THE Artists

Rachel Tat

Rachel Tat has performed in New York, San Francisco, Oakland, Vienna and Moscow. She has received Second Place in the American Protégé International Piano and Strings Competition 2017 and performed at Weill Recital Hall at Carnegie Hall in New York City. In 2018, she performed in Vienna after winning second place in an international music competition, and studied at the Moscow Conservatory in Summer 2018. She is an award winner of the United States Open Music Competition and was selected to perform in the Junior Bach Festival for two consecutive years. Rachel currently studies under Matt Wang.

Koutaro Ohnishi

Koutaro Ohnishi is a first-prize winner of the "Grand Prize Virtuoso" International Music competition in July 2018, Salzburg, Austria. He studies under Matt Wang in San Jose, California, and is a student of Keys school in Palo Alto.

Leonardo Zhou

Leonardo Zhou was the second-place winner, and smallest pianist, in the Children's Small Golden Bell 2017, a first-place winner in the Richmond Music Festival, and a First Class Honours recipient in Piano at the Royal Conservatory of Music Grade 10. He performed in the VGH+UBC charity show at Vancouver General Hospital, participated in the Melody of Love for the Chinese Ambassador Society, has been awarded certificates in a multitude of competitions, and won gold standing at British Columbia Conservatory of Music. Leonardo, nine, has been learning piano since the age of three.

Akira Ohyabu

Akira Ohyabu is a First Place Winner of the American Protégé International Piano and Strings Competition 2017. She is passionate for the piano and strives for focus and excellence in her playing. She is a student of Matt Wang.

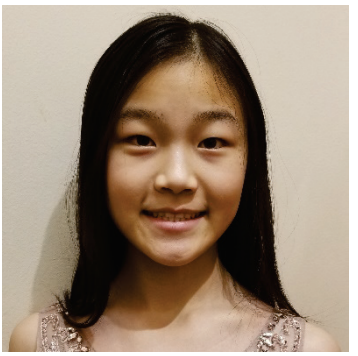
Rachel Neathery

Rachel Neathery was a third-place winner of the American Protégé International Competition of Romantic Music, a winner of the NVMTA Sonata Festival In 2019, and a two-time winner at Mason Arts Academy of George Mason University. She has performed at an Honors Recital in Harris Theater and Weill Recital Hall at Carnegie Hall, among other venues, and has participated annually in the National Federation of Music Club's Spring Festival, receiving superior ratings. Rachel, eleven, is in the sixth grade at Lees Corner Elementary School in Fairfax, Virginia.

Dazhen Lu

Dazhen Lu received a Gold award in China National Piano and Strings Competition at six years old, as well as gold awards in China National Piano and Strings Competition. After relocating to the United States, he was 3rd place winner of the 2016 American Protégé International Piano and Strings Competition and 2nd place in American Protégé International Piano and Strings Competition in 2017. Dazhen welcomes his third performance at Carnegie Hall; he is in the fifth grade.

Jade Xu



Jade Xu has won the 8th Taiwanese Music Festival Competition winners and the Ann Arbor Area Piano Teacher Guild Foundation's Scholarship Competition. She is a Special Plaque recipient of the National Guild Piano Teacher 15 pieces Early Bach, Sonatina, Advanced Bach, and Sonata categories. She won 2nd place in 2018 American Protégé International Piano and Strings Competition. She is a principal violinist of the Detroit Metropolitan Youth Symphony Concert Orchestra, and organized student concerts at Glacier Hills Senior Home in Ann Arbor. Jade is a freshman at Washtenaw International High School in Michigan, and has been studying piano since the age of five under Hsiu-Hui Peng Chen.

Tyler Zhou

Tyler Zhou is a three-time winner of the American Protégé International Music Talent Competition. He has performed in the Weill Recital Hall three times, and has performed in a multitude of recitals and festival. Tyler, from Davie, Florida, attends the American Heritage school and studies under Ms. Yvette Greene.

Marina Kim

Marina Kim has received Superior ratings in the Music Teachers Association of California, and performed at the MTAC State Convention for three consecutive years in Northern and Southern California. She performed with the Preparatory Music Department at Holy Names University as a piano ensemble member, participated in Lang Lang's Pianist Program at Sonoma State College, and received Top Honors in the West Coast Ragtime Competition. Marina, fourteen, studies under Elena Bai Pang in the Bay Area.

