

Noreen Wenjen

Presents

Danielle Jacobson

Andrew Morales

Alana Ikemoto

Canyon Clark

Peter Lu

Petras Vasiliauskas

Zoe Ip

Chloe Clark

Robert Gerschultz

Vejas Vasiliauskas

Clayton Clark

Irene Lee

Ciarán Gilligan

Carolyn Collins

Michelle Lu

Jaclyn Gerschultz

Candace Hart

Zachary Hart

Pianists

In Recital

Saturday, June 6, 2009

3:00 p.m.

Admission free



Wenjen Piano Studios
Seal Beach, CA 90740

PROGRAM

DANIELLE JACOBSON

Danielle Jacobson is five and a half years old and has been taking and enjoying piano lessons with Mrs. Noreen since November 2007. This year, she received third honorable mention for the Wenjen Piano Studios Young Achiever Award.

Danielle attends kindergarten at Hopkinson Elementary School in Rossmoor. She also skies at Mammoth Mountain, ice skates, does ballet, and swims in the family pool. She also camps and does a lot of activity with her family. Danielle's synchronized team won first place at OC Figure Skating Academy 2009. She has an older brother, Christopher, who is eight years old.

This is Danielle's second recital at Wenjen Piano Studios.

I like Roller Skating
Allegro

Nancy and Randall Faber

ANDREW FARLEY MORALES

Andrew is almost 7 years old. This is his third year taking piano lessons with Noreen Wenjen. Andrew participates at the Wenjen workshops and is proud that he has received a third honorable mention for the Wenjen Piano Studios Young Achiever Award in 2009, second honorable mention in 2008 and a third honorable mention in 2007. He performed in the National Guild of Piano Teachers' annual auditions in June of 2007, 2008 and 2009 and received an "Excellent" rating this year.

Andrew is in first grade and attends Fairmont Private School. He has an appreciation for the United States Military and has been featured in his school newspaper for his

recognition and respect for United States Flag and Military. His favorite books this past year has been learning about John McCain, Ronald Reagan and the Titanic. He enjoys going to military or police shows, playing golf, baseball, going to the river, swimming working with tools and digging in the dirt!

This is Andrew's third recital at Wenjen Piano Studios.

Theme from *The Titanic*

James Horner,
Arranged by Noreen Wenjen

Russian Sailor Dance

Nancy and Randall Faber

ALANA IKEMOTO

Alana is six years old and has studied piano with Noreen Wenjen for 9 months. Alana performed a ten-piece National program at the National Guild of Piano Teachers' Annual Auditions held on June 4th, 2009. Alana received the First Honorable Mention for the Young Achiever Award from Wenjen Piano Studios in May 2009.

Alana enjoys attending Chadwick School with her many friends, playing piano, soccer, softball, swimming, playing with her dog, Coconut, and anything artsy/crafty. She is currently in kindergarten. When she grows up she wants to be an artist and a floral designer.

This is Alana's first recital at Wenjen Piano Studios.

Sonatina in C Major
Moderato

Gurlitt

Gazelle Prancing

Jon George

Raspberry Crème

John Robert Poe

CANYON CLARK

Canyon Aries Clark is seven years old, as of June 05, 2009. Canyon embarked on his music career three years ago. He is very excited to be able to participate in the same extra-curricular activity as his older brother and sister. Canyon recently received The Wenjen Piano Studio Young Achiever Award for 2008-2009 after receiving a first honorable mention in 2007-2008. Canyon performed in his third National Guild of Piano Teachers' annual auditions on June 4th, 2009. Unlike last year, however, Canyon will play a ten-piece National program. Canyon also passed prep level of Certificate of Merit as a first grader, which is rare, so I'm told. Congratulations.

Canyon is a determined and driven young man. He is also extremely versatile and well rounded for a 7 year old. For the last year Canyon has solely focused on the Piano. Canyon is a former dance (tap/ballet) student. He studied at Center Stage Dance Academy. Canyon played competitive AYSO soccer two years ago. He's quite the athlete. Perhaps he will hit the pitch again in the near future. Canyon also enjoys cooking and playing basketball. Watch out Emeril and Kobe!

Canyon is a first grader at Weaver Elementary where he received the "great citizen award" last semester. This is Canyon's 4th piano recital.

