THE Artists

Crystal ZiQi Yu

Crystal Yu has performed on the piano in 'Fight for Beauty' at the West Vancouver community foundation during the Chinese New Year and is a frequent performer for fundraising activities for North Vancouver's Lions Gate Hospital. She has performed in Fundraising Galas for various charities, a fundraising concert for Children's Hospital, and at the" Music for Love Christy" Concert in October as well. She is a Member of the Vancouver Young Pianist Club. She is a winner of the American Protégé International Music Talent Competition 2018 and performed at Weill Recital Hall at Carnegie Hall and has performed at Arbutus Club in Vancouver. Christy studies under FaFan Xiao.

George Yi Han Wang

George Yi Han Wang won first prize under the Novice category in the Pacific Youth Piano Festival Gala Competition, received three trophies under the categories of Piano Duet, Duet Duo and Quartet at the North Shore Music Festival, and received First Place for "Age Six and Below" at the Sixth Annual Global Outstanding Youth Performer's Selection. He won First Place in the American Protégé International Music Talent Competition and performed in Weill Recital Hall at Carnegie Hall. He has performed at multiple charity concerts for BC Children's Hospital, Lions Gate Hospital and Richmond Hospital. George was awarded the 2018 Canadian Young Artist Standards of Excellence Award and performed at the First Annual World Youth's Chinese New Year Concert. George studies music under FaFan Xiao.

Anson Zhuo Heng Yu

Anson Yu is a regular performer at the Arbutus Marin Center and a first-place winner of the American Protégé International Music Talent competition 2018. He has performed at the Four Seasons Hotel and notably Weill Recital Hall at Carnegie Hall. He has performed at the 3rd Annual LGH Community Care Gala as well as at the BC Children Hospital's Helping Kids Gala, and in the 2017 Classical Christmas Concert, a charity event for Lions Gate Hospital Foundation. He is currently preparing for the 4th Vancouver Youth Piano Concert with West Coast Symphony Orchestra. Anson, seven, studies with FaFan Xiao.

Ryan Huang

Ryan Huang is a Grand Prize winner in the 2018 Canadian Music Competition and performed in the 2018 American Protégé Summer Gala Concert in Isaac Stern Auditorium at Carnegie Hall. He has won numerous first place awards and scholarships in Crescendo International, GOCAA, North York Music Festival, OMFA Provincial, Peel Music Festival, Burlington Music Festival, and others. He participated the T.I.M.M in Italy, receiving masterclasses from Antonio Pompa-Baldi, Eduardo Delgado, Enrico Elisi, and Yunjie Chen and performing with Napolinova Youth Orchestra under Francesco D'Ovidio. Ryan is a student of Dr. Olga Chichova.

Rosanna Foss

Rosanna Foss, musician, actress and philanthropist, is the four-time Second Prize Winner of Grand Prize Virtuosos International Music Competition and a winner of the American Protégé International Piano and Strings Competition 2017. She has performed in Rome, Paris, in London at the Royal Albert Hall on Sir Elton John's Red Piano, and today makes her seventh appearance on the Carnegie Hall stage. Rosanna studies composing under Cliff Rowley and piano with Adrian Beckwith in England and Gayane Sahakyan in California. She is a student at Brockhurst & Marlston House Schools; her recent accomplishments got her Head's Commendations in French, Math, and English.

Arya Babu

Arya Babu has won a number of regional, national and international piano competitions in classical piano, making her debut at Carnegie Hall in New York in May 2015 after winning 2nd prize at the American Protégé competition. She has been a regular performer at Carnegie Hall, as well as performing in the Mozarteum Salzburg in Austria and the Gläserner Saal in Vienna. She has been invited to a music study in Europe, including performances in Germany, Salzburg, and Italy, and has received Unanimous Superior rating by judges of the NEOMTA Junior Music Festival, receiving her first gold cup in March 2016. She was awarded "The Confucius Institute Award for Distinguished Performance of Chinese Music" at a Chinese competition held in Cleveland. Arya studies under Cynthia Crotty.

