional
		Dandelion Fluff	Hague & Fisher
Candice Chan	(5)	Turkish Bazaar	Mark Mrozinski
		Silent Moon	Nancy Telfer
Alexandra Li	(1)	On a Greek Island	Mark Mrozinski
Ayden Leong	(2)	Rain Rain Go Away	Faber
		Horseback Riding	Faber
		The Happy Stream	Faber
Cyrus Lin	(5)	Sweet Lavender	McDowell
Jonathan Truong	(7)	Rainbow Colors	Knerr
		Looking Glass	Knerr
Jenny Lin	(5)	Dreamcatcher	Anne Crosby Gaudet
Ryan Ruel	(5)	Fantasia in D minor	Wolfgang A. Mozart
Sermannie Wu	(2)	Lemonade Stand	Faber
		Come see the Parade	Faber
Soha Shiffas	(7)	Summertime	Heinrich Wohlfart
	(6)	Come by the Hills	Traditional Gaelic, arranged by Christine Donkin
Mina Le	(7)	The Swing	Chee-Hwa Tan
		The Ash Grove	Welsh Folk Song, arr. Hague
Linsey Chen	(5)	Healing Garden	Carol Klose
Kian Chan	(5)	Turtle Expressed	Christine Dokin

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Cody Lin

MMTA Judged Festival

Honorable Mention

Hello! My name is Cody Lin. I am a 3rd grader at Parker Elementary school. I started listening to my brothers playing piano since I was a little boy and started watching piano videos since I was 4. I started learning piano with Ms. Ellyses Kuan when I was 6 since 2018. What inspires me to practice piano is achieving a higher level. My favorite song is La Campanella, it's a calm and peaceful song that I like. I am so excited I will take the RCM level 5 exam soon. This year I participated in the MMTA Judge Festival and received the Honorable mention award. I am looking forward to my next challenge.

[CODY] "Very fluent technique and a keen sense of rhythm, with good dynamic contrasts." -- Kathy Southworth Lundahl, MMTA Judged Festival Judge.



The Lin Brothers: Cody, Cyrus & Triston
(From Left to Right)

[CYRUS] "Brilliant gesture with good techniques and articulations." -- Margaret Tuttle, MMTA Judged Festival Judge.

[TRISTON]- "Technical clarity shines in the performance and the control of the dynamic nuance gives "sparkles" to your interpretation." -- Bernadette Warkentin-Geras, RCM Examiner.

Cyrus & Triston Lin

RCM Piano Level 8

First Class Honors

Triston Lin 14 & Cyrus Lin 13, both have been taking piano lesson with Ms. Ellyses Kuan at EKS Music School since 2015. From the time they started learning "Twinkle Twinkle Little Star" till now just finished the level 8 RCM practical examination, they have been improved significantly during the past 6 years. Piano has become part of their life, enjoying the wordless beauty of music is one of their hobbies now. Triston and Cyrus both participated at this year's MMTA Judged Festival, which is a very special experience for them. In February of 2019, Triston was awarded the RCM State Certificate of Excellence and performed at the Celebration of Excellence Recitals in Carnegie Hall in New York, what an amazing experience for Triston. Besides piano, they both like science and playing video games like ROBLOX and Minecraft.

EKS MUSIC SCHOOL ANNUAL CONCERT

Nature and Stories IV

2:30 P.M.

Performer		Program	Composer
Kayden Xu	(7)	On a Quiet Lake	William Guillock
		Squirrels at Play	Boris Berlin
Landon Yi	(1)	Horses	Czech Folk Song
		Haunted Mouse	Nancy and Randall Faber
Mina Le	(7)	All the Pretty Little Horses	Knerr
Sermannie Wu	(2)	Copy Cat	Faber
Adrian Leong	(2)	Trumpet Song	Faber
		Are you Sleeping?	Faber
Candice Chan	(5)	Sparkling Brook	Margaret Goldstein
Ayden Leong	(2)	Jack and the Beanstalk	Faber
		Spanish Guitar	Faber
Alice Xiao	(5)	Shooting Stars in Summer	Naoko Ikeda
Haley Yuen	(5)	Rainbow fish	Cathrine Rollin
		Skip to my Lou	American Folk Song
Jenny Lin	(5)	Chatter	Emma Lou Diemer
Lisa Liang	(5)	Fantasy in D minor	Wolfgang. A. Mozrt
Soha Shiffas	(7)	The Rising Sun	Nancy Telfer
	(6)	Red River Valley	Traditional American Folksong
Triston Lin	(5)	In the evening air	Aaron Copland
Robert Pham	(1)	Sonata in G major	W. A. Mozart
Cyrus Lin	(5)	Little Bird	Edward Grieg
Samantha Wong	(1)	Sad Bird	Federico Mompou