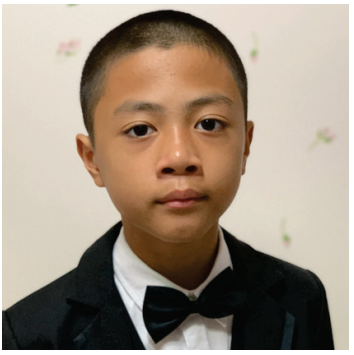
Claire Wang

Claire Wang has received best performance awards from 2012-2017 for performances at Aurora School of Music, won third place in the 2017 American Protégé International Piano & Strings Competition, and won first place in the 2018 Golden Classical Music Competition. Claire has participated at the Northeast Ohio Music Teacher Association Fall Music Festival in 2014 and 2017, is a member of Novi Middle School choir, and has taken master classes with Stanislav Khristenko, Dr. Pierre van der Westhuizen, and Arnaldo Cohen, among others. She studies under Hsiu-Hui Peng Chen.

Nico Brett

Nico Brett has performed for three consecutive years in the Honors Recital at the Colorado Suzuki Institute, and is a third-prize winner of the New York Debut Young Musicians International competition. He was one of six seventh-grade students to receive Outstanding Performer ranking in the Georgia Music Teachers Association 2018 competition. Nico is co-founder of the Georgia-based charity Play Me Again Pianos, and is preparing his seventh solo recital, performing his first at the age of six.

Jaden Tan

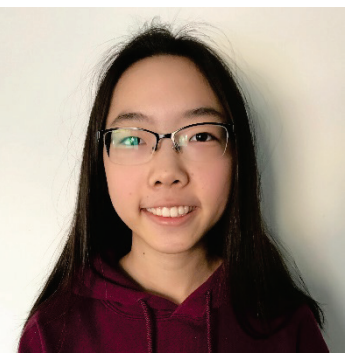


Jiok Fong 'Jaden' Tan passed his Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music (ABRSM) Grade 8 piano examination with distinction at ten years old, and obtained his Associate of the Trinity College of London (ATCL) diploma in Piano Performance. Jaden studies violin as a second instrument, and currently pursues a Music Elective Programme (MEP) at Catholic High School in Singapore. Jaden, from Singapore, studies piano with Steinway Artist Benjamin Loh.

Albert Su

Albert Su is a recent top prize winner of 2019 Peninsula Symphony Marilyn Mindell Piano Competition at California Bay Area and a multiple award-winner in the U.S. Open Music Competitions, including third place in Showcase Piano Solo Competition Junior Group in 2017 and second place in Open Piano Concerto Competition Intermediate Group in 2018. He made his Carnegie Hall debut in the 2017 American Protégé International Piano and Strings Competition and is a second place winner of the 2019 American Protégé International Concerto Competition. Albert studies under Heidi Hau of the San Francisco Conservatory of Music.

Annie Lu



Annie Lu is a winner of the American Protégé International Piano and Strings Competition 2018. She has received the National Piano Guild's 15 Memorized Early Bach Repertoire Special Plaque Award and 15 Memorized Advanced Bach Repertoire Special Plaque Award, has organized flute performances with her school band at the Glacier Senior Living Community and the Kerrytown Concert House, and has achieved top rankings at Michigan's annual Solo and Ensemble Festival, sponsored by Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association, for both piano and flute. Annie, fifteen, is a sophomore at Huron High School in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Jianna Jia Kim

Jianna Kim is a six-time winner of the International Great Composers' competition and a winner of the American Protégé International Music Competition, the Grand Music Competition, and the Enkor International Music competition. Jianna performed at Weill Recital Hall at Carnegie Hall four times, at Merkin Concert Hall at the International Grand Music Competition's winner's concert, and in a solo concert for children with autism. Jianna performed at Rowan University in 2017 and 2018 and attended Curtis Summerfest at The Curtis School of Music in 2017 as one of the youngest attendees, subsequently being chosen to perform for flutist Mimi Stillman. Jianna studies under Michael Maizels and is in the sixth grader at Germantown Academy, Pennsylvania. She also has had private lessons with flutist Jasmine Choi.

