



EKS MUSIC SCHOOL

2017-2018 Annual Recitals

Dances & Celebration

JUNE 9TH, 2018

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Library,
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JUNE 10TH, 2018

*M. Steinert and Sons
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Message from the Music Director



Dear EKS students, families and friends,

We are very proud to host six recitals over two days at two different venues. The students who are performing this weekend have made great strides in a very short period of time. Some of them have performed numerous times over the past few years and some of them had never had an instrument lesson before they came to EKS this year. However, you will find that all of them have not only learned how to make beautiful music with their instruments, but also how to read music with proper etiquette and discipline. Most of all, they learned how to practice, persevere and appreciate music.

I want to take this chance to highlight some notable achievement by our students this past year. Many of them have successfully completed our annual 28-day practice challenge. Some of them participated in other music activities outside of EKS, such as the Massachusetts Music Teacher Association Judge Festival, Boston Guitar Fest and the Royal Conservatory Music Assessment Program. One of our students achieved the highest score of the RCM Assessment Program in the state of Massachusetts and was invited to perform at Carnegie Hall in New York City. In addition, five EKS piano students received our piano duo scholarship and five saxophone students received the Woodwind Scholarship from Quincy Band Boosters in taking lessons at EKS Music School. Congratulations to them and all of our students.

Once again, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our faculty and staff at EKS with my wholehearted appreciation for their tireless dedication and commitment to our students and their families. I also want to thank all the parents for putting your trust and confidence in us and your countless supports and encouragement to your children in their music-learning endeavor.

Now, please join me and welcome our very own EKS students and faculty to the stage. I hope you will enjoy their performances and the music.

Ellyses Kuan

Music Director, Lead Piano Faculty

President-Elect, Massachusetts Music Teacher Association (MMTA)

June 9th, 2018

Recital 1, 2:00pm-3:30pm

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1. Angelina Murray, Mark Percent, Aliya Moquette, voice-group class, (4) French Folk Song, *Au Clair de la lune (French & English)*
2. Theo Dowd, guitar (1) M. Carcassi, *La Chasse (The Hunt)*; G. Montreuil, *Miami*
3. Tavi Swisher-Rosa, guitar (1) J. K. Mertz, *Romanze*; B. Calatuyud, *Cancion de Cuna*
4. Desmond Desantos, violin (3) Shaker Folk Tune, *Simple Gifts*
5. Alexandra Murray, violin (3) L. Beethoven, *Ode to Joy*; Folk Tune, *Baa Baa Black Sheep*; Folk Tune, *Variations of a Familiar Theme*
6. Shaanveer Gupta, guitar (1) G. Morlaye, *Allemande*; J. S. Bach, *Bourée II from the 2nd Cello Suite*; C. Calvi, *Canario*; S. E. Loy, *Kal Ho Na Ho*; U. Narayan, *Papa Khete Hai Bada Naam Karega (duet)*
7. Karthik Balamurugan, guitar (2) Spiritual, *When the Saints Go Marching in*; S. Linda, *Lion Sleeps Tonight*
8. Kayla Nguyen, violin (3) J. S. Bach, *Minuet N. 1*,
9. Lilia Nguyen, violin (3) F. J. Haydn, *Sunrise Symphony Theme*, French Folk Song, *Frere Jaques*
10. Cote Tran, guitar (1) I. Savío, *Lullaby*
11. Mark Percent, guitar (1) C. Parkening, *Variation on a Spanish Theme*
12. Owen Veith (1) English Traditional, *Early One Morning*; Welsh Traditional, *Llwyn Onn (The Ash Grove)*; O. Veith, *Blues Improvisation*
13. Alexandra Kaye, guitar (1) Ed Sheeran, *Nancy Mulligan*; Ed Sheeran, *Perfect (duet)*
14. Matilda Rollins, saxophone (5) C. Bruhn, *Aus Böhmen Kommt Die Musik*