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Samantha Wong MMTA Judged Festival, 1st prize winner

I have learned piano for 2 years at EKS with Dr. Ines Andrade as my teacher. My recent piano achievement is receiving first place at MMTA Festival. I took dance lessons for 6 years and I played the clarinet for the school band. I like going on adventures and having fun. I enjoy playing piano because it is relaxing and fun. My advice for practicing is to take your time and concentrate. My advice for performing is to relax and enjoy your time playing for others. For the future, I would like to experience and learn more about piano.

"Good use of tone colors, nice long phrases, effective pauses. Moving interpretation." -- Margaret Tuttle, MMTA Judged Festival Judge.



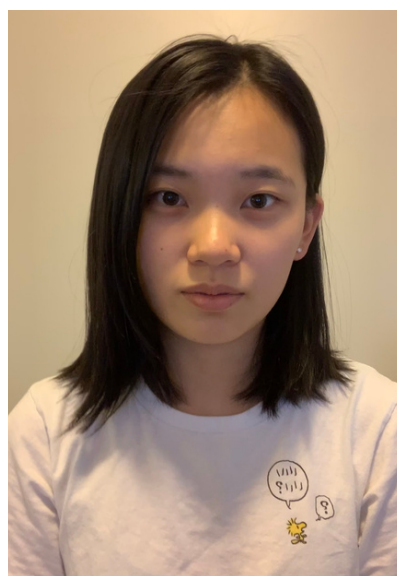
EKS MUSIC SCHOOL ANNUAL CONCERT

Nature and Stories V

3:15P.M.

Performer		Program	Composer
Samantha Wong	(1)	Fluttering Leaves	Heller
Ian Quon	(1)	Ode to Joy	Beethoven
Adrian Leong	(2)	Pop Goes the Weasel	Faber
		Showboat	Faber
Bailey Lin	(5)	Ode to Joy	Beethoven, arr. Knerr
Bailey and Jenny Lin	(5)	Jackrabbit Jamobree	Cornelius Gurlitt / Hague
Naomi Shum	(5)	Rush Hour	Lorna Paterson
RoisAine Gannon	(6)	On a Star Bright Winter Night	Eric Crockart
Jie Wang	(5)	Night and Day	Chee-Hwa Tan
Neo Shum	(5)	Snowflight	Andrew York
Landon Yi	(4)	Autumn	--
Vaibhav Sathish	(1)	Atacama Desert	Wynn-Ann Rossi
		Allegretto in C major	C. G. Neefe
Albee Huang	(8)	Grandfather Tells a Witch Story	Jean Coulthard
Amber Xu	(5)	Prelude and Fugue in C minor	J. S. Bach
Kayden Xu	(7)	Clowns	D. Kabalevsky
		The Wind	Chee-Hwa Tan
Alise Yuen	(5)	Scurriels at Play	Boris Berlin
Caroline Pham	(5)	Sunset in Rio	Mike Springer
Sophia Zhang	(5)	Moment Musical	Franz Schubert
Elizabeth Xue	(1)	Song of the Lark	Peter Tchaikovsky
		On a Quiet Lake	W. Gillock

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Amber Xu (High School Graduate) Entering Temple University (Philadelphia, PA), Music Major

This is Ke Xu (Amber). I've been studying at EKS for 2 years with Ms. Kuan. My previous piano teacher was Dou Rong when I was in China. I also studied music theory level 8 with Mr. Gary Lau in the past year. With their help, I passed level 8 (Theory) with first class honors with distinction and achieved perfect score. I have learned quite a few new piano pieces in the past two years. I am extremely grateful that Ms. Kuan inspired me to think more from a musical aspect while playing and taught me to understand music. It makes learning music so much more fun and more meaningful than seeing notes and rhythm on the papers. Besides piano, I also spend a lot time on Chinese calligraphy as well as baking. Practicing Chinese calligraphy has significantly helped me stay calm and find the balance in life.