Raina Bandekar

Raina Bandekar is the winner of numerous national competitions, including the American Protégé Music Talent Competition in the Solo and Duet Categories, the American Protégé International Competition of Romantic Music 2018, and the American Protégé Woodwind and Brass Competition 2018. She has attended Curtis Summerfest 2017 and Rowan Jazz Festival 2016 and 2017. Raina, fourteen, currently studies under Michael Maizels.

Josephine Fox

Josephine Fox made her Carnegie Hall debut in November 2018. She is a current member of Civic Youth Orchestra in Escondido, California, with whom she will perform in the West Coast Youth Orchestra Festival at the Walt Disney Concert Hall in June. She has been invited as guest soloist for the Young Musicians Foundation Debut Orchestra in Los Angeles, CA for the 2019-2020 season. Josephine, a 7th Grader at Maria Montessori School in San Diego, has studied violin since the age of five with Darija Hodko.

Lois Lee

Lois Lee has achieved Merit for grades 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 in The Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music (ABRSM) in London, UK, as well as music theory grade 5 with a distinction. She is a frequent singer in events at her boarding school, and grew up with a strong appreciation for choral music. She attends St. Andrew's school in Middletown, Delaware

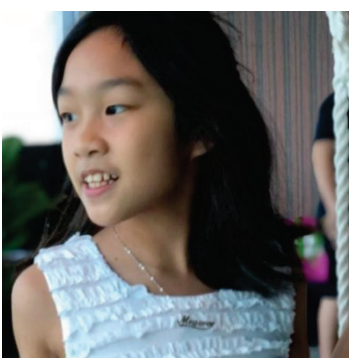
Elyssa Duggan

Elyssa Grace Duggan has performed at Carnegie Hall as a second-place winner of the American Protégé International Vocal Competition in the Broadway category, and performed at Lincoln Center for the American Festival of the arts 2018. Taking lead roles in *Alladin, Elf Jr.,* and *Seussical*, she has starred as *Annie* in a local performance in Lansdale, PA. Elyssa is from Pennsylvania, and began her voice and piano lessons at the age of five.

Natasha Mar

Natasha Mar, currently 13 years old, began playing the piano at age 3 and the cello at age 7. She is an 8th grader at the Bishop's School in La Jolla, CA. For piano, Natasha has been rated Superior each year by the National Federation of Music Club's Festival and Guild. Natasha volunteers to play piano solos for the residents at local retirement homes. At age 7, Natasha played first chair with the San Diego Youth Symphony's Overture Strings Orchestra. She has won first place medals for Solo Cellist and Cello Duet and first place group awards for Orchestra and Ensemble performances during the California Association of Professional Music Teachers annual Young Artists' Competition. Last year, Natasha was selected to play the piano at the American Protégé Summer Gala Concert and won the competition to play the cello at the American Protégé International Piano and Strings Competition Concert.

Megan Shi Yu Tay



Megan Tay, ten, made her first foray into singing in 2018 at her school's Talentime Contest. Despite having no prior training, her debut performance made Top 5 Finalist and she went on to clinch 2nd Runner-up in the subsequent contest. Within two months of coaching, Megan attained Distinction in LCM Popular Music Vocals Exam. Notable performances include Child Aid 2018, a charity concert graced by the President of Singapore, Riway's 10th Anniversary, before a 55,000-strong audience sharing the stage with international stars, and KBEE 2018, performing for ministers and trade officials at a bilateral trade event by KOTRA. An animal lover, Megan was stoked to be a soloist

at an event for Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. Megan recently bagged several awards at the Asia Students Art Festival 2019 in Hong Kong for solo and group performances.

Maeline Kaufmann Dauge

Maeline Kaufmann Dauge has taken on multiple roles from famous musicals as a member of Broadway Academy - "Aladdin", "Frozen", "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory", and “Ruthless” among others. She won first place in the Ontario-Quebec Vocal Competition in 2017. She studies piano and dance and currently rehearses with Martina Oslejskova of Broadway Academy, having been trained in styles from classical to pop. Maeline has been singing since the age of five.

