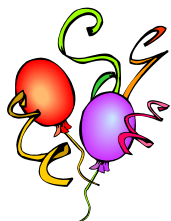


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Happy Anniversary!

March 15, 2006 marks the seventh anniversary of the incorporation of Cambridge Academy of Music and Arts. Starting with 50 piano students, one teacher and two teaching assistants, we have grown to 260 students, 19 teachers and 6 office staff members in two locations. We offer private piano, vocal, violin, viola, cello, string bass, flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet and guitar lessons.

I am very pleased to see many serious music students who are working hard to reach a higher level of musicianship and performance.

Our students have excelled in many musical activities, such as the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music for various instruments, National Piano Guild Auditions, Georgia Music Teachers Association competitions and local festivals, Georgia Music Educators Association All-State Orchestra and Band, National Federation of Music Clubs Festivals, as well as in their school music programs.

Providing "Quality Music Instruction in Your Community" is our slogan. We will continue to strive to achieve this in the years to come.

Mark Your Calendar

Please mark your calendar for these upcoming events.

ABRSM Practical Exams

Tuesday, April 25 to Saturday, April 29

These exams will be held at our Chamblee and Alpharetta locations.

Piano Guild Auditions

Tuesday, May 2 to Saturday, May 6

The auditions will be held at England Piano

Spring Recitals

Alpharetta school *Sunday, May 7* at Steinway Piano

Chamblee school *Sunday, May 21* at England Piano

Sunday, May 28 at England Piano



Spring Recitals

Our Spring Recitals will be held on Sunday, May 7 for the Alpharetta school at Steinway Piano Galleries in Sandy Springs and Sunday, May 21 and Sunday May 28 for the Chamblee School at England Piano in Doraville.

Two recitals will be scheduled for each day. Students should sign up for one of the recitals on the Recital Sign-Up Sheets which will be available at the front desk. Alpharetta students should sign up from April 10 to April 18, and Chamblee students should sign up from April 17 to April 29.

Piano students will perform one solo piece by memory. Memory is not required for instrumental students. If you need a piano accompanist, please let us know and we will arrange one for you.

Each performer will receive a music trophy at the end of the recital. Piano Guild and ABRSM certificates and "Most Improved Student" awards will be presented.

Summer registration

Our summer registration package will be mailed out the week of April 24. You will be given the opportunity to sign up with the teacher of your choice, at a time that is convenient for you.

The deadline for summer schedule requests will be Wednesday, May 10.



Spring Break

There will be no regular lessons during the public schools' spring break week. Our office will be closed from Monday, April 3 to Saturday, April 8.

Tuition is still due on April 10. You may drop off the tuition payment in person by Saturday, April 1, or mail the payment to us postmarked by April 10. Otherwise, a late charge will be incurred.





Student News

Jackie Podoll, a piano student of Chiu-May Yu, received the "**Hedy King Robinson Scholarship**," a cash award for achieving full marks at the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music (ABRSM) Theory Exam. Jackie took the Grade 2 exam. Way to go, Jackie!

Adam Zhang, a piano student of Margaret Liu, received the "**2005 Highest Scorer of the Year**" award at the ABRSM High Scorer Concert in January. Adam took the Grade 1 piano exam, which included scales requirements, 3 selected pieces, sightreading and aural test. With his hard work and attention to details, he obviously had done very well in all areas and earned the highest score among 185 students who participated in the 2005 exams. Good job, Adam!

The ABRSM Georgia Ninth High Scorers' Concert was held on January 22, 2006. Nine piano students of Margaret Liu and one piano student of Lisa Bong passed the practical exam with distinction** or high merit*. These "**High Scorers**" were invited to perform and received their awards. These students were:

Ariana Alexander**-Gr. 1 **Alice Zhou****-Grade 1
Jocelyn Chan**-Grade 1 **Adam Zhang****-Grade 1
Wesley Cheung**-Grade 1 **Stephanie Pham****-Gr. 2
Alex Law*-Grade 1 **Nathanie Cheung***-Gr. 3
Dennis Law*-Grade 1 **Shannon Wong***-Grade 5

Several piano students of Lois Finlay were named "**Outstanding Performer**" at the Georgia Music Teachers Association local audition, sponsored by the North DeKalb Music Teachers Association in early March. They will proceed to compete at the state level at University of Georgia, Athens in April. Students prepared 2 contrasting pieces and competed with others in the same school grade level. These students are:

Annabel Shu-Grade 3* **Ivana Miao**-Grade 11
Timothy Shu-Grade 5 **Charlton Lin**-Grade 11
Debbie Shim-Grade 6 **Emily Thai**-Grade 12
Donna Guo-Grade 7 **Jessica Taylor**-Grade 12
Caterina Li-Grade 10 **Hibisca Liaw**-Grade 12
Emily Gupta-Grade 10

Congratulations to these students, and best wishes to you for your state competition!

*Only Grade 4 and above will compete at state level.

ABRSM Exam & Seminar

The Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music (ABRSM) Exams will be held Tuesday, April 25 and Wednesday, April 26 at our Alpharetta school and Thursday, April 27 and Saturday, April 29 at our Chamblee school.

ABRSM Seminar will be held on Friday, April 28 from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at England Piano. The seminar will be conducted by the examiner, Mr. Charles Barnes from the UK. This seminar will give you an in-depth knowledge of the Associated Board exam program and rating system. Teachers and parents are invited. Admission is free.

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. The first U.S. exam center was opened in 1986 in Los Angeles, California. Today, exams can be taken in 20 states in the US, including Georgia exam center, established in 1996. Since then, 1262 students took the practical exams and 636 students took the theory written exams. Among these students, the practical subjects taken included piano, piano ensemble, organ, harp, singing, violin, cello, clarinet, flute and percussion.

The ABRSM has the authority of the four leading conservatories in the UK—Royal Academy of Music, Royal College of Music, Royal Northern College of Music, and Royal Scottish Academy of music and Drama.

Happy Birthday

MARCH

- 1 **Frederic Chopin**, Polish composer
- 7 **Maurice Ravel**, French composer
- 21 **Johann Sebastian Bach**, German composer and organist; would have been 321 years old if he was still alive today
- 25 **Bela Bartok**, Hungarian composer
- 31 **Franz Joseph Haydn**, Austrian composer



APRIL

- 1 **Sergei Rachmaninoff**, Russian composer
- 6 **Andre Previn**, German/American conductor, pianist and composer
- 22 **Yehudi Menuhin**, American violinist
- 23 **Sergei Prokofiev**, Russian composer
- 30 **Duke Ellington**, American jazz pianist and composer



Happy Easter!

Sunday, April 16, 2006