I consider concentration is very essential for practicing and performing music as it affects efficiency and effectiveness directly in my playing. Therefore, practicing with a conscious mind can be really helpful to reaching one's goals. I suggest younger students to think and analyze more while practicing the pieces instead of merely moving your hands on the instruments aimlessly.

I attended Woodward School for high school and will be going to Temple University to continue study piano as my music major. I hope everyone who is studying music can always enjoy music even though practice can take a lot time and not an easy thing to do. Music offers us more so much more than we can imagine.

EKS MUSIC SCHOOL ANNUAL CONCERT

Tango & Dances II

4:00P.M.

Performer	Program	Composer
Alise Yuen (5)	The sensual	Astor Piazzolla
Serenity Zeng (5)	Dance of the Irish	Nancy and Randall Faber
Neo & Nicole Shum (4), (2)	Before You Go	Lewis Capaldi
Naomi Shum (5)	Musettes in D	J.S. Bach
Felix Chen (1)	Sassy Samba	Mona Rejino
Joline Chen (1)	Little Dance in Canon Form	Béla Bartók
Rishab Banerjee (3)	Doo Wop	Will Schmidt
Bradon Quon (1)	Minuet, Op. 1 No. 2	A. Reinagle
Elizabeth Xue (1)	Cigue à l'angloise	Telemann
Cloris Chen (1)	Sailor's Dance	Danish Folk Song
Joyce Mei (1)	Tarantella	Diane Hidy
Liam Cody (3)	Minuet, Op. 22	Fernando Sor
Anna Currie (6)	Polka	A. Borodin
Issac Gao (6)	Spanish Folk Dance	Paula Dreyer
Shaanveer Gupta (4)	Bouree in E minor	J.S. Bach
Soha Shiffas (6)	Bagatelle	A. Reinagle
Albee Huang (7)	Cha-Cha	Neil Mackay
Kian Chan (5)	Burlesque in G major	Anonymous
Winnie Dong (5)	Polonaise in G minor	J. S. Bach
Stella Wong (1)	Tango Taboo	Diane Hidy
	Gavotte in G major	Handel
Ian Quon (1)	March	--
RuiYi Wang (5)	Auscias (The Absent)	Astor Piazzolla
Serena Tacelli (5)	El Viaje (The Journey)	Astor Piazzolla
Duo Amie: Ellyses Kuan (Piano), Dr. Julie Reimann (Cello)	Libertango	Astor Piazzolla

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Felix Chen
MMTA Judged Festival
3rd Prize Winner



Felix has been studying at EKS for more than 2 years, since September 2018. He had some keyboard introduction lessons at Quincy YMCA for 6 months prior. Felix has Dr. Ines Andrade as his piano teacher since he joined. The MMTA Judged Festival is his first piano competition, and he was awarded third prize in his division

Felix is getting into the habit of practicing piano for 30 minutes each day. He practices the songs he loves first. When he learns new songs, he breaks the music into smaller sections: practice right hand, left-hand separately, then both hands together when he becomes more familiar.

"A very poised performance with effort to create the crescendo-decrescendo shape throughout" -- Elaine Rombola Aveni, MMTA Judged Festival Judge.

He loves to challenge himself on the pieces he did not do so well on and put extra time into learning unfamiliar pieces. Felix sometimes records his playing and listens to recording to see if there is more room to improve. Felix loves reading books, playing Roblox. He also swims and plays soccer.

Alise Yuen
MMTA Judged Festival
Honorable Mention



Alise Yuen, 9 years old, has been an EKS student for 4 years and her piano teacher is Mrs. Kuan.

Alise has passed her Level 4 RCM piano practical exam with First Class Honors this April. Also, in the same month, she participated in the MMTA Judged Festival 2021 and was awarded with Honorable Mention.

Some of her many hobbies include, softball, video games, bike riding, and spending time with her family! Her favorite foods are pizza, ramen, and her favorite color is pineapple (shade/pastel of yellow).

"Very spirited and lively performance with a lot of personality." -- Elaine Rombola Aveni, MMTA Judged Festival Judge.

Some of her piano practice routines include: practicing on area she is struggling with until it is good enough, then connect it with the rest of the song. Another one is focusing on the basics first, such as getting the correct notes, appropriate speed, etc. Then she moves on to things like dynamics, speeding up and slowing down, the pedal, etc.