Peanut Butter Taffy

John Robert Poe

March in C Major

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PETER LU

Peter Lu is eight years old and has studied piano with Nor-

een Wenjen since July 2008. He received first honorable mention for the Wenjen Piano Studios Jr. Achiever Award on May 2009. He passed the prep level of the Certificate of Merit program with theory honors in spring 2009, with a 100% for theory. Finally, he received honorable mention at the May 2009 Sonatina/Sonata competition.

Peter is currently in third grade at Pacific Elementary School in Manhattan Beach. Every Saturday, he attends the Torrance Chinese school to study Mandarin Chinese. His hobbies include basketball, reading, and chess. He is a big fan of the Los Angeles Lakers as well as anything to do with Star Wars and Star Trek. He is still trying to perfect his Darth Vader theme song on the piano called the “Imperial March.”

This is Peter’s first recital at Wenjen Piano Studios

Sonatina in C Major Allegro	Biehl
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Progress Op. 100 in C Major	Burgmuller
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Jungle River Flowing	Jon George
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PETRAS VASILIAUSKAS

Petras Vasiliauskas is eight years old and attends first grade at Pennekamp Elementary School in Manhattan Beach during the week and Lithuanian school on Saturdays. He is fluent in both English and Lithuanian. He is considered to be one of the best writers in his class.

Petras began taking piano lessons in April 2006. The past 2 years he was received the Young Achiever award from the Wenjen Piano Studio. The year before that he earned first

honorable mention for the Young Achiever Award. He is very passionate about music. Petras will be performing for the second time a 10-piece program (National Level) for the National Guild of Piano Teachers' annual auditions this year.

Petras enjoys stories, playing, listening to all kinds of music, skiing, rock climbing, traveling, swimming, hiking, geocaching, swinging and jumping on his trampoline. This summer he looks forward to trying out surfing in Hawaii.

This is Petras' fourth piano recital at Wenjen Piano Studios.

Country Ride in G Major Kohler

5-Note Sonatina in C Major Bolck

ZOE IP

Zoe Ip, who just turned 7 in March, began studying with Ms. Noreen in August 2007. During the past year, Zoe performed in the Bach Festival where she was a branch winner and proceeded to perform at the Regional Bach Festival, the MTAC Long Beach Branch Sonatina Competition, the CAPMT Piano Auditions, and her school's talent show. At the Southwestern Youth Music Festival last summer, Zoe placed 3rd in her category; she will participate again this summer. In April 2009 Zoe participated in the Certificate of Merit and passed Prep level. Later this month Zoe will participate in the National Guild Auditions; last year was her first year to participate in the auditions. Zoe was a recipient of the Wenjen Piano Studios Young Achiever Award this year.

When Zoe isn't attending first grade at Fisler Elementary in Fullerton, she plays tennis, takes ballet lessons, swims and plays with her brother, Tyler. After honing her faux-drum-

ming skills on Rock Band (the video game) during the past year, she and a few classmates are forming a band to perform at her school's talent show next spring.

Today will be Zoe's second recital at Wenjen Piano Studios.

Prelude in C Major BWV 939 J.S. Bach

Sonatina op. 36, No. 1 Clementi
Andante

Country Dance in D Major Beethoven

CHLOE CLARK

Chloe April Clark is nine years old and has been playing piano for nearly four years. Chloe performed her first piano workshop at Wenjen's Seal Beach studio in May of 2006. Chloe performed at her third CAPMT Piano Audition this year. She also completed Level 2 for the Certificate of Merit program this year. Chloe made theory honor roll in 2007. Her goal is to get back on the honor roll in 2010. Chloe received a 1st honorable mention medal from Wenjen Piano Studios in 2007. In May 2008 as well as this year (2009), Chloe received a Young Achiever Award along with a few other Wenjen Studio peers. Chloe played at her first MTAC Long Beach Sonata/Sonatina Piano Competition in May 2008, where she received an honorable mention. (Way to go!) That was a tune up for her 2008 Guild Audition. This year she will have to rely on good ole solid practice to prepare for her 3rd Guild Audition. Chloe will perform another ten-piece National program for Guild Auditions this year.

Chloe is in the fourth grade at Weaver Elementary in Los

Alamitos, where she recently won a Young Author Award. She has won several Barnes and Noble Young Author Awards within the past 4 years. Her forte is reading, writing and arithmetic. She has also won a personal success award for geometry greatness.

