



# Cambridge Academy of Music and Arts

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### Fall Recitals

Our Fall Recitals will be held on Saturday, November 15 at Piano Works at 2785 Buford Highway, Duluth for the Alpharetta school, and Sunday,

November 16 at England Piano at 3740 DeKalb Tech Parkway, Doraville for the Chamblee school.

A program will be prepared for each recital. Students who perform will receive a certificate.

These recitals are formal performances and we should observe the following rules:

1. **Be on time.** The recital will start *promptly*. Performers should arrive at least 15 minutes before the recital to be lined up at the front in the order of performance in the program.

2. **Dress Code.** Participants should *dress up* for the occasion. Blue Jeans, T-shirts, platform shoes and short mini skirts are not appropriate. Sunday clothes will be recommended.

3. **Manner.** Performers need a quiet environment to concentrate and try to do their best. Interruptions like talking and going in and out of the room can bother the performer, as well as the audience members who are trying to listen.

Parents, we would greatly appreciate it if you would have someone take care of your baby or toddler at home.

### Happy Holidays



There will be no regular lessons from Wednesday, November 26 to Sunday, November 30 due to

**Thanksgiving.** Classes will resume on Monday, December 1.

There will be no regular lessons from Monday, December 22 to Sunday, January 4 due to our **winter break.** Classes will resume on Monday, January 5, 2009.



### Federation Gold Cup Festival

Our National Federation Gold Cup Festival will be held on Saturday, February 28, 2009 at our Chamblee location. Students who participate will be members of their teacher's Junior Music Club. They will play two pieces by memory before the Federation judge and will receive comments, a certificate and points towards the Gold Cup award, besides gaining great performance experience. Our subjects include piano, strings, guitar, and singing.

Eleven teachers have joined and will be preparing their students for the Festival — Kathy Ackermann, Lois Finlay, Adam Frank, Michelle Li, Margaret Liu, Troy Palmer, Mary Parsons, Josepha Winter, Chiu-May Yu, Tracy Woodard and Lisa Zimmerman.

The Gold Cup Concert will be held on Sunday, March 8, 2009 at Piano Works. At this concert, students will receive the 15-Point, 30-Point, 45-Point, 60-Point and 75-Point cup awards.

### The Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music

The Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music (ABRSM) Exams will be held from Thursday, November 13 to Wednesday, November 19 at our Academy at Alpharetta and Chamblee, and at Piano Works. Mrs. Lesley Dunstan from London will be the examiner.

Each year over 600,000 students take these exams in more than 90 countries around the world knowing that their achievements will be recognized internationally. Today, exams can be taken in 20 states in the US, including the Georgia exam center, established in 1996.

Five teachers from Cambridge have sent 53 students to participate in the practical exam this session. Subjects include piano and violin, and grade levels range from Grade 1 to Grade 8.



## Bach Competition

The Bach Competition was held on Saturday, October 18, 2008 at Johns Creek Baptist Church. The Winners' Recital, held on Sunday, October 19, showcased the top winners from each category. Our students did a fantastic job and below are the results.

### Outstanding Performers —

<u>Student</u>	<u>Category</u>	<u>Teacher</u>
<b>Donna Guo</b>	Partitas	Lois Finlay
<b>Rebecca Huang</b>	Anna Magdalena	Troy Palmer
<b>Allan Nagashima</b>	18 Little Preludes	Troy Palmer
<b>Harsha Sridhar</b>	18 Little Preludes	Lois Finlay
<b>Jonathan Li</b>	French Suite	Lois Finlay
<b>Tammy Liaw</b>	Prelude & Fugue	Lois Finlay
<b>Yooha Park</b>	2-Pt Inventions	Kathy Ackermann
<b>Eric Wan*</b>	French Suite	Lois Finlay
<b>Richard Wan*</b>	Prelude & Fugue	Lois Finlay
<b>Oxford Wang</b>	18 Little Preludes	Troy Palmer
<b>Kelvin Wey</b>	Prelude & Fugue	Lois Finlay
<b>Shannon Wong</b>	English Suite	Lois Finlay
<b>Derek Vann**</b>	Toccata	Lois Finlay

### Award of Excellence —

<u>Student</u>	<u>Category</u>	<u>Teacher</u>
<b>Joshua Tam</b>	2-Pt Inventions	Troy Palmer
<b>Stephanie Tian</b>	Anna Magdalena	Mary Parsons
<b>Erika Yamazaki</b>	Anna Magdalena	Mary Parsons

\* Recitalist (top winner of each category) who was invited to perform at the Winners' Recital.  
\*\* \$500 Scholarship Winner and Recitalist who was invited to perform at the Winners' Recital.

## It's a Boy!

Congratulations to our violin/viola teacher, **Mrs. Tracy Woodard** and her husband Nick Hess on the birth of their baby boy. **Karl Arlen Hess** was born on October 19.



## Student Achievements

**Emily Gupta**, who graduated from high school in May, won a \$200 scholarship from the National Piano Guild. She earned the scholarship by receiving high scores every year for 10 years.

**Nicholas Gupta**, age 15, had his first novella published. The book, titled The Unknown Species, is available from Amazon.com!

Emily and Nicholas are piano students of Lois Finlay. Congratulations!

## WELCOME . . . to New Faculty



**Mrs. Denise Burcham**, our new violin, viola and piano teacher, joined our faculty in October. Mrs. Burcham holds a Bachelor of Music degree, major in violin performance and minor in piano from Baylor University. She has done graduate studies in music education at Georgia State University, University of South Carolina, and Converse College. Before moving to Kentucky, she was a violin instructor at Agnes Scott College. She was a public school orchestra director in South Carolina for 10 years, and a member of Atlanta Chamber Orchestra, Greater Spartanburg Philharmonic Orchestra and Starkville MSU Symphony Orchestra. Mrs. Burcham comes to Cambridge with 26 years of private strings and piano teaching experience.

## Celebrate with Music 2008



Twenty-two students from our Academy will participate in this scholarship fund-raising event sponsored by the North Fulton Music Teachers Association on Sunday, December 7, from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Centre Stage at North Point Mall.

Participating students are: Jocelyn Chan, Jonathan Chan, Annie Chow, Peilin Chung, Aomeng Cui, Davon Harper, Ashley Harriott, Kristin Harriott, David Hsi, Anthony Lam, Alex Law, Dennis Law, Nadir Lewis, Andrew Liang, Valerie Lin, Evin Liu, Sabrina Long, Mark Long, Terry Phang, Anusha Sthanunathan, Emily Yeh, and Sara Yeh.

Please come to the mall to do your Christmas shopping that day and support our students by visiting them at the site. They will play Christmas music and help you get into the holiday spirit.

## Partner in Performance

Our upright piano in Alpharetta is provided by

*Piano Works*

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