Serena Tacelli
RCM Theory Level 8
First Class Honors with Distinction



My name is Serena Tacelli, a 13 year old pianist and a current piano student at EKS. I have studied piano at EKS for 5 years now and my current teacher is Ms. Ellyses Kuan. I have been playing piano since I was 6 and currently am preparing for level 9 RCM this summer. Learning at EKS made me feel more confident and comfortable playing challenging and technical passages. Some great composers that I enjoy listening to and playing their great compositions are Mozart, Beethoven, Liszt, Bach, Tchaikovsky, and more!

"Steady strong tempo with confidence". -- Sarah Takagi, MMTA Judged Festival Judge.

I am one of three children, me being the oldest. I have a 12 year old sister, who also has studied violin at EKS for 4 years, and an one-year-old brother. I attend Central Middle School in Quincy, and I am currently in 8th grade. My family is from Albania in Europe. Some activities I like doing are riding my bike and spending time with friends.

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Nature and Stories VI

4:45P.M.

Performer		Program	Composer
Sean Snow	(4)	American Folk Song	Traditional
		Star Wars Theme	John Williams
Sophia Zhang	(5)	Gentle Breeze	Joanne Benner
Winnie Dong	(5)	Witches and Wizards	Christine Dokin
Bailey Lin	(5)	Boot	Yvonne Adair
Bailey & Jenny Lin	(5)	The Blue Bells of Scotland	Scottish Folk Song, arr Knerr
Cloris Chen	(1)	River Visla	Polish Folk Song
Elizabeth Xue	(1)	Sonatina Op. 36 No. 1	Muzio Clementi
Joanna Chiang	(1)	Water Lilies	William Gillock
		Kristabel Kangaroo Visits Korea	--
Naomi Shum	(5)	Allegro Moderato	Bela Bartok
Keeva Chan	(1)	Penguins	P. Enright
Mark Percent	(7)	Song of Spring	Cornelius Gurлит
Neo Shum	(5)	Doll's Funeral	Peter Tchaikovsky
RuiYi Wang	(5)	Promenade Triste	Takashi Ogawa
Shaanveer Gupta	(4)	Doctor Gradus ad Parnassum	Claude Debussy
Grace Chan	(5)		

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Ruiyi Wang

MMTA Judged Festival

Second Prize Winner



My name is Ruiyi Wang. I am from China and I am 8 years old this year. I have studied piano at EKS music school for two and a half years. This year, I participated in the MMTA Judged Festival and won the second place. I am very happy, thank you to Ms Kuan! I will persevere and work hard to practice piano, and I will be an excellent performer when I grow up.

"Expressive performer with well-played articulations." -- Julie Chang, MMTA Judged Festival Judge.

Shaanveer Gupta

RCM Guitar Level 5

First Class Honors



My name is Shaanveer Gupta. I have had 5 1/2 years of study at EKS. The teacher I have and have had are Mr. Raley (current), Carl Straussner, and Mr. Ewing. Some of my Musical Achievements are as follows: Centre of Excellence for the Preparatory level guitar exam, I performed in Carnegie Hall and have completed RCM preparatory level, level 1, level 2, Level 5. Currently, I am preparing for level 6. Some of my hobbies and achievements other than music are chess, swimming, track and field, and baking (and eating it too!). An achievement of mine is that I have been a high honor roll student throughout middle school. Some practice or performance tips that I have are as follows: When performing think of it as practice and forget that there is an audience watching you. When starting your practice, immediately go to the hard part so that you can quickly get better at it. Here are some things I think about when thinking of music to make me more interested in music: when listening or just thinking of music, I think of it as a place where I can connect to music and almost go into a musical world, that you are one with the music and it engulfs you.

"Musical and technically secured performance delivered with relaxed confidence" -- Alexander Dunn, RCM Examiner.

Elizabeth Xue

MMTA Judged Festival

Second Prize Winner



Elizabeth Xue was born in 2012 and she has been active in music-related activities like singing and dancing since preschool. She played her first music piece the "Hot Cross Buns" in a keyboard class at YMCA when she was 5. She has been studying piano at EKS for two and a half years with Dr. Xuan He and Dr. Inês Andrade. With guidance of EKS teachers and daily practice, Elizabeth has made leaps of progress and she recently won the Second Place of the MMTA Judged Festival of 2021. Besides music, Elizabeth enjoys playing soccer and tennis, hanging out with her friends.