In Chloe's spare time she loves to ride her beach cruiser, dance, and cook. She took her first formal cooking class last year as well as attending summer cooking camp. Chloe also finds pleasure in singing. She joined the school's chorus this year. She is also one of the student leaders (aka Ambassadors) at Weaver.

This afternoon will be Chloe's fourth piano recital.

Song of Twilight	Nakada
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French Suite in G Major BWV 808 Musette	J.S. Bach
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Sonatina in C Major Moderato	Latour
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ROBERT GERSCHULTZ

Robert is eight years old and has studied piano with Noreen Wenjen for four years. Robert has played in the National Guild of Piano Teachers' Annual Auditions the past four years, performing a ten-piece program the past three years. He has performed in the SYMF, CAPMT, Bach Festival, and MTAC-Long Beach Sonata/Sonatina Competitions for the past 2 years. He received the top score of "5" at the CAPMT in 2007, an honorable mention at the Bach Festival in 2008, and an honorable mention at the 2009 MTAC-Long Beach Sonata/Sonatina Competition. He was also chosen to play

his Bach again at Cal State Dominguez Hills this year for the regional finals. Robert received the Young Achiever Award from Wenjen Piano Studios in 2007, 2008, and 2009.

Robert enjoys attending school with his many friends, playing piano, baseball, soccer, Tae Kwon Do, swimming, tennis, and helping dad. He is currently in second grade at Pegasus. He looks up to his big sister Jaclyn.

This is Robert's third recital at Wenjen Piano Studios.

Short Prelude in F Major BWV 927 J.S. Bach

Waltz in a minor Op. 39 Kabalevsky

Arabesque Op. 100 in a minor Burgmuller

VEJAS VASILIAUSKAS

Vejas Vasiliauskas is a twelve-year-old sixth-grader who attends Manhattan Beach Middle School during the week and Lithuanian school on Saturdays. He reads and writes both English and Lithuanian.

He has taken piano lessons since he was two-and-a-half years old. Vejas has studied piano with Noreen Wenjen since October 2002. Vejas performed a ten-piece program (National level) for the National Guild of Piano Teachers' annual auditions for the past six years. The past 2 years he received the Junior Achievement Award from the Wenjen Piano Studio. Last year he received first honorable mention for the Junior Achievement Award and two years ago the Young Achiever Award.

Vejas participated in the California State Finals of the National Science Olympiad this year.

This summer Vejas will be competing for the fourth time in the final round of the Braille Challenge. The top 60 Braille students (grades 1-12) from across the US and Canada are invited each year to compete in the final round of the Braille Institute of America's National Braille Challenge Invitational. This event is an academic competition designed to motivate school-aged Braille readers to sharpen their Braille skills. Vejas will be competing at the Sophomore level and will be matching his Braille skills against eleven 5th and 6th graders in a series of exercises designed to demonstrate proficiency in Braille.

Vejas enjoys writing, playing, listening to all kinds of music, reading books, geography, traveling, swimming, rock-climbing, surfing, skiing, snowboarding, hiking, geocaching, and jumping on his trampoline.

This is Vejas' seventh piano recital at Wenjen Piano Studios

Menuet in G Major BWV 114 J.S. Bach

Menuet in C Major K. 6 Mozart

Funny Event Op. 39 in G Major Kabalevsky

CLAYTON CLARK

Clayton August Clark is eleven years old and has played the piano for nearly four years. He initially became interested in taking formal piano lessons after being exposed to the keyboard at school thru the Music Intelligence Neuro Development (M.I.N.D.) Program. In May of 2006, Clayton performed in his first piano workshop at the Seal Beach studio. Within Clayton's initial year, he performed

in two piano auditions. That year, Clayton performed in the CAPMT Piano Auditions and received the top “5” rating, and was ask to play in Riverside. This year Clayton completed Level 2 of the Certificate of Merit program and made the theory honor roll (three years running) by scoring over 90% on his theory test. Clayton plans on completing the level 3 theory over the summer so he may move up to level 4 next year. He’s also shooting for 100% on the theory test. Clayton performed at his first Bach Festival in 2008, where he received an honorable mention. He also performed at his first sonata/sonatina festival in 2008. Last month, Clayton was one of many who received The Wenjen Piano Studios Jr. Achievement Award. Clayton received the Wenjen Piano Studios Young Achiever Award in May of 2007 and 2008.