**Faculty: Raley Beggs (1), Jonas Kublickas (2), Celia Zhang (3),
Jennifer Ann Pearl (4), Gary Lau (5)**

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Recital 2, 3:45pm-4:45pm

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1. Anya Healy, voice (4) Italian Folk Song, *L'inverno l'e passato (Italian & English)*; Canadian Folk Song, *Land of The Silver Birch*
2. Julia Tacelli, violin (3) J. Handel, Arr. K. Wood, *Air from Rinaldo*; K. & H. Colledge, *Lollipop Man*.
3. Lisa Liang, violin (3) M. Barnes, *Folk Dance No. 2*; K. & H. Colledge, *The Ceilidh*
4. Nicholas Chen, piano (Ms. Kuan) A. Reinagle, *Minuet No. 1*; W. L. Stevens, *African Safari*, J. Knerr, *Duke of York (duet with Ms. Kuan)*
5. Anya and Kelvin Healy (1) The Waterboys, *Fisherman's Blues*
6. Kelvin and Ryan Healy, guitar (1) American Spiritual, *Amazing Grace*
7. Ryan Healy, guitar (1) C. Parkening, *Prelude in G Major*; C. Parkening, *Study in 2 Voices*
8. Soha Shiffas, voice (4) German Folk Song, *There Stands a Little Man (German & English)*, Italian Folk Song, *Bella Bimba (Italian & English)*
9. Liam Cody, guitar (1) J. Haydn, *Minuet*; L. Beethoven, *Fur Elise*; J. S. Bach, *Minuet in G*
10. Adeline Saunders, saxophone (5) Joseph Marchand, *Air Tender*
11. Eugene Foong, saxophone (5) Traditional, *Greensleeves*
12. Justin Chan, voice (4) G. Giordani, *Caro mio ben*; American Folk Song, *How can I keep from singing?*
13. Vasiliana Sota, voice (4) G. Paisiello, *Nel cor più non mi sento*; F. Schubert, *An die Laute (English)*
14. Vanessa Chan, violin (3) D. Steibelt, *Sonatine Op. 22, No. 1*; Anonymous, Arr. K. Wood, *Bourée from Leopold Mozart*



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Recital 3, 10:00am-11:00am

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1. Naomi Shum (1) D. Shostakovich, *Waltz in A minor*; C. Gurlitt, *Bear Dance op. 136, No. 10*
2. Katelyn Chan (1) K. Fisher, *Spanish Dance*; C. Rollins, *Conga, Conga, Conga*
3. Candice Chan (3) Chee-Hwa Tan, *Night and Day*; J. Knerr, *Dromedary Dance*
4. Kayla Gutierrez (3) J. Knerr & K. Fisher, *Invasion of The Ants*; K. Fisher, *Irish Jig*; L. Beethoven, *Ode to Joy*
5. Jessica Ou (3) From N. & R. Faber, Piano Adventures, *Graduation Party*
6. Emily Zheng (3) From N. & R. Faber, Piano Adventures, *Eensie Weensie Spider*
7. Tyler Nguyen (1) C. Rollins, *Tango Dramatico*; K. Fisher, *Spanish Dance*
8. Alexandra Li (3) From N. & R. Faber, Piano Adventures, *Dinner with Wolfgang, Cinderella's Waltz, Ludwig's Accents*
9. Levi Swisher-Rosa (1) American Folk Song, Arr. Knerr, *Old Macdonald*; Knerr-Swisher-Rosa, *Fred the Fish Improvisation*
10. Alise Yuen (3) L. Beethoven, *Ode to Joy*; A. Reinagle, *Minuet No. 2*; K. Fisher, *Metamorphosis*
11. Miles Wong (2) From N. & R. Faber, Piano Adventures, *I've Got Music*
12. Aidan Chan (1) K. Fisher & J. Knerr, *Midnight Waltz*, L. Beethoven, *Ode to Joy*, K. Fisher and J. Knerr, *Crocodile in the Nile*
13. James Geraghty (3) K. & I. Fisher, *Nightingale*; J. Knerr, *Hopeful Beginnings*
14. Yuening (Erica) Huang (3) J. Knerr & K. Fisher, *Invasion of The Ants*; A. Reinagle, *Minuet No. 1*; A. Reinagle, *Minuet No. 2*
15. Linsey Chen (3) J. Knerr, *Dance of a Merry Seahorse*, A. Reinagle, *Bagatelle*; H. Wohlfahrt, *Somber Procession*
16. Neo Shum (1) B. Bartok, *Children's Dance*; M. Clementi, *Sonatina in C Major (3rd movement)*
17. Nicole Shum (1) C. Rollin, *Rock and Roll Slow Dance*; D. Kabalevsky, *Dancing on The Lawn*



Piano Faculty: Ellyses Kuan (1), Yuan Wang (2), Maral Annaovezova (3)

