



# Cambridge Academy of Music and Arts NEWSLETTER January & February 2008

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## Good Job at Recitals

All of you did a fantastic job at the Recitals held on November 17 at England Piano and November 18 at Piano Works. 150 students, their partners and their teachers performed beautifully and showed excellent performance etiquette and stage manner. Many of you commented to us after the recital that you truly enjoyed the program and appreciated our hard work in maintaining a high standard of teaching.

Thank you, teachers, for putting the program together and preparing the students so well!

## Federation Gold Cup Festival



Our Second Annual National Federation of Music Clubs Gold Cup Festival auditions will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; on Saturday, February 23, 2008 at our Chamblee location. 147 students have registered to participate in the piano solo event, voice solo event, 4 violin solo event and 12 piano concerto event. The judges are Mr. David Nash, Mrs. Martha Carroll, Mrs. Betty White and Mr. Carey Huddleston.

Students will prepare one piece from the National Federation syllabus and one of their own choices. They will perform the pieces by memory privately for the judge and will receive comments, a certificate and points toward their gold cup trophy.

Performers should arrive and register 15 minutes before the scheduled audition time. Remember to bring original music with measures numbered for the judge's use and dress up for the occasion.

## Happy Anniversary

Happy eight year anniversary to Mrs. Joan First. Mrs. First assisted our director as a volunteer when the academy was established in 1999. She was hired as the Administrative Assistant in January 2000 and was promoted to the Office Manager position of the Chamblee school in June 2005.



## Faculty Recital

presented by  
Cambridge Academy of Music

- Ms. Kathy Ackermann, piano teacher
- Mr. Bob Bennett, flute teacher
- Dr. Brad Knobel, cello teacher
- Ms. Margaret Liu, piano and voice teacher
- Mr. Troy Palmer, piano teacher
- Dr. Malgorzata Staszewska, violin and viola teacher
- Ms. Lisa Zimmerman, voice teacher

Sunday, February 10, 2008  
3:00 p.m.  
Piano Works,  
2805 Buford Highway, Duluth  
Free Admission

## Gold Cup Concert

The National Federation of Music Clubs Gold Cup Concert will be held at 4:30 p.m., Sunday, March 2, 2008 at Piano Works in Duluth.



Students will perform one piece and will receive their gold cup trophy at the end of the concert. Each time a student receives a "Superior" rating in the performance, he/she will earn 5 points towards the gold cup trophy. The levels of the awards to our Cambridge students include 15-, 30-, 45- and 60-point cups this year.



Happy Valentine's Day  
February 14, 2008



## GMEA Winners

Congratulations to the following students of Lois Finlay, who participated in the GMEA All-State Solo Piano Auditions:

<b>Timothy Shu</b>	7th grade	Recital Winner
<b>Eric Wan</b>	7th grade	Alternate
<b>Jenny Qian</b>	8th grade	Alternate
<b>Donna Guo</b>	9th grade	Recital Winner
<b>Richard Wan</b>	9th grade	Alternate
<b>Derek Vann</b>	10th grade	Alternate
<b>Caterina Li</b>	12th grade	Recital Winner

Derek Vann and Caterina Li were recital winners in the Piano Duet Auditions for grades 10th-12th. Winners will play at the GMEA State In-Service Conference in January 2008 in Savannah, Georgia.

## Policies Reminder

Tuition is due in full by the 10th of each month. Cambridge Academy does not send regular monthly tuition statements. You will receive a late statement in the mail if you have not paid by the 10th. If full tuition (and late fees) is not received by the 15th, lessons will be suspended until your account is paid. The lessons missed due to suspension will not be made up. You may mail or drop off the check if your child missed the first lesson of the month before the 10th. Music book statement balances should be paid within one month in order to avoid a late fee. If you have questions, please consult your copy of Cambridge Academy's policies or contact us.



## Makeup Lessons

Just to remind you that you need to schedule your child's one make-up lesson with his/her teacher before January 15, for any canceled lesson in the first semester. A canceled lesson is one which your child missed with advance notice given to the teacher. Any last minute canceled lessons cannot be made up.

Two make-up days are scheduled on Tuesday, January 15 and Saturday, January 19. Only make-up lessons will be taught on these days (no regular lessons). Regular classes will resume on Monday, January 21, which is the first day of the 2nd semester.



## High Scorers in 2007

The Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music (ABRSM) will present its Eleventh Georgia High Scorers' Concert at Briarcliff Baptist Church on Sunday, January 20, 2008. The performers are students who passed the 2007 exam with distinction or high merit in Georgia.

High scorers from our Academy will perform at the concert. The teachers of these students are Margaret Liu, Mary Parsons, Lana Saccomano, Tracy Woodard and Chiu-May Yu.

<b>Valerie Lin</b>	Grade 1 piano, High Merit
<b>Stephanie Tian</b>	Grade 1 piano, Distinction
<b>Aomeng Cui</b>	Grade 2 piano, Distinction
<b>Jocelyn Chan</b>	Grade 3 piano, Distinction
<b>Ziyu Ding</b>	Grade 3 piano, High Merit
<b>Madhu Govindarajan</b>	Grade 3 violin, Distinction
<b>Sara Yeh</b>	Grade 3 piano, Distinction
<b>Ariana Alexander</b>	Grade 4 piano, High Merit
<b>Samuel Lui</b>	Grade 4 violin, Distinction
<b>Charles Wang</b>	Grade 4 piano, Distinction
<b>Adam Zhang</b>	Grade 4 piano, High Merit
<b>Stephanie Pham</b>	Grade 5 piano, Distinction
<b>Stephanie Lui</b>	Grade 7 piano, Distinction
<b>Emily Yeh</b>	Grade 7 piano, Distinction

Two students received distinction ratings in the Theory Exam in the 2007 fall session in November: Grade 1 **Supriya Sharma**, theory student of Margaret Liu and Grade 4 **Christina Curlette**, piano student of Chiu-May Yu.

Congratulations to these students and their teachers for a job well done!

## Ensemble Olympics Festival



Student Ensemble Olympics Festival is a musical event sponsored by the North DeKalb Music Teachers Association. It will be held on Saturday, February 2, 2008 at Piano Works.

The Festival provides an opportunity for students to perform ensemble music in one of the concerts. Students will receive an olympic medallion. Registration deadline is January 12 and the fee is \$15.

## Partner in Performance

Our upright piano in Alpharetta is provided by

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