Emma Liu

Emma K. Liu has won the Steinway Society of South Jersey Young Pianist Competition for three consecutive years, as well as the American Protégé International Music Competition, Camerata Artists and Chopin International Piano Competitions, and others. She has performed at the Curtis Institute for Music and the Academy of Music at Kimmel Center in Philadelphia, Bruno Walter Auditorium at Lincoln Center, and Weill Recital Hall and Stern Auditorium at Carnegie Hall in New York City. She accepted an invitation to perform and attend master classes at the International Music Festival at Mirror Hall in Tarnow, Poland, and will travel to Osaka, Japan, in 2019 to participate in the Crescendo International Student Exchange Program. Emma has played piano since the age of five and has passed the ABRSM grade 5 exam in piano with distinction.

Gary Xu

Gary Xu is a winner of many piano competitions, including First Prize at the Metropolitan Detroit Musicians League Young Artist Competition, First Place at Albion College International Piano Young Artist Competition, Second Place at Michigan Music Teachers Association State Finals and multiple wins at Schoolcraft College competitions, among others. As a violinist, Gary is the concertmaster of his school's orchestra and principal second violin of Oakland Youth Symphony. Gary is a freshman at Troy High School in Troy, Michigan, and studies under Prof. Catherine Rollin.

Trinity Jantarach

Trinity Jantarach is a Gold Medal and Award winner of numerous competitions and festivals. She is a First Prize winner in the Trinity College and ABRSM National Competition in Thailand, a Gold Medal winner in the Passion of Music 2017 Festival, and First Prize winner of Grand Prize Virtuoso London. She won First Prize in the Youth Category of 18th Osaka International Music Competition 2018, Japan. She is a participant of the Sicily International Music Festival in Italy and scholarship recipient at The Global Summer Institute Of Music in Richmond, Virginia. Trinity studies under Dr. Pornphan Banternghansa and looks forward to her Stern Auditorium performance.

Derek Lu

Derek Lu has won First Place in the 2018 American Protégé International Piano and Strings Competition; he has performed in Weill Recital Hall at Carnegie Hall and has been invited to perform at the Gala Concert in both the Ehrbar Hall and the Bösendorfer Hall in Mozart Haus in August 2018 in Vienna, Austria. Derek has won numerous other national music competitions and participated in an international student exchange Program in Germany and Belgium, Luxembourg, performing in Beethoven Haus.

Ivette Chen

Ivette Chen started cello at age 9 with Rachael Lonergan, and currently studies with Sarah Koo. Ivette has been a prizewinner for ASTA, LAVS, Classics Alive, and American Protege's International Music Talent Competition. Currently, she is in the prestigious Chamber OC program, as well as Colburn's Youth Orchestra. Ivette has also held her own solo piano recital at age 8. Ivette is born in California and is a freshman at Troy High School. Not only does Ivette enjoy practicing cello, she also loves math and biology.

Jacqueline Yang

Jacqueline "Jackie" Yang was a first-place winner at the US International Music Competition and the American Protégé International Music Talent Competition, and a second-place winner in a New York-based International Concerto Competition, among others. She was awarded "Command" Superior rating at the CMEA (California Music Educators' Association) solo festival. She is the principal cellist of Silicon Valley Youth Orchestra, a cello quintet member at California Music Preparatory Academy, and the founder of a cello choir, which played in a masterclass for the Miró Quartet in 2018. Jackie studies under Jonathan Koh and is studying chamber music at California Music Preparatory Academy.

Katherine Wu

Katherine Wu has participated in various competitions, notably winning fourth place award at the Southwestern Youth Music Festival. She was a member of the IUSD District Honor Orchestra for two years, the 2016 All Southern Elementary Honor Orchestra, and the Pacific Symphony Santiago Strings (PSSS), where she played in the 2017-2018 season. Katherine resides in California and has been studying since the age of seven under Mizuki Noda.