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Recital 4, 11:15am-12:15pm

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1. Evan Shao (2) M. Bober, *Hometown Celebration*
2. Jonathan Chen (2) From N. & R. Faber, Piano Adventures, *Come See the Parade*
3. Enrique Foong (2) From N. & R. Faber, Piano Adventures, *Rain, Rain, Go Away*
4. Eugene Foong (2) C. Fisher, *Autumn Mist*
5. Connie Che (2) M. Clementi, *Sonatina Op. 36, No. 1*
6. Carly Carte (2) J. Martini, *Plaisir D'amour*
7. Jennie Burgess (2) M. Bober, *Back and Forth Waltz*
8. Mark Percent (3) From N. & R. Faber, Piano Adventures; *Row, row Your Boat, Jazzy Joe, Rain Dance*
9. Krystal Tran (3) American Folk Song, *Yankee Doodle*; English Folk Song, *Baa Baa Black Sheep*
10. Eliena Truong (3) J. Knerr, *Shadows at the Dusk*; J. Knerr, *Flamingo Dancers*
11. William Wong (3) J. Knerr, *Monsters on The Run*; J. Knerr, *Rainbow Colors*; A. Reinagle, *Dance*
12. Sarah Chen (3) T. Oestern, *Excursion*; J. Knerr, *Alpine Flute*
13. Christine Lin (3) K. Fisher, *Spanish Dance*; K. & I. Fisher, *Nightingale*
14. Helen Chen (3) J. Knerr, *Swirling Snowflake Waltz*; J. Hook, *Gavotte*
15. Sophia Zhang (3) J. Knerr, *Kinetic Etude*; J. Knerr, *Dance of the Merry Seahorse*
16. Ryan Xiao (3) K. Knerr, *Starlight Serenade*; C. Czerny, *Barcarolle Op. 777, No. 8*



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Recital 5, 1:15pm-2:15pm

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1. **Ethan Xie (1)** F. Chopin, Arr. Jerry Ray, *Valse Brillante Op. 34, No. 2*; B. Bartok, *Children's Dance*
2. **Quintus Ng (1)** Arr. N. & R. Faber, *Sleeping Beauty*; K. Holmes, *Mango Tango*
3. **Katelyn Ngo (3)** From Notebook for Wolfgang, *Burlesque in G Major*; Forrest Kinney, *Young Ludwig Exploring*; E. L. Diemer, *Answering*
4. **Travis Liang (2)** From N. & R. Faber, Piano Adventures, *Mr. Brahms' Famous Lullaby*
5. **Ashley Johnson (2)** J. Martini, *Plaisir D' amour*
6. **Charly Thai (3)** K. Fisher, *Irish Jig*; J. Knerr, *Jubilation*; J. S. Bach, *Musette in D Major*
7. **Lisa Liang (3)** J. S. Bach, *Minuet in G Major*, Chee-Hwa Tan, *Night and Day*
8. **Luke Nguyen (3)** W. Mozart, *Minuet in C Major*, B. Bartók, *Little Dance in Canon Form*, D. Kabalevsky, *Scherzo*
9. **Melody Zeng (1)** N. Telfer, *The Rising Sun*; J. Knerr, *Ancient Ruins*
10. **Cyrus Lin (1)** B. Bartok, *Dance*; D. Kabalevsky, *Clowns*
11. **Erica Huang (3)** C. Fisher, *Autumn Mist*; Anton Diabelli, *Arietta op. 149, No5*
12. **Julia Yezukevich (1)** J. S. Bach, *Musette in G Major*; C. Rollins, *Tarantella Brillante*; C. Rollins, *Spanish Fire*
13. **Triston Lin (1)** J. S. Bach, *Polonaise in G minor*; S. Griesdale, *Arctic Voices*
14. **Piano 4 hands ensemble. Serena Tacelli and Ianna Tai (1,2)** T. Brown, *Waltz of The Shadows*, S. Joplin, Arr. G. P. Tingley, *The Entertainer*
15. **Piano 6 hands ensemble. Luke Nguyen, Cyrus Lin, Triston Lin (2)** Melody Bober, *Rockin good Times*; S. L. Kunitz, *Frisbees*; S. L. Kunitz, *Chatterbox*



