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THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF

THE BEACH CITIES SYMPHONY

MTAC ARTISTS OF THE FUTURE COMPETITION WINNERS



Monica Stephany Liu
Piano Soloist



Ji Min Lee
Piano Soloist



Jessie Chen
Violin Soloist



Ellie Dunbar
Violin Soloist

Tonight marks the third performance of Monica Liu with the Beach Cities Symphony as an "Artist of the Future" competition winner. Her first 2 appearances, at the ages of 10 and 13, were in 2001 and 2004.

Ms. Liu has been a student of Sylvia Ho for 11 years. She has been the recipient of many honors and awards. In the summer of 2006, she was a finalist in the International Piano Competition at the International Institute for Young Musicians. She won the 2006 Redlands Bowl Young Artists Competition, and her solo appearance opened the Redlands Bowl Summer Music Festival. Ms. Liu is a 15-time winner of the Southwestern Youth Music

Ji Min Lee began her piano studies at the Areumsori Academy at the age of 5. She won first prize at the National Student Music Competition in Korea. Her awards include first prize in the Classical Sonata Category at the Southwestern Youth Music Festival (SYMF), second prize at the Los Angeles Music Competition sponsored by the Korea Times, and second place at the Music Teachers' Association of California Scholarship Competition. She has performed at the Orange County High School of the Arts (OCHSA) Symphony Hall as a student, and she performed as a soloist at Ridgfield Park High School in New Jersey. She is in her second year of

Jessie Chen is making his second appearance with the BCSA as an Artist of the Future Concerto Competition winner. In 2005 the then 10-year old impressed the audience with his skilled performance of Mozart's Violin Concerto No. 5.

Mr. Chen has studied violin with Elmer Su since the age of 6. He made his solo orchestra debut with the Bellflower Symphony at age 9. He has also appeared as a soloist with the Torrance Symphony, the Palos Verdes Regional Orchestra, and at the 36th annual Peninsula Music Fair. He has won numerous awards, including second prize in the Peninsula Symphony's Edith Knox Performance

Ellie Dunbar has been playing violin since she was 3 years of age. Since the age of 8, she has been a student of Gail Mellert. Some of her awards include the Bach Complete Works Competition, Music Teachers' Association Scholarship Competition, Torrance Symphony Concerto Competition, and the Santa Monica College Concerto Competition. She is also a recipient of Young Musicians Foundation (YMF) and Fe Bland scholarships. She was concertmaster at the YMF's summer camp in South Dakota last summer performing at the Mt. Rushmore amphitheater.

Currently, at age 12, Ellie Dunbar is co-concert-

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YOUNG PRESENTERS

Once again, for the benefit of the young members of our audience, pre-concert lectures will be presented by their peers in the upstairs mezzanine. The four young musicians were each given one of tonight's selections for which to prepare a commentary to enhance the understanding of the music to be performed tonight.

Amie Simmons (*top left*), age 15, is a sophomore at Mira Costa High School. She plays clarinet and receives instruction from Nancy Carr.

Redding Liou (*top right*), age 13, is an 8th grader at Richardson Middle School. She is a piano student of Yuh-Jen Liou and also plays the cello.

Julia Delcarson (*bottom left*), age 16, is a junior at Palos Verdes High School and is a voice student of Lenita McCallum.

Linda Edsinga (*bottom right*), age 16, is a student at South Bay Faith Academy and is a flute student of Maria Jaque. Linda also plays the piano.



ENCORE! ENCORE!

The audience was dazzled by soloist Roberto Cani's performance of Max Bruch's Violin Concerto No. 1 at the April 2008 concert. The applause didn't stop until Mr. Cani appeared on the stage to take a final bow and graciously acceded to the obvious wishes of the audience by playing Nathan Milstein's *Paganiniana* as an encore. This was Mr. Cani's second appearance with the Beach Cities Symphony. He performed at the January, 2007 concert where he was also coaxed to play an encore.



MTAC Artists of The Future biographies *continued*

Monica S. Liu - *continued*

Festival in various categories. In 2004 she won the Bramhall Concerto Competition and appeared as soloist with the Torrance Symphony. In the 1999-2000 season, she placed first at the Young Artists Competition sponsored by the Chinese-American Association of California and placed second at the Cypress College Piano Competition. Ms. Liu is also a 3-time winner of the Southern California Bach Festival Branch and Regional Competitions.

Monica Liu has studied with many masters; namely Dr. Scott McBride Smith at the 2005 World Pedagogy Conference, John Perry, Gerald Robbins, and Horowitz protégé Alexander Fiorillo in master class. For the past 2 summers, Ms. Liu attended the Summer Music Academy at the International Institute for Young Musicians, where she studied under Jack Winerock, Claire Wachter, Lynda Metelsky, Marietta Orlov, Charles Asche, and John McCarthy. She also studied with Michael Lewin and Jung

Ja Kim at the Boston Conservatory of Music in the summer of 2007.

Ms. Liu is a senior at Palos Verdes Peninsula High School, where she maintains a 5.0 GPA. In 2007, the governor appointed her as a full-voting student member of the California State Board of Education. She is a volunteer researcher at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center, and was a regional finalist for the Siemens Westinghouse Science and Technology Competition. She is a member of Peninsula's Tri-M Music Honor Society, varsity women's choir, Preludes on the Peninsula arts service club, Kaiser Permanente volunteer program, Latin Club, and the California Association of Student Councils. In addition to piano, she plays first flute with the Palos Verdes Regional Orchestra. Ms. Liu has been accepted at Yale University and is currently a semifinalist in the Coca Cola, National Merit, and Toyota national scholarship programs.