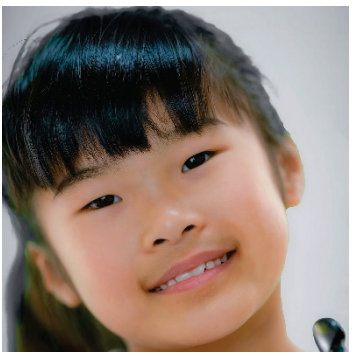
Michael Wu

Michael Wu is a multiple winner of the Southwestern Youth Music Festival, winning 4th and 2nd place at the 2013 and 2015 SYMF competitions, and has performed with the Irvine Unified School District's Middle School Honor Orchestra for multiple years, as well as the 2018 California High School All State Orchestra. He performed with the Pacific Symphony Santiago Strings from 2015-2017, and with the Pacific Symphony Youth Orchestra from 2017- 2018. Michael studies cello under Pacific Symphony cellist Andy Honea.

Shuyan (Shawn) Xie

Shuyang "Shawn" Xie, is a fourth-prize winner at the Los Angeles International Liszt Competition and was invited as a guest artist for the 2019 National Association of Music Merchants show. Shawn studies under Ethan Dong at Opus119 school of music. A sophomore in Portola High School in Irvine, California, he is excited for his performance at Isaac Stern Auditorium at Carnegie Hall with his Opus WX trio.

Stephanie Jiang



Stephanie Jiang is a winner of the 32nd Deborah Kahan Solo Competition, receiving news publicity for her appearance in the Winners' Concert. She has performed in David Geffen Hall in Lincoln Center, National Concert Hall of China Conservatory of Music in Beijing, and others. She is the youngest first violin in the New England Youth Symphony to perform in the United Nations, Carnegie Hall, Yale University's Woolsey Hall and Nelson Hall. She has received top scores in piano performances for three years and received a Winner's Trophy from Schubert Club Fairfield County Music Teachers' National Association in 2017. Stephanie hails from Trumbull, Connecticut.

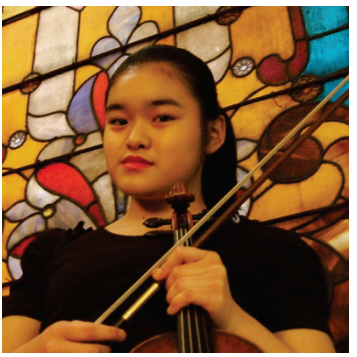
Adelyn Chen

Adelyn Chen serves as co-concertmaster of the Peninsula Youth Orchestra, performing with them on international tours. She made her solo debut with El Camino Youth Symphony at the age of 11 after winning the Concerto competition, and is a third-place winner of the United States Open Music Competition. She received Superior Command Performance ratings from numerous judges for outstanding performances in both violin and drums at the CMEA Solo and Ensemble Festival. As a pianist, Adelyn won Golden State Youth Orchestra's Concerto Competition. Adelyn, a junior at Design Tech High School in Redwood Shores, California, studies with Florin Parvulescu.

Mia Ye

Mia Ye, a singer, pianist and ballet/folk dancer, has won First Prize in the American Protégé International Vocal Competition 2017, First Prize in the Golden Voices of America, and Most Popular award in the 2015-2016 Water Cup Singing Contest. She has appeared in festivals such as the Asian Pacific American Heritage Month Celebration in NASA, for an outstanding performance in the Mid-Autumn Moon Festival Celebration in 2016, and was invited to perform at the Exelon Gas & Electric Building in 2017, singing "Masks of Peking Opera" for Baltimore Mayor Catherine E. Pugh. Mia has been studying under singer Chunfeng Li.

Marianna Narita



Marianna Narita made her Carnegie Hall debut in June of 2018 and won First Place in the 2019 American Protégé Piano and Strings Competition. She has been awarded by the Ohio Senate for her outstanding musicality, and was selected to receive a masterclass under violinist Esther Yoo. She actively plays in the Cincinnati Symphony Youth Orchestra. Marianna studies the violin under Stacey Woolley.

