



CMS Musical Notes

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Solo Guitar Competition



CCI Mediums is hosting its first solo guitar competition, open to all musicians. The prize is a CCI Mediums Tone Soloist electric guitar. The solo guitar entry must be an unedited of effected video performance, between one to two minutes in length, and must be an original piece of work. 25% of each \$20 entry fee will be donated to National Public Radio. Every applicant will receive a coupon good for 10% off any direct purchase from CCI Mediums during 2009. The winner will be announced on July 1st, 2009, and the contest opened for entries on January 1st. For additional information, or to enter, please visit www.ccimediums.com.



Spotlight on CMS



Traigh and Cory Kirkeeng, students of Doron P., were invited to perform at the Deer Canyon Elementary recital on February 5th, 2009, and both did a wonderful Job. Out of over sixty acts, Cory, age six, was invited to perform "Ode to Joy" on his guitar during a school-wide assembly the next day.

CMS piano and violin instructor Eric L. and family have all been noteworthy these last few months. Eric recently made a trip to Germany where he made a new piano recording at the Bayerischer Rundfunk in Munich, son Sean had his first piano composition titled "The Birthday Menuet" published in the February issue of "Clavier's Piano Explorer" magazine, and all three Le Van children, Sarah, Solene, and Sean, were "transformed" into faeries in Charlotte Bird's new series of cards.



David Conte, professor of composition at the San Francisco Conservatory of Music and son of CMS student Nancy Conte, had his celebrated new choral work titled "An Exhortation" performed on January 20th, 2009 as a tribute to Martin Luther King Jr. at the inauguration of President Barack Obama. The composition included text from Obama's acceptance speech on November 4th, 2008.



Violin student Christina Pyo, who studies with Justin W., recently auditioned for and was accepted into the Irvine Unified School District Junior High Honors Orchestra, and will perform in the IUSD Donald Bren Honors Concert on Tuesday, April 28th, at the Renee and Henry Segerstrom Concert Hall at the Orange County Performing Arts Center, which is the same venue used by the Pacific Symphony. For more information about the concert, please go to www.iusd.org/finearts/honors_concert.htm.

Bart B., CMS guitar and bass guitar instructor, was recently invited onto "The Price is Right" to demonstrate how to play a Hohner Bass. The show taped on Monday, February 2nd.

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Spotlight on CMS cont'd



Piano instructor **Miho G.** will be performing a concert with the Pegasus Trio at the Scripps Ranch Library on Sunday, March 15th, at 2:30 pm. The library is located at 10301 Scripps Lake Drive, San Diego, CA 92131, and admission is free. Miho will be performing with flautist Elena Yarritu and clarinetist Matt Gill. The concert will include the Carmen Fantasy, Time Pieces by Muczynski, and music by Pleyel.

Rachel Marie Mckay, former student of CMS owner **Jennifer Paterson** and of **Tricia S.**, will be opening an off-Broadway show which she both wrote and co-produced. The one woman show, titled "Songs of a Little Tomato," will debut on April 1st. Rachel is a recent graduate of Sarah Lawrence, which she attended on full scholarship.

CMS guitar, bass guitar, and piano instructor **Joseph A.** recently played at Humphrey's on February 27th. The show was offered to him after Joseph impressed at the 2009 NAMM Convention.

Sodie Orr, a California Music Studios alumni and son of **Wayne Johnson**, the guitarist for Manhattan Transfer, is continuing his musical education, touring with his father, playing Pop Warner football, and is a 4.0 student – all at age fourteen. He recently met Bette Midler at a New Year's Eve function.



On February 12th, violin teacher **Christine H.** was accepted into the newly-formed Filipino-American Symphony Orchestra in Los Angeles as First Violinist. The orchestra will have their first ever Gala Concert on May 16th, 2009 at 7:30 pm at the Wilshire Theatre in Beverly Hills.

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CMS Recital Dates

Formal Recitals 2009:

San Diego County
March 21: Teachers M-Z
Summer Dates: TBA
Ruby Schulman Auditorium
1775 Dove Lane
Carlsbad, CA 92009

Formal Recitals 2009:

Orange County
August 22: Teachers A-L
September 26: Teachers M-Z
St. Joseph Center Auditorium
480 South Batavia Street
Orange, CA 92868

Music Club 2009—Themes TBA:

San Diego County
April 11, 2009
May 16, 2009
October 10, 2009
November 21, 2009
NAMM Museum
5790 Armada Drive
Carlsbad, CA 92008

* If you would like to participate, please ask your teacher for details.