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2. **Piano 4 hands ensemble.** Serena Tacelli and Ianna Tai (1, 2) T. Brown, *Waltz of The Shadows*, S. Joplin, Arr. G. P. Tingley, *The Entertainer*
3. **Liam Cody** (1) C. Klose, *Dance of The Trolls*
4. **Lily Hart** (1) G. Handel, *Gavotte in G Major*; N. Telfer, *Skeleton Dance*; C. Rollin, *Tap Extravagance*
5. **Ava Chan** (1) J. C. Montgomery, *Butterfly Waltz*; R. Schumann, *Siciliano*
6. **Annabelle Wong** (3) T. Altwood, *Sonatina in G Major, 1st movement*; C. Czerny, *Etude in C Major*; M. Mier, *Interlude*
7. **Alice Xiao** (3) J. Knerr, *Swirling Snowflake Waltz*; K. Fisher, *Spanish Dance*; F. Lynes, *Tarantella*; V. Rebikov, *The Bear*
8. **Ianna Tai** (1) B. Bartok, *Romanian Folk Dances, Braul, Pe Loc*; F. Chopin, *Waltz in A minor*
9. **Shi Yan (Elsa) Lu** (3) W. A. Mozart, *Sonata KV 545, 1st movement*; L. Beethoven, *Bagatelle No. 25, WoO 59 (Für Elise)*
10. **Serena Tacelli** (3) G. Telemann, *Fantasia in C Major*; R. Schumann, *Siciliano*; W. Gillock, *A Faded Letter*
11. **Grace Chan** (1) F. Chopin, *Polonaise Op. 26, No. 1*
12. **Michaela Lam** (1) D. Kabalevsky, *Rondo Op. 60: No. 1 March, No. 2 Dance, No. 3 Song, No. 4 Toccata*
13. **Brandon Ho** (1) F. Chopin, *Fantasia-Impromptu Op. 66*; F. Liszt, *Lieberstraume, Notturmo III*
14. **EKS Piano Faculty ensemble.** Yuan Wang, Ellyses Kuan, Maral Annaovezova
S. Rachmaninoff, *2 Pieces for 6 Hands: No. 1 Waltz, No. 2 Romance*



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RCM Program at EKS

EKS Music School is proud to serve as an official RCM Participating school. EKS teachers have been incorporating the RCM curriculum into their instruction and methodology and our students have been participating in the Royal Conservatory Certification Program (formerly known as Music Development Assessment Program) since 2013. In order to enhance the preparation of participating students EKS offers in-house RCM performance class, RCM recital, RCM Mock Exam and supplemental classes, aside from the private instruction. To find out more about the Royal Conservatory Certification Program, please visit: rcmusic.com

The following are EKS students who are participating in the Spring/Summer 2018 RCM Certification Examination session :

Violin:

- Julia Tacelli- Level 1
- Lisa Liang- Level 2
- Vanessa Chan- Level 4

Voice:

- Anya Healy- Preparatory

Piano:

- Katelyn Ngo- Level 1
- Luke Nguyen- Level 2
- Liam Cody- Level 3
- Cyrus Lin- Level 3
- Triston Lin- Level 3
- Neo Shum- Level 3
- Annabelle Wong- Level 3
- Serena Tacelli- Level 5

Theory:

- Serena Tacelli- Level 5



Luke Nguyen, a piano student of Maral Annaovezova, achieved the highest score in the state, in his RCM Assessment (Spring/Summer 2017). He was awarded a Center Certificate, State Certificate and was invited to perform at RCM Excellence Recital in Carnegie Hall in New York City, which took place on February 17th, 2018. Keep it up Luke!



Below are the achievement marks that EKS students have scored at their RCM Certifications in the 2017-2018 Academic Year .

(2018 Spring Session results for Piano and Theory Students have not been released yet, Good Luck!)

Summer Session, 2017:

Kathryn Tran (Level 5, Piano) - Honours
Grace Chan (Level 8, Piano) - Honours

November/December Session, 2017:

Nicholas Chen (Preparatory A, Piano)- First Class Honours
Ryan Xiao (Preparatory A, Piano)- First Class Honours with Distinction
Meshaheil Grace (Preparatory B, Piano)- First Class Honours
Erica Huang (Level 1, Piano) - Honours
Michaela Lam (Level 7, Piano) - First Class Honours

Spring Session, 2018:

Julia Tacelli (Level 1, Violin)- First Class Honours with Distinction
Lisa Liang (Level 2, Violin)- Honours
Vanessa Chan (Level 4, Violin)- Pass
Anya Healy (Preparatory, Voice) - First Class Honours with Distinction
Katelyn Ngo (Level 1, Piano)
Luke Nguyen (Level 2, Piano)
Liam Cody (Level 3, Piano)
Cyrus Lin (Level 3, Piano)
Triston Lin (Level 3, Piano)
Neo Shum (Level 3, Piano)
Annabelle Wong (Level 3, Piano)
Serena Tacelli (Level 5, Piano)
Serena Tacelli (Level 5, Theory)



This year, Saxophone Students: **Eugene Foong, Matilda Rollins, Adeline Saunders and Kevin Gallagher**, received scholarships from the Quincy Band Boosters, to take music lessons at EKS Music School. They all currently study with Gary Lau.