Alicia Chu

Alicia Chu, 12, started playing piano and dancing since the age of 4. She started vocal training with Chunfeng Li since 2017. She won the 1st place in the Golden Voice International Competition 2017, 1st place in American Protege Romantic Music Competition 2018 and 2nd place in American Protege International Vocal Competition 2018. She successfully had her first semi-private vocal recital in Maryland at the age of 11. She was honorably invited to perform in various gala concerts in Washington DC, Baltimore and Delaware recently. Besides her vocal talent, Alicia also demonstrates her talents in piano, acting, and dancing. Alicia achieved ABRSM Grade 7 in piano with distinction, she has performed at Carnegie Hall as piano or vocal competition winner for 5 times. She won the Pre-teen Honorable Mention Actress of the Year IMTA 2017, and she has also competed in YAGP as a ballet dancer for couple years.

Cristina Baron

Cristina Elena Baron has performed at Isaac Stern Auditorium at Carnegie Hall, Weill Recital Hall at Carnegie Hall, Steinway Hall, the Vilar Performing Arts Center in Beaver Creek, Colorado, the Mozarthaus Vienna and the Camera di Commercia di Cremona, in Cremona, Italy. She won third place in the International Piano & Strings Competition 2017 and 2018 and received Honorable Mention in the 2018 International Concerto Competition. She studies ballet at American Ballet Theatre's Jaqueline Kennedy Onassis School and is slated to perform as a dancer in "Sleeping Beauty" at The Metropolitan Opera House in New York City and attend ABT's Summer Intensive Program in Austin, Texas. Cristina is a student at The Spence School in New York City and studies piano with Stephanie A. Wu.

Bynn Nam

Bynn Nam is twelve years old and has been playing violin from 31 months old. She is a student at Korea National Institute for the Gifted in Arts and Yewon School, where she has studied with Nam-Yun Kim and Seong-Suk Kim, respectively. She won First Prizes in the Music Chunchusa Concours 2016, the Korean Chamber Orchestra Competition 2017, the Hankook Children's Daily Nationwide Children's Music Competition 2018, and the Dong-a Junior Music Concours 2018.She played solo performances at the Concert for Children in PyeongChang Music Festival & School 2016 and the Lobby Concert in the 11th Busan Music Festival 2016. She will play solo performance at the recital from the Kumho Junior Concert Series. She performed with Cheong-ju City Philharmonic Orchestra at the Solist with Cheong-ju Philharmonic Orchestra for Young Virtuoso Concert 2018. When she was nine years old, she performed at Weil Recital Hall in Carnegie Hall.

Maria Cristina De La Rosa Peralta

Maria Cristina De La Rosa Peralta has played in local festivals in Mexico and with the Harp Ensemble of Universidad Veracruzana in Festival Cumbre Tajin, one of Mexico's most influential music festivals. She has performed throughout Mexico as solo harpist playing traditional and original works, and performed with the Xalapa Symphony Orchestra. She performed at Carnegie Hall in NY after winning second place in the International Music Talent Competition. Cristina De La Rosa began music lessons in the University of the State of Veracruz, and later began learning folk music with her father, Alberto de la Rosa, known as one of the best folk harpists worldwide.

Leahaliza Lee

Leahaliza Lee performs vocal repertoire in Hebrew, Arabic, and the uniquely Sephardic language, Ladino. Born of Eastern and Western influences, Ladino songs were maintained by women through the generations, in a language based on pre-1492 Spanish. Leahaliza performs most often at intimate house concerts, as well as holding performances for sacred music events and universities. Leahaliza draws influence from Nasrin Kadri and Freddy Mercury.

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.