Aayushi Kumar

Aayushi Kumar, has consistently received “Superior” ratings at the National Federation of Music Clubs, has passed the ABRSM grade 4 test for piano and currently aims for the LCM Diploma and ABRSM grade 5. She is an officer of the National Music Honors Society, a member of a selective jazz ensemble, and Vice-President of her school’s acoustic music club. She produces a collection of her own music, pop songs with R&B/EDM influences, and is founding a non-profit to provide a community album for teenagers’ music. Aayushi is fifteen years old.

Michelle Zemlyak

Michelle Zemlyak has received several awards from California State Talent Competition from Youth Focus, including the Grand Prize in the Piano category and First Place in the Vocal category. She made her Carnegie Hall debut in April 2018, performing "I Am the Greatest Star" from the musical Funny Girl, and has performed in multiple musicals, notably presenting the title role in *Madeline's Christmas*. Michelle, seventeen, is from San José and studies under Prof. Simona Snitkovskaya.

Kayla Silverman

Kayla Silverman has notably portrayed "Cosette" in *Les Misérables*, Soloist in *Godspell* and "Belle" in *Beauty and The Beast*. She earned her ABRSM Certification with Distinction and hopes to obtain her diploma in 2019. Kayla' music video duet, *Outside Looking In,* was named "Best Song" by the 2018 LA Film Award; she released an EP of original songs titled *I Believe*. She has performed hour-long solo performances in The Cutting Room and The Bitter End in NYC, and at the BBYO International Convention Opening Ceremonies in February to an audience of 6,000. Kayla, seventeen, hails from Weston, Massachussetts.

Sonia Seth

Sonia Seth, an accomplished jazz singer, has appeared in the Berklee Jazz Singer Showcase, the Berklee Jazz Festival, and the Area All-State Chorus. She has performed in numerous events as a member of her school's chamber choir and founded the Arts for Cure club at her school to conduct art-based community service. Sonia, sixteen, is from Edgemont, New York, and is a member of Sing for Hope.

Christiana Schiller

Christiana Schiller has performed at Carnegie Hall and Sydney Opera House after being chosen out of 18,000 global nominations, to join the elite Honors Performance Series Honor Choir in 2018 & 2019. She is a three-time member of California All-State Honor Choir since 2016, and one of six vocalists selected to compete at the 2019 Monterey NextGen Jazz Festival. She is a first-prize winner of the American Protégé International Vocal Competition and was awarded silver medals at the World Championship of Performing Arts. She toured Europe at thirteen as part of the 2015 Fine Arts Honors Orchestra, and released a single after winning a San-Francisco-based competition. She is a student of Valley Christian High School in San Jose, California, and plays piano, trombone, and horn.

Jasper Luan

Jasper Luan, pianist and singer, is a top-prize winner in numerous piano festivals and competitions. He is a key performer in his school choir and a member of the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra Junior Choir. As a pianist, he has notably performed in Carnegie Hall in April 2019. Jasper is a third-grade student of Collingwood School in West Vancouver.

Max Hamill

Max Hamill, singer, is a member of a West Vancouver independent choir group. He has participated, and appeared as guest soloist, in the Operation Smile Charity music festival two times in 2018 and 2019. He has volunteered at the Canada Youth Funding Association in the Business Proposal Competition, and is a vigorously-practicing drummer. He is thrilled to be making his debut on the Stern Auditorium stage.

Nijjaree Dusitsoonthornkul

Nijjaree Dusitsoonthornkul was born in 2008 in Thailand. She started from violin lessons and she has been taking vocal lessons for 2 years. In 2017, she was chosen as a junior singer to join the TV program "We Kid Thailand Season1". In 2018 she got gold trophy singing award from Asia Pacific Art Festival in Singapore, she was awarded the prize from HRH princess Sirindhorn in E. B. O. Voice studio singing contest. Furthermore, she was awarded the National Outstanding Youth Award and she was chosen to join The Delegation of The Young Ambassadors of Virtue Project to visit the Republic of the Philippines. And Nijjaree was recently selected to be the Thailand's representative at the upcoming WCOPA competition.

Chloe Ren

Chloe Ren is a First Class Honors recipient of the Royal Conservatory of Music exam. She has performed in charity performances for Operation Smile to help children in need. Chloe has been studying voice under Jessica Zhang since the age of eight.