Ji Min Lee - *continued*

performance and study at the UCI Winifred Smith Hall

THE BEACH CITIES SYMPHONY
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presents

**ARTISTS OF THE FUTURE
CONCERTO COMPETITION WINNERS**

Concerto No. 1 in E flat — Franz Liszt

Monica Liu, Piano Soloist

Concerto No. 3 in C Major, Op. 26 (1st movement) Andante; Allegro — Sergei Prokofiev

Ji Min Lee, Piano Soloist

Concerto No. 1 in D Minor, Op. 6 (1st movement) Allegro maestoso — Niccolò Paganini

Jessie Chen, Violin Soloist

Symphonie Espagnole (1st movement) Allegro non troppo — Edouard Lalo

Eleanore Dunbar, Violin Soloist

Also featuring

Prelude to *Die Meistersinger* — Richard Wagner

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for Junior Chamber Music (JCM).

Ji Min Lee is 15 and a freshman at Los Alamitos High School. Since 2005, she has been a student of Mihyang Keel.

Jessie Chen - *continued*

Competition for performers aged 28 and under, Junior Grand Prize at the thirtieth International Young Artists Peninsula Music Festival, first place MTAC scholarship, first place in the American String Teachers Association of Greater Los Angeles Final 2006, and he was a semifinalist at the National Solo Competition.

Jessie Chen is 13 years old and an eighth grader at Palos Verdes Intermediate School. He likes to play yo-yo, video games, golf, and watch sports.

Ellie Dunbar - *continued*

master of David Benoit's Asia America Youth Symphony Orchestra. She has soloed with the orchestra at the Norris Theatre and at the Palos Verdes Music Fair as well as the Montalvo Arts Center in San Jose.

**BCSA MEMBER
CARRIES TORCH**

Mr. C. S. (Jack) Tsu will be in Zhong Wei, Ningxia, China, on July 2, 2008 to carry the Olympic torch for about 200 meters as one of the 21,880 torch bearers in the 2008 Beijing Olympic Torch Relay program. According to Mr. Tsu, this will fulfill his dream since about 2001. "I will fly 10,000 miles to run the 200 meters. Crazy? No. Happy and honored." Mr. Tsu was born and raised in China but came to study in the United States on his 18th birthday. The Pearl Harbor event resulted in his permanent residency here, and he became a citizen in 1951. Mr. Tsu and his wife, Doris, have been long-time supporters of the Beach Cities Symphony Association and we all wish him luck.



RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



BEACH CITIES SYMPHONY
mark your calendars for the performances of our
2008-2009 SEASON

Friday, October 24, 2008

Morton Gould: American Salute
James Covell: Concerto for Trumpet
John Cather, trumpet soloist
Matt Doran: A Memory of Marianne
Aaron Copland: Four Dance Episodes from Rodeo

Friday, January 23, 2009

Claude Debussy: Prelude to The Afternoon of a Faun
Gustav Mahler: Songs of a Wayfarer
Erin Wood, soprano soloist
César Franck: Symphony in D Minor

Friday, March 20, 2009

Ludwig van Beethoven: Prometheus Overture
Frederic Chopin: Piano Concerto No. 1
Sylvia Ho, piano soloist
Carl Nielsen: Symphony No. 2: "The Four Temperaments"

Friday, May 22, 2009

Emmanuel Chabrier: España
MTAC Artists of the Future
Modest Mussorgsky: Night on Bald Mountain

THERE'S STILL TIME...

There is still time for middle school students (grades 6, 7, and 8) to apply for the \$500 music scholarship offered by the Beach Cities Symphony. The deadline for application is Friday, May 30, 2008. Applications may be found on line at the BCSA website: www.BeachCitiesSymphony.org or by calling (310) 379-9725. The winner will be announced at the first concert of the 2008-2009 BCSA season on October 24, 2008. Music teachers are asked to encourage promising students to apply.

TIME TO RENEW

This newsletter marks the beginning of our membership drive for the 2008-2009 concert season of the Beach Cities Symphony. You can renew or become a new member of the Beach Cities Symphony Association by sending your tax-deductible contribution in the enclosed envelope. Our membership drive starts in May to assure that funding will be available for the following season which runs from fall to spring.

If you have questions regarding your membership status, please contact Margaret McWilliams at (310) 379-9725 or email to MMcWRedondo@aol.com.

We look forward to seeing you at our concerts and to having you join us as members of the Beach Cities Symphony Association.

APRIL 2008 PRIZE WINNERS

In the members' raffle at our April concert, the CDs donated by Borders Books and Music in Torrance were won by Mary Haag and Nick Livada, both of Torrance. The floral arrangement by Lily's Flowers and Gifts in Torrance was won by Carolyn Major of Torrance. In the general raffle, Yer Ryan of Redondo Beach won the "goody bag" from Trader Joe's on Hawthorne in Torrance which included a \$20 Gift Card donated by Bristol Farms of Manhattan Beach. Mike Jefferson of Granada Hills won the gift certificate for dinner for two at the Second City Bistro in El Segundo.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS:

Michael and Patricia Safani

Thank you for supporting our organization!

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