Clayton is in the 5th grade at Weaver Elementary in Los Alamitos, where he is a model student, according to his teachers. He has received the Great Citizen Award as well as The Young Scientist Award. He also received straight A’s his last semester of the fourth grade.

He is also a computer whiz. He has always been exposed to the computer since he was a toddler. He can virtually do any task on a computer. He plans on being a “computer guru” one day. Clayton also enjoys cooking. (took his first formal class last year along with summer cooking camp) He also enjoys photography. He has a collection of cameras which include a Polaroid and a few antiques. He is definitely a renaissance boy. He can do it all!

This is Clayton’s fourth piano recital.

Sailor’s Song Op. 68 in g minor

Schumann

Etude Allegro in C Major

Nakada

CIARÁN GILLIGAN

Thirteen-year-old Ciarán Baker Gilligan has been studying piano with Noreen Wenjen since May 2000. He has performed in many workshops and received fourth honorable mention in 2001, third honorable mention in 2002, and first honorable mention in 2004 for the Wenjen Piano Studios Young Achiever Award. He received second honorable mention for the Jr. Achievement Award in 2007. In 2008, Ciarán received first honorable mention for the Wenjen Piano Studios Jr. Achievement Award. This year, Ciaran was one of the winners of the Jr. Achievement Award. He has participated in the National Guild of Piano Teachers' Auditions for the past eight years will present a seven-piece State level program this year, earning a silver pin and certificate. Ciarán passed the level four of the Certificate of Merit music testing this year.

Ciarán will be an 8th grader at Rolling Hills Prep School, where he again made the honor roll this year and looks forward to serving in his elected position of vice-president of the Middle School Student Council. He hopes to win the Middle School essay contest for a second consecutive year this spring; and so do his parents, as they most appreciate the prize of \$1,000 off his school tuition! One of his other biographical writing pieces was selected for this year's Middle School's "Crown Jewels" literature book.

A self-described soccer fanatic, Ciarán this spring was invited to join the South Bay Force club soccer team and earlier was a starting forward on his championship AYSO team, which went undefeated in league play. He also played for the RHP school soccer team and on an AYSO spring select team. This summer he will serve as a counselor-in-training at Chadwick School's Arts Unlimited program and will also go to a weeklong camp in Big Bear. This winter,

Ciaràn enjoyed conquering the peak black diamond runs at Mammoth Mountain, June Lake Resort and Snow Summit in Big Bear.

This afternoon is Ciaràn's ninth piano recital.

Ivan Sings in c minor

Khachaturian

Fur Elise in a minor

Beethoven

CAROLYN COLLINS

Carolyn, who is a Junior at Los Alamitos High School, has been studying piano with Noreen Wenjen for nine-and-a-half years. Carolyn has performed in the Certificate of Merit programs and also for the National Guild of Piano Teachers' annual auditions for the past nine years. She has enjoyed the growing complexities of the pieces she performs and loves studying with Noreen.

Carolyn is an "A" student who challenges herself constantly. This year has been especially busy and challenging as Carolyn enrolled in all Advanced Placement and Honors classes. Between her classes and taking SAT, ACT, SAT II, and AP tests she has spent a large percent of time studying in order to maintain her high GPA. She also loves playing soccer and continued to play both fall and spring on AYSO teams as a keeper. The spring team took first place in a thrilling final match. Carolyn is also an active member of The National Charity League, a mother/daughter philanthropy organization. She has earned the 100+ hour award again this year with National Charity League and enjoyed the many hours of philanthropy work, cultural experiences, and mother/daughter time.

This summer Carolyn will be traveling to Spain with a school program studying in Salamanca and living with a

family there and finishing her travels in Barcelona. Carolyn is also a certified lifeguard and water instructor and will work for the second summer as a counselor/instructor at the Long Beach Aquatics camp. Carolyn is excited for her senior year at Los Alamitos High School and making future plans for college. She aspires to be a Chemical Engineer having discovered that she not only enjoys Chemistry but is quite good at Chemistry.

This is Carolyn's ninth piano recital.

