

Concert Festival

Winner's Recital

Engelman Recital Hall at Baruch Performing Arts Center

April 19, 2015 at 7 p.m.

Program

Voice students of Anna Pastukhova:

Isabel Vilensky, guest artist _____ W. A. Mozart - Barbarina's Aria ("Le Nozze de Figaro")

Elizabeth Goldengur, guest artist _____ E. Grieg - "Solveig" Op.23

Jessica Goldstein, 3rd prize _____ F. Schubert - Serenade

Milada Sirota, 3rd prize _____ Ch. Gounod - Siebel's Aria (from "Faust")

Colin Pratasevich, guest artist _____ F. Schubert - Ave Maria

Chantal Khodarkovsky, guest artist _____ G. Puccini - O mio babbino caro

Sofia Kotlyar, 2nd prize _____ A. Bixio - Mamma Son Tanto Felice

Sophia Levit, guest artist _____ A. Scarlatti - Le Violette

Eileen Xu NJ, piano 3rd prize _____ F. Schubert - Scherzo B flat minor



Mingzi Yan, Solo Recital Competition Winner - **First Prize**

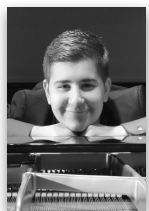
_____ J.S. Bach - Invention E major

_____ L. van Beethoven - Sonata Op.49 #2, Mov. I

_____ P. Tchaikovsky - April

_____ F. Chopin - Etude F minor Op.25 #2

_____ F. Chopin - Waltz F major



Alex Tiratsuyan, Solo Recital Competition Winner - **First Prize**

_____ F. Chopin - Etude Op.10 #4

_____ A. Khachaturian - Adagio from "Spartacus"

_____ F. Liszt - Hungarian Rhapsody #2

. Awards ceremony

Mingzi Yan, 10 y.o., was born in China, she started her piano lessons at the age of 3. When Mingzi was 7, her family moved to the United States, where she continued the piano studies with Yelena Polezhayev. At the age of 8, Mingzi took a part in the Third Rosalyn Tureck International Bach Competition and was awarded with Honorable Mention Diploma. As a result she performed at Bruno Walter Auditorium at Lincoln Center in the Winners Concert. In 2013 and 2014 Mingzi became a Grand Prix Winner of the Concert Festival International Competition and performed twice at the Weill Recital Hall at Carnegie Hall. As a Winner of the Concerto Competition 2014, Mingzi performed Concerto, D minor by J.S. Bach with the Concert Festival Orchestra in May 2014. At the age of 9, Mingzi was awarded with \$500 scholarship to participate in Concert Festival Russia Summer Tour and performed twice in Saint Petersburg as well as participated in the Master Classes, given by Professor Alexander Sandler and Professor Irina Sharapova of Saint Petersburg Conservatory. On March 1, 2015 Mingzi performed at Connetquot Public Library Concerto for Piano and Orchestra in D major, written and dedicated to her by Vladimir Polezhayev.

Alex H. Tiratsuyan was born in 1998 in Yonkers, NY to John and Lucy Tiratsuyan. Alex loved music from an early age, a gift he inherited from his musical family. At the age of 7 Alex began to study piano with his grandfather who was a musician. Grandpa realized Alex's remarkable ability and suggested that he be taught by a professional pianist. Since the age of 9, Alex has been studying with Svetlana Gorokhovich at the Westchester Music Conservatory in White Plains, NY. Alex has prospered greatly under the tutelage of Svetlana. Alex received two Gold Medal Awards from AADGT at the International Young Musicians "Passion of Music 2010" Festival and the 2011 Golden Key Festival Competition. He has been awarded First Prize in four competitions: the 13th Annual Music Competition YWCA in Queens, NY, twice at the American Fine Arts Festival and at the "Direct Help for Armenian People" 2012 Concert of the Armenian Youth Competition. As a winner in various competitions organised by; American Fine Arts, AADGT "Passion of Music" Festival, Golden Key Festival, Alex has performed seven times at Weill Recital Hall at Carnegie Hall. Solo piano performances include: Merkin Concert Hall at Kaufman Center for the "Salute to Armenia" fundraiser and at the Home for The Armenian Aged in Emerson N.J. where Alex accompanied a vocalist and choir for the Armenian Genocide Memorial. In April of 2010 Alex performed at Untermyer Park for the Untermyer Performing Arts Council. Alex received Certificates of Recognition and Memorable Performance awards from several New York legislators, including State Senator Andrea Stewart Cousins and Assemblyman Mike Spano. Alex regularly performs at St. Gregory's Armenian Church in White Plains, Alex is also the understudy to the organist for Sunday mass or special services. Currently, Alex is a freshman at Fiorello H. LaGuardia High School of Music & Art and Performing Arts in Manhattan where he studies Oboe as a second instrument. In the recent years, Alex has come to appreciate and love Jazz. Alex has been studying Jazz and Music Theory with accomplished jazz pianist Billy Lester.

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