On the right; Boston Guitar Fest - EKS students performing at New England Conservatory's Jordan Hall



EKS piano students, **Annabelle Wong, Elsa Lu, Serena Tacelli, Michaela Lam and Brandon Ho** have participated in piano master classes given by Dr. Thomas Swenson on February 2nd, 2018 at EKS.



Five EKS Students have received the Piano Duet Scholarship this Spring; **Triston Lin, Cyrus Lin, Luke Nguyen, Serena Tacelli and Ianna Tai.**



Piano student **Ava Chan** (student of Ellyses Kuan) received the “Honorable Mentioned” in her division (also her first competition) at the 2018 Judged Festival @ Massachusetts Music Teacher Association. Well done! Congratulation!



June 13th, EKS Adult Students Recital!

The Following EKS Adult students will have their debut at the EKS Music School on June 13th, 2018 @ 7pm:

Zoe Kazmierski G. Giordani, *Caro mio ben*; F. Schubert, *An die Laute*; L. Beethoven, *Sweet Power of Song (Duet with Jen Pearl)*

Soumyadipta Kundu *African-American Spiritual, Michael Row the Boat Ashore*



EKS Music School Faculty, **Maral Annaovezova, Yuan Wang, Ellyses Kuan**, at the 50th Anniversary of The Bay State Piano Competition, held by Massachusetts Music Teachers Association on May 13, 2018.



Thank You

It is truly a tremendous honor to receive the 2017-18 Steinway Top Teacher of the Year Award. I could not believe it when I received the award letter. A heartfelt appreciation and special thanks to M. Steinert and Sons for nominating me at the first place. When I started my school in 2013, I had no idea what was ahead of me. First of all, I want to thank all the colleagues and great friends who have been walking this journey with me.

This award belongs to all the parents and families who entrusted me with their children and believe in our teaching philosophy and mission. It also belongs to all our students who committed and dedicated themselves in coming to lessons every week and putting themselves out in doing better every day. Most importantly, it would not be possible without all our wonderful teachers, the true inspiration, who goes above and beyond to live their passion and pass on to the next generation.



*I am truly grateful.
Ellyses Kuan*

Brandon Ho, piano student of Ellyses Kuan, who started his piano lessons at the age of 5 and now is a senior at Quincy High School, hosted an afternoon of music to benefit QCAP (Quincy Community Action Program, Inc) on June 2 at the Christ Episcopal Church. Together with his friends, they played a full piano and chamber music program and helped to fundraise \$1200 to benefit QCAP.



We are very proud to have such fine young man to be the role model to our younger students. Brandon will begins his freshman year at UConn this fall. Congratulations!
 If you want to support Brandon and the mission of his concert, please donate at:
<https://www.gofundme.com/qcaprecital>

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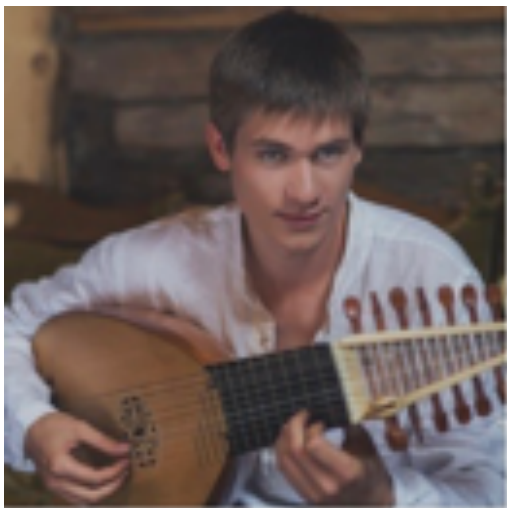
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**Jonas Kublickas, Faculty
(Classical Guitar)**



**Celia Zhang, Faculty
(Violin)**



Yuan Wang, Faculty (Piano)



**Raley Beggs, Lead Faculty
(Classical Guitar)**



**Maral Annaovezova, Faculty (Piano),
Assessment, Festival and Special Event
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**Jennifer Ann Pearl, Faculty
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**Gary Lau, Faculty
(Saxophone)**



**Ellyses Kuan, Music Director,
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