Michelle Stern

Michelle Stern has been awarded first prize in the Young Artists Category of the Gershwin International Music Competition 2017, Grand Prize at the Concert Festival International Competition, first prize at the New York Music Competition, "Judges' Distinction Award" at the American Protégé Concerto Competition, and "Best Performance Award" at the American Protégé Talent Competition. She has appeared as a soloist with the Massapequa Philharmonic Orchestra, Connecticut Virtuosi Orchestra, North Shore Symphony, Island Chamber Symphony, Manhattan Symphonie at the Lincoln Center and American Protégé Gala at the Stern's Auditorium, Carnegie Hall. Michelle began her violin lessons with her mother Anna Heifetz, and currently studies under Professor Ann Setzer at the Juilliard School Pre-College Division.

Viola Piennisch

Viola Piennisch has performed nationally and internationally and is the recipient of multiple prizes, including second prize at the "19th International Music Competition Euterpe" in Italy. As a member of the National Youth Orchestra of Germany, she has performed under Sir Simon Rattle and Kirill Petrenko in renowned concert halls such as the Berlin Philharmonie, the Elbphilharmonie Hamburg and the Festspielhaus Baden-Baden. Viola has performed in music festivals and competitions in Germany, India, Italy, Rumania, Luxembourg, Poland, Ukraine and Belgium, and has participated in numerous live broadcasts, including several performances in the Digital Concert Hall of the Berlin Philharmonie. In September 2019, she will continue her violin studies at the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland in Glasgow, UK.

Hyejin Lee

Hyejin Lee completed her doctoral degree in violin performance and minor in music and medicine at the University of North Texas having been awarded the University Graduate Scholarship, College of Music Scholarship, Anshel Brusilow Scholarship in Orchestral Studies and The Lupe Murchison Foundation Scholarship. She received a University Graduate Scholarship at the University of Cincinnati where she completed her master's degree. She has won many competitions such as the London Grand Prize Virtuoso Competition, Golden Classical Music New York International Competition, IMKA Music Competition, Korea Germany Brahms Association Competition, Seoul Shinye New Musician Music Competition, and the Korean Music Association Competition, among others. She made her debut performance in Weill recital hall at Carnegie hall in 2018. Ms. Lee is dedicated to her career as both an active performer and passionate teacher for all ages.

Katherine Xie

Katherine Xie was American Protége's 2017 First Place Winner in the Opera Aria Repertoire Category and a Second Place Winner in Broadway/Musical Theatre. She placed second in the Music Teachers' Association of California's VOCE Competition in 2019. She completed the ten levels of the Certificate of Merit Evaluations by the Music Teachers' Association of California with honors after only six years of study. She qualified and placed twelfth in California at the 2018 Speech and Debate Team State Championships. Katherine studies voice and piano under Xin Xin Sun.

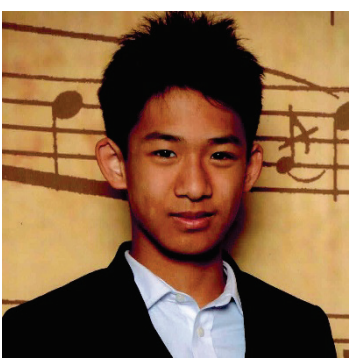
Anna Castagnaro

Anna Marie Castagnaro has represented her school as a soprano in the Association of Music in International Schools (AMIS) honor choir festivals in Berlin, Germany in 2018 and Beijing, China in 2019. She was also an Asia-Pacific (APAC) choir member in Hanoi, Vietnam, and a two-time National Honor Choir Festival (KIMEA) member in Incheon, Korea. She is a member of her school's concert and Moonlight Choirs, and excels academically as a high honor roll student of the International General Certificate of Secondary Education Music course, as well as the International Baccalaureate Music Program. Anna attends Seoul Foreign School in Seoul, Korea.

