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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.

These will be formal recitals. Students need to dress up for this occasion. I understand some of you may not feel comfortable wearing a neck tie or a dress, but dressing a little more formally shows that you respect the occasion.

Each performer will receive a music trophy at the end of the recital. Piano Guild, Federation and ABRSM certificates and "Most Improved Student" awards will also be presented. Family and friends are invited. Camcorders and cameras are allowed.

Summer Office Hours



Our summer office hours from June 1 to August 12 will be 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday to Friday. The office will be closed on Saturday and Sunday.

Lesson schedule time may be different from the office hours.

Memorial Day Off & Make-Ups



There will be no classes on Monday, May 29 due to the Memorial Holiday.

Just to remind you that you need to schedule your child's one make-up lesson with his/her teacher for the second 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.

Make-up days are May 26, 27, 30 and 31. Only make-up lessons will be taught on those days (no regular lessons).



Summer Semester

The summer semester will start on Thursday, June 1. The summer private lesson schedule will be available in mid May. You may check with your teacher or call the office for your lesson time.

Since the public schools will begin the fall semester on August 14, we will have the fall schedule in place for the last three weeks of the summer semester.

Please note that summer tuition payment plan (for June, July and August) is different from the regular semester payment plan. You will pay for the number of lessons received each month, rather than a predetermined monthly amount.

To determine your tuition payment each month, please discuss with the teacher in advance, the number of lessons for the month.

Tuition is still due by the 10th of each month. If you will be away, please mail the check by the 10th.

Good Bye! Mr. Jon

Jonathan Geisheimer, one of our saxophone and clarinet teachers, will no longer be teaching at our Academy. His last day with us will be Wednesday, May 24.

Mr. Geisheimer has taught with us since 1999 when our Academy was first established. We will miss him.



. . . to New Faculty !

We have several new additions to our fine faculty group.

Bob Bennett	Flute
Kristen Dunlap	Flute & Piccolo
Robert Janssen	Clarinet & Saxophone
Jeffrey Macko	Percussion
Mary Parsons	Piano
Karine Renaudin	Clarinet

Information on these teachers will be posted on the bulletin board.



Our Seniors

Congratulations to our high school seniors who have continued their music study through high school.

- Ho Yi Chan** Peachtree Ridge High School
Will attend UC Berkeley, CA—Dance & Pre-Med
- Andy Cheung** North Spring High School
Will attend GA Tech, GA—Engineering
- Hibisca Liaw** Chattahoochee High School
Will attend GA Tech, GA
- Esther Liu** Wheeler High School
Will attend Georgia State U, GA—Biology
- Jonathan Madden** Lakeside High School
Will attend Kennesaw SU, GA—Computer Engineer
- Shruti Parekh** Paideia High School
Will attend Brown U, RI
- Thomas Steed** Lakeside High School
Will attend GA Tech, GA—Business Management
- Jessica Taylor** Salem High School
Will attend UGA, GA—Music in Piano Performance
- Emily Thai** St. Pius X High School
Will attend Mercer U Macon, GA—Pre-Pharmacy



Federation Superiors

Margaret Liu's piano students participated in the **National Federation of Music Clubs Junior Festival**. They played two pieces in contrasting style and composer by memory, and were assessed by the Federation judge. They earned "**Superior**" ratings and 5 points towards their Gold Cup award. When they cumulate 15 points, they will perform at the Gold Cup Concert and receive their Gold Cup. They are —

Ariana Alexander	Wesley Cheung	Joshua Tam
Ozanne Alexander	Brian Dalton	Anusha Sthanunathan
Jocelyn Chan	Lokyee Lee	Shannon Wong
Brian Chu	Samuel Lui	Adam Zhang
Nathanie Cheung	Stephanie Lui	Alice Zhou

Happy Birthday

MAY

- 7 **Johannes Brahms**, German composer
- 7 **Peter Tchaikovsky**, Russian composer
- 22 **Richard Wagner**, German composer

JUNE

- 8 **Robert Schumann**, German composer
- 17 **Igor Stravinsky**, Russian composer



Guild Achievements

Many students from our Academy participated in the annual **National Piano Guild Auditions**. The auditions were judged on many areas of accomplishments, such as accuracy, tone quality, technique, rhythm, maturity in memory, phrasing, dynamics, convincing endings of pieces and interpretation.

We are very proud of these students who achieved "**Superior Plus**" ratings at the audition.

From Lois Finlay's studio —

Donna Guo	Caterina Li	Debbie Shim
Emily Gupta	Hibisca Liaw	Timothy Shu
Josephine Hao	Tammy Liaw	Harsha Sridhar
Daniel Levine	Charlton Lin	Emily Thai
Lisa Levine	Ivana Miao	Jessica Taylor

From Margaret Liu's studio —

Ariana Alexander	Brian Dalton	Shannon Wong
Jocelyn Chan	Stephanie Lui	Adam Zhang
Wesley Cheung	Christopher Pham	Andy Zhang

From Chiu-May Yu's studio —

Christina Curlette	Esther Liu	Julie Wang
James Leung	Joshua Liu	Grace Yi

Three students of Lois Finlay earned their Piano Guild "**High School Diploma**" —

Hibisca Liaw	High School Diploma
Jessica Taylor	High School Diploma
Emily Thai	High School Social Music Diploma

GMTA Winners

Several piano students of Lois Finlay were winners at the **Georgia Music Teachers Association In-State Auditions** at UGA. They competed with other local winners in the same school grade.

Timothy Shu	Grade 5	Honorable Mention
Debbie Shim	Grade 6	Outstanding performer
Donna Guo	Grade 7	Outstanding performer
Caterina Li	Grade 10	Outstanding performer
Charlton Lin	Grade 11	Outstanding performer & Master Class
Ivana Miao	Grade 11	Outstanding performer & Master Class alternate



Happy Mother's Day

May 14, 2006

Happy Father's Day

June 18, 2006