Sonatina Op. 20, No. 1 in C Major Kuhlau
Allegro

Waltz in b minor Op. 69, No.2 Chopin

MICHELLE LU

Michelle Lu is nine-and-a-half years old and has studied piano with Noreen Wenjen since June 2006. She received 1st honorable mention for the Wenjen Piano Studios Young Achiever Award in May 2007. She completed a national, ten-piece program for the Guild Audition in June 2007. In the summer of 2007, she won fourth place at the SYMF music festival. Michelle participated in the Certificate of Merit program starting in 2007 and progressed to Level 1 in 2008. In February 2008, she took top honors in the CAPMT competition. She got a Wenjen Piano Studios Young Achiever Award in May 2008. In June 2008, she completed a National ten-piece program for the Guild Audition. Early 2008, she got second place in the MTAC-Long Beach Sonata/Sonatina Competition. The summer of 2008, she captured first place at the SYMF Music Festival. In November 2008, she got a top score of 5 at the CAPMT competition. Spring of 2009, she became the first alternate at the Bach Festival and passed the Certificate of Merit program with theory honors once again for Level 2, receiving

Los Angeles Junior Festival in 2003 and 2004, receiving a Superior rating both years.

In April 2009, Candace completed level seven in the Certificate of Merit program.

During this past year she performed six times with the Music Students Service League (MSSL) at numerous Senior Citizen Homes in the Seal Beach & Los Alamitos area.

Candace participated in the National Guild Auditions by performing ten piece auditions in Torrance in 2002, 2003; and Long Beach in 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, and 2009.

She also participated in the California Association of Professional Music Teachers (CAPMT) Piano Auditions in 2005, 2006, 2007, and 2008.

Candace has performed in all the early workshops at the Wenjen Piano Studio in Seal Beach since 2005. She received third honorable mention for the Wenjen Piano Studios Junior Achievement Award in 2005. In 2006, 2007, 2008 & 2009, she received the Junior Achievement Award.

She is an eighth grader, attending First Lutheran School in Torrance. Candace has appeared onstage in eight school talent shows playing pieces from her repertoire.

Candace enjoys reading, playing tennis with her brother Zack, IM-ing her friends from school, and shopping with Mom. Candace will be attending Bishop Montgomery High School as a Freshman this Fall.

This afternoon marks her fifth recital at the studio.

Nocturne in c minor Op. Post.

Chopin

Tarantella Op. 65, No. 4 in d minor

Prokofiev

Sonata K. 331 in A Major

Mozart

Alla turca

ZACHARY HART

Thirteen-year-old Zachary Hart has studied piano for eight years. He's studied with Noreen Wenjen at her Torrance studio since January 2005.

Prior to taking lessons from Ms. Noreen, Zachary studied with Anne Martin Lee from 2001 to 2004. While taking lessons from Ms. Anne, Zachary participated in the West Los Angeles Junior Festival in 2003 and 2004, receiving a Superior rating both years.

In April 2009, Zachary completed level seven in the Certificate of Merit program with honors. He was also invited to play at the honors recital.

During this past year he performed six times with the Music Students Service League (MSSL) at numerous Senior Citizen Homes in the Seal Beach & Los Alamitos area.

Zachary participated in the National Guild Auditions by performing ten piece auditions in Torrance in 2002, 2003; and Long Beach in 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, and 2009.

He also participated in the California Association of Professional Music Teachers (CAPMT) Piano Auditions in 2005, 2006, 2007, and 2008.

Zachary has performed in all the early workshops at the Wenjen Piano Studio in Seal Beach since 2005. He re-

ceived third honorable mention for the Wenjen Piano Studios Junior Achievement Award in 2005. In 2006, 2007, 2008 & 2009, he received the Junior Achievement Award.

Zachary is an eighth grader, attending First Lutheran School in Torrance. He has appeared onstage in eight school talent shows playing pieces from his repertoire.

He enjoys reading, making Youtube videos with friends, playing Rock Band on his PS3, riding his bike, and playing tennis with his sister Candace. Zachary will be attending Bishop Montgomery High School as a Freshman this Fall.

This afternoon marks his fifth recital at the studio.

French Suite BWV 814 in b minor, Menuet J.S. Bach

Evening in Op. 65, No. 11 in F Major Prokofiev

Special thanks to all of the students and parents for their contributions to the reception and support throughout the year. A huge “thank-you” to our hostess today and throughout the year, Rose Wenjen.



Reception Following Program

*Please enjoy your refreshments
outside.*

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