Russell Yang

Russell Yang is a Grand Prix winner at Concert Festival International Competition, a Gold Medal winner at the American Association for Development of the Gifted and Talented Festival "Passion of Music 2019" and 2nd place at the "Golden Era of Romantic Music" competition, and has appeared on the Carnegie Hall stage as an accompanist for his sister, a cellist. He has earned honors and qualified for state conventions in the Music Teachers' Association of California Certificate of Merit Advanced Level. Russell studies piano under Era Lifschitz, and is a multiple-award recipient in math and engineering competitions.

Richard Yeh



Richard Yeh is a two-time Provincial champion of Ontario, a three-time national finalist at the Canadian Music Competition, and in 2018 alone won over eighteen 1st place awards in multiple competitions at regional, provincial, national, and international levels. He has received scholarships and awards from Kiwanis, Markham, North York, New Market, Steinway & Sons, CCC, Crescendo, and Elite piano competitions. He has been featured in multiple winners' and gala concerts, private salon concerts, fund-raising concerts, performing at several venues in Toronto, and Carnegie Hall in New York. He was recently invited to appear as a soloist with the Milton Symphony Orchestra at the First Ontario Arts Centre. Richard is a scholarship student at Taylor Academy at the Royal Conservatory of Music, studying under the tutelage of Li Wang.

Angela Chen

Angela Chen, has performed concertos with professional orchestras in Europe including Vienna, Czech Republic, and Romania. She gave her first recital when she was six years old, and is preparing a concert collaboration with two clarinetists. Angela is in her third consecutive year of performance, making her fourth performance at Carnegie Hall. Angela, a student at The Webb Schools, has been playing the piano since the age of five.

Ethan Jiang

Ethan Jiang has been selected for the Lang Lang 101 Pianists Program, and is a first place winner of many New York-based international competitions as well as the Grand Prize Virtuoso Vienna competition. He has performed in Ehrbar Hall and Bösendorfer Hall in Vienna's Mozart Haus, Gläserner Saal in Vienna, and Beethoven Haus. As a composer, he was awarded first prize in an international composition competition and received an invitation to attend a Winners' concert in Vienna in August 2019.

Suhyoung Kong

Suhyoung "Rachael" Kong, is a multiple winner of many competitions and has been a finalist numerous times in the Michigan Music Teachers' Association. She has performed at Carnegie Hall five times and has performances slated for Italy in Summer 2019. Suhyoung sings as an alto in "Madrigals", her school's selective choir. Rachael currently studies under Prof. Catherine Rollin. She dedicates her first Isaac Stern Auditorium performance to her family, friends, and teacher.

Nicole Chen

Nicole Chen has competed and performed in a number of concert halls and competitions. Nicole performed at Weill Recital Hall in June 2018 with American Protégé's International Piano and Strings Competition and in October 2016 with the American Fine Arts Festival. She took third place with AADGT's Passion of Music Festival and was invited to perform at Steinway Hall, and won first and fourth place awards at the United States Open Music Competition. Nicole, a current high school senior, will be attending Harvard University to study economics.

Zeze Xue

Zeze Xue performed his first solo recital at the age of five, has appeared as soloist with the Hunan Symphony Orchestra and was admitted to the Prayner Conservatory in Vienna. He has performed concerts and recitals in various cities in Europe and in the United States. He performed Rachmaninoff Piano Concerto No. 2 as the winner of the University of Washington's 2016 Concerto Competition, followed by a recital tour of China's principal cities. In May 2019, he graduated with a Masters' in Music at the Manhattan School of Music as a student of Solomon Mikowsky.

Yi Zhong

Yi Zhong, pianist, has been acclaimed as "...virtuosic, combining subtlety and exquisite taste." He has earned top prizes at New York Artist, Yamaha, Rome, and Liszt Competition in Los Angeles, among many others. Yi has received merits and grants from Yamaha, Kayserburg and more. He has performed in Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center in New York, Merkin Concert Hall at Kaufman Center, Neuburger Kongregationsaal in Germany, Russian Centre for Science and Culture in Rome, Steinway Hall in New York, and others. Mr. Zhong is currently pursuing his Master of Music degree in piano performance as a scholarship student at the Manhattan School of Music.