



We, at CMMS are proud of all our students! We applaud everyone who is expressing themselves through their music - a direct, emotional language like no other. Below is a list of those who are using competitions to hone their performing abilities. Their reward, no matter what the judges say or what we say, is the ability to express their best.

Congratulations to you all!

Leeza Ali & Reed Tetzloff

September 13th, pianists Leeza Ali and Reed Tetzloff were selected by audition to perform for the Leon Fleischer master class at the University of Minnesota. They performed the Beethoven Op. 81a 1st movement, and the Liszt Funerailles, respectively.

Colton Peltier & William Yang

September 25th, pianists Colton Peltier and William Yang performed for the convocation of the Music Department at the University of Minnesota, Duluth, garnering a standing ovation from their faculty and student body. Dr. Wirth was also on stage as accompanist to William Yang in the Mozart Concerto #12, K414.

MTNA National Competition

October 11th, pianists Anthony Capparelli, Leo Wexler-Mann, Ming Lin, Ryan McNamara and Andy Xue competed at the state-wide MTNA National Competition. All played beautifully and with great aplomb. The judges chose Andy Xue as alternate winner in Junior High, and Ryan McNamara as first place winner in Sr. High – to compete January 17th in the regional competitions. Congratulations to all!!

New Faculty

The Central Minnesota Music School has a new faculty member in the Twin Cities area - Kim Lange, a pianist with a Masters in Piano Performance from the University of Minnesota. Welcome Kim!



Salon se Leve

October 12th, Colton Peltier performed at the first Salon se Leve concert of the season. As the Larson Award Winner, Colton presented a program of 50 minutes, finishing to a standing ovation.

November 9th, pianist Ryan McNamara and violinist Anna Clearman performed at the Salon se Leve concert – enhanced by the wonderful Baldwin SD 10 now in place at the Hennepin Ave United Methodist Church. The concert was a big success – with 85 in attendance.

Piano Teachers Association

November 11th, Dr. Wirth spoke to the St. Paul Piano Teachers Association on the subject of “Preparing Students for Competitions and Recitals”

SPPTA Piano Concerto Competition

November 15th, students from the studios of Dr. Wallace and Dr. Wirth competed at the SPPTA Concerto Competition. Leeza Ali, Bobby Levinger, Cindy Lu, Serena Lu, Ryan McNamara, Leo Wexler-Mann, Steve Qian, Emma Schneider, Andy Xue, and William Yang all played beautifully. Finalists were Leeza Ali, Cindy Lu, Ryan McNamara, and Leo Wexler-Mann (4 of the 6 finalists). First prize and a performance with the Mississippi Valley Orchestra in April went to Ryan McNamara. Third prize went to Leo Wexler-Mann. All were accompanied by Dr. Megan Wallace, Associate Teacher of Young Artists, CMMS. Congratulations also to Andy Xue, performing the Beethoven 1st Piano Concerto with the Mt. Olivet Orchestra on Sunday afternoon, Nov. 16, 2008.

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