"Beautiful tone and colors throughout the performance, with lovely phrasing." -- Jonathan Roberts, MMTA Judged Festival Judge.

EKS MUSIC SCHOOL ANNUAL CONCERT

Nature and Stories VII

5:30 P.M.

Performer		Program	Composer
Max Yu	(1)	Good Night Rain	Paula Dreyer
Shenglei (Max) Yang	(7)	Kitty's Lullaby	Irina Gorin
		Dragon Dance	Hague
Boonyadech Wiwatyukhan	(2)	Kristabel Kangaroo Visits Korea	Hague
		Ode To Joy	Beethoven/ Faber
Evelyn Le	(7)	Men From Mars	Faber
		I hear the Echo	Faber
		Duet	Knerr
Joanna Chiang	(1)	Pop Goes the Weasel	Knerr
		Moon Dust	Paula Dreyer
Keith Craig	(8)	Bluebird	Fold Song
		Minor Mode	Frank Blackford
Anna Currie	(7)	Swans on the Lake	Hague
		Bingo	English Folk Song, arr. Hague
Isabella Tse	(3)	Scarborough Fair	Anonymous
Neo Shum	(5)	Dandelion Wishes	Carol Klose
RuiYi Wang	(5)	Squirrel at Play	Boris Berlin
Stella Wong	(1)	Sonatina in G major	Thomas Attwood
Serena Tacelli	(5)	"April" from The Seasons	Peter Tchaikovsky
Cody Lin	(5)	Fountain	Karl Bohm

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Melody and Serenity Zeng (Left to Riight)

Melody Zeng

RCM Piano Level 3
First Class Honors

Melody Zeng is a bright, kindhearted 5th grader at Wollaston Elementary school. She started her music studies at the age of 6. And she has been diligently learning to play piano at EKS music school under the guidance of Ms. Ellyses Kuan since she was 7 years old. It has been a great experience for her, she enjoys playing piano. She also learned to play piano trio ensembles with Dr. Ines Andrade. She has played piano solo and performed ensembles with 2 other students from the school in school concerts. She has recently passed the RCM level 3 exam, and has made remarkable progress. Melody's favorite hobbies are reading and drawing. And although she is a novice, she learned to play the violin, recorder, and ukulele.

"Good attention to bring out the melody and with a gentle swing rhythm." -- Betty Wu, RCM examiner.

Serenity Zeng

RCM Piano Level 1
First Class Honors

Serenity Zeng is an athletic and artistic 3rd grader at Wollaston Elementary School. She started her music lessons at the age of 5. She originally took guitar lessons, but ultimately switched to piano lessons at the age of 6. She has been learning to play piano from Ms. Ellyses Kuan at EKS music school. She is currently a RCM level 2 learner, and is steadily progressing. She has played piano solo in the school concert. Serenity's favorite hobbies are drawing and biking.

"Celebratory Sound!" -- Bernadette Warkentin-Geras, RCM examiner.

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All That Jazz + Pop II

6:15 P.M.

Performer		Program	Composer
Max Yu	(1)	Jazz Blast	Nancy and Randall Faber
Kian Chan	(5)	Circus Sonatina - III. Black Bear Boogie	--
Melody Zeng	(5)	Foggy Day Blues	Mike Springer
Katelyn Chan	(2)	Drivers License	Olivia Rodiogo
Liam Cody	(2)	Solar	Miles Davis
Abigail Wang	(1)	Somebody Loves Me	Gershwin
Serenity Zeng	(5)	Red Satin Jazz	Martha Mier
Cody Lin	(5)	Zig zag	Denis Alexander
Joanna Chiang	(1)	Monkey Blues	Knerr
Winnie Dong	(5)	Picnic 1920	Mike Schoenmehl
Eamon Pint	(2)	Perfect	Ed Sheeran
Jenny Lin	(5)	Postively Swinging	Christopher Norton
Tyler Nguyen	(2)	Billie's Bounce	Charlie Parker
Nicole Shum	(2)	Drivers License	Olivia Rodrigo
Alice Xiao	(5)	River flows in You	Yurima
Ethan Tai	(3)	Rewrite the Star	from the "Greatest Showman"
		Story of My Life	One Direction
		Peri's Scope	Bill Evans, arranged and conducted by Andy Lo
Andy Lo (Faculty), Berklee Co-Op Big Band			

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