Tvisha Chandupatla

Tvisha Chandupatla, a singer and clarinetist, has auditioned in America's Got Talent, participated in Big Joe's Jersey Talent Show, and frequently performs in her school's choir. She presented several songs at her father's office. An avid Taylor Swift fan, Tvisha dreams to become a professional singer. She is eleven years old and hails from New Jersey.

Gem Zhang

Gem Zhang, an accomplished singer, is a recipient of the RCM Opera Certificate and was an invited special guest in the Bell Center's Chinese New Year Concert. She was the youngest national anthem singer for the Canucks at Rogers Arena. Gem has helped raised ten thousand dollars for the Operation Smile Organization and she is always willing to help more children keep on smiling.

Tulip Ghosh

Tulip Ghosh is a multiple winner of the Mid Atlantic Music Teachers Guild competition, the Kallol Youth Talent competition, Woodbrook Youth Talent competition, Woodrow Wilson Youth Talent competition, etc., in the vocal category. She is also first place winner of the American Protégé International vocal competition 2018, and a Mid-Atlantic Idol Trophy recipient. As a trained Indian classical dancer, she has performed in various cultural programs with world renowned choreographers. Tulip, twelve years old, is an accelerated student and studies voice modulation at Mason Gross Music division of Rutgers University.

Isabelle Wong

Isabelle Wong won the American Protégé International Music Talent Competition in 2017 for Voice and Singapore Youth Festival song-writing award in 2018, among others. Her composition "Higher" was produced into a CD for Singapore Ministry of Education in 2018. She was regional champion for Chinese solo and English group singing categories at Asia Students' Arts Festival 2019. She aspires to publish a single on Spotify and today performs "All I Can Do", her own composition. Isabelle is from Singapore and studies under John Khoo from MADDSpace.

Liana Lamparelli

Liana Lamparelli is a prolific talent show competitor and musical performer, and has appeared in numerous local events in Canton, Massachusetts. She recently auditioned for the Boston Celtics and the New England Revolution to perform the National Anthem. She makes her Isaac Stern Auditorium debut today as an American Protégé winner. Liana, fourteen, studies under Courtney Chizmadia.

Prasheela Ramesh

Prasheela Ramesh is a winner of the American Protégé International Vocal competition, attained the Gold Award in the 5th Asia Arts Festival, became the Champion for the B-Dazzled Singing Competition 2018, and was the Champion (Teen category) for the Runway Talent Hunt 2018 and the Popstar of the Year Competition 2017. She attained Grade 8 Certification in LAMDA (Musical Theatre) and is pursuing Grade 8 of ABRSM. She has been a leading performer in productions throughout schools, concerts, roadshows, and corporate events, and has performed musical theatre and classical works in Carnegie Hall. Prasheela currently studies in Singapore's School of the Arts.

Sarina Sharma

Sarina Sharma released her first E.P. internationally at thirteen years old, recorded with a Grammy-winning producer. She has collaborated with other professional musicians in charity shows, raising money for numerous local organizations, and achieved Level 7 in the California Music Teachers' Certification Program. She performed the National Anthem at a Sacramento Kings basketball game alongside her school choir. She has been singing since the age of nine.

Yana Ebbing

Yana Ebbing was a Second Place Winner in both the American Protégé Broadway/Musical Theatre Repertoire Vocal and International Music Talent Competitions 2017 and performed at Summer Gala Concert at Isaac Stern Auditorium at Carnegie Hall, as well as the International Piano Festival "Summer in Chopin's Homeland" in Lublin, Poland in 2018. She is trained in various vocal genres, has placed 1st, 2nd and 3rd at AGM Great Lakes Regional Contests in piano solo, duet, vocal classical and pop categories and won the Vocal Classical Champion award at AGM 116th Annual National Convention. She is a prolific theatre and cabaret artist and recently performed her first original song at Detroit Institute of Music Education (DIME) after completing a commercial songwriting course. Yana began studying voice in 2016 and is from West Bloomfield, Michigan.

Peiying Li

Peiying “Vicky” Li, an accomplished singer and pianist, held a solo charity concert in Hollywood in March 2019 and performed four songs at the Vancouver Kiwanis Music Festival in April 2019. She has excelled in the RCM Vocal Music Level 3 examination, attended the 2018 ISLC summer camp, and performed in a charity concert by Jessica Music School in January 2019. Vicky hails from Vancouver, Canada.