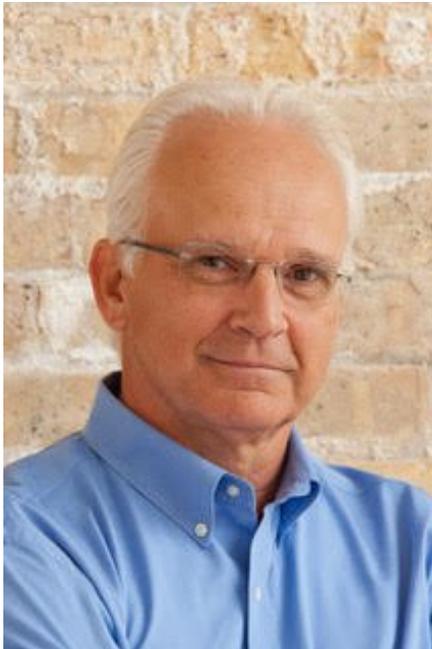




THE SCORE



**George Radosavljevic
President**

Dear friends and colleagues,

Time flies when you're having fun!

Our season of wonderful events has come to an end, and next season is already being planned!

A huge thank you to all the board members and committee chairpersons that have worked very hard to make everything run smoothly and successfully.

A warm welcome to our new board members:

Heidi Mayer - Second Vice President and Membership Chair

Christopher Morrow - Treasurer

Lam Wong - Recording Secretary

A heartfelt thank you to the board members who have finished their terms:

Christopher Morrow - Second Vice President and Membership Chair

Joni Kurtenbach – Treasurer

Helen Raymaker – Recording Secretary

Congratulations to Members-of-the-year: Jia-Yee Tang and Lindsey Baer.

And a reminder:

Join us for the Teacher's Recital and Luncheon-

June 12, starting at 10:30 at Trinity United Methodist Church in Wilmette. Contact Marlene Chatain to sign up!

I am looking forward to seeing everyone in the fall, have a great summer!

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The next meeting will be in September.

AIM Exams

Congratulations to all students and their teachers that successfully completed AIM this year. This was our first year that we were able to have in person and remote exams for all AIM exams since the pandemic. With slight dip in our numbers during the pandemic, we appear to be gaining back with strong showing in numbers all across the board! The new website and member portals allowed for greater ease of registrations and communicating important information to both teachers and students/parents in an effective and timely manner. A huge thanks goes to Jason Craft and Jia-Yee Tang for their continual, endless efforts all year long to make this happen.

Here is a snapshot of what was implemented this year:

- Both in-person and remote exam options were offered for all AIM exams. Students selected their exam preferences at registrations.
- Teachers were required to complete Mock Exam Judging before they were able to register students for Performance Exams.
- Teacher responsibilities include:
 - Use of Judges and Teacher Folders via member portal to share electronic files
 - Aural-Written exam grading of their own students
 - Checking of ALL video and music file links for remote performance exams for their own students

How did our numbers compare to last year?

*How many teachers participated in AIM this year? **75** And in 2022? **83***

*How many participating teachers were new? **7** And in 2022? **11***

*How many students were enrolled in AIM this year? **715** And in 2022? **674***

*How many students were new to AIM this year? **230** And in 2022? **166***

*How many level 1's and 2's were enrolled this year? **154** And in 2022? **121***

*How many level 9 students were enrolled this year? **51** And in 2022? **41***

*How about level 10? **40** And in 2022? **36***

*And level 11? **18** And in 2022? **13***

*How many students have made it all the way to level 12? **37** And in 2022? **32** (12 still pending)*

*What level had the largest number of enrollments? **Level 4** with **96** And in 2022? **Level 4** with **95***

What was the breakdown of in person and remote exams this year?

- *Levels 3-12 at Lake Forest? **57% in person, 43% remote***
- *Levels 3-12 at Northwestern? **68% in person, 33% remote***
- *Levels 1-2? **90% in person, 10% remote***

May 15 was the deadline to complete make-up exams and request to all teachers to verify accuracy of student rosters. AIM Awards have been ordered, so we will notify teachers when they are ready for pickup. We hope to have these by the end of May, but please be patient if we encounter shipping delays.

Thank you to all teachers for your participation in AIM! We have already begun preparations for next year's exams, with most things remaining the same, but there will be some changes that will be forthcoming. Have a wonderful summer!

Jennifer Cohen, Lake Forest Area AIM Coordinator & AIM Cha

Jia-Yee Tang, Northwestern Area AIM Coordinator

Congratulations to all who participated in the 2023 Piano Competition

We are pleased to announce the winners:

Primary

- 1st Place: **Alexandra Paschos**, student of Christina Tio
- 2nd Place: **Yuhan Liu**, student of Yumy Kim
- 3rd Place: **Joanna Xu**, student of Brenda Huang
- Honorable mention (tie): **Caleb Deng**, student of Ann Birman
- Honorable mention (tie): **Adrienne Zhu**, student of Ann Birman

Elementary

- 1st Place: **Karnik Prasad**, student of Yumy Kim
- 2nd Place: **Austin Yu**, student of Shihui Yin
- 3rd Place: **Savva Geranin**, student of Ann Birman
- Honorable mention: **Jocelyn Wang**, student of Jennifer Cohen

Junior

- 1st Place: **Mark Gao**, student of Brenda Huang
- 2nd Place: **Micah Chan**, student of Christina Tio
- 3rd Place: **Ava Lee**, student of Brenda Huang
- Honorable mention: **Victor Huang**, student of Shihui Yin

Senior

- 1st Place: **Santino Pardo**, student of Daniel Baer
- 2nd Place: **Eddie Zhou**, student of Brenda Huang
- 3rd Place: **Hayden Hogue**, student of Adam Chlastawa
- Honorable mention: **Lily Zhang**, student of Svetlana Belsky

- The 2023 Piano Competition Panel of Judges:
- Primary and Junior Divisions: Svetlana Belsky and Eric Sutz
- Elementary and Senior Divisions: Louise Chan and Martha Yelenosky

The **NSMTA Winners' Recital** took place on Sunday, May 14th at 2 p.m. at the Northfield Community Church. Thirteen students played; two Scholarship winners and eleven Competition winners. The Scholarship winners were given cash awards by Scholarship Chairman, Debbie Gillette. The Competition winners were given trophies by Karen Tobias, Winners' Recital Chairman. Also assisting greatly that day were board members Helen Raymaker and Grace Juang. We are very grateful for having been able to use the church, whose contact people were very helpful and gracious. We all felt it was a very successful and joyous recital! The fact that it was also Mother's Day did not seem to present a problem.

Karen Tobias
Chairman, NSMTA Winners' Recital



NSMTA 2023 Winners' Recital

Sunday, May 14, 2023, 2 p.m.
Northfield Community Church
Northfield, Illinois

Scholarship Winners

March of the Dwarfs-d minor, Lyric pieces, Op. 54, No. 3 E. Grieg
Sarah Zhang – winner of the Merle Hanson Scholarship award
(Student of Vivian Zhao)

Waltz from the opera, Faust Liszt/Gounod
Claire Rong – winner of the Bruce Berr H. S .Camp Scholarship
Grades 8-12. (Student of Sueanne Metz)

Primary Division Competition Winners

Sarabande Corelli
Alexandra Paschos – 1st Place
(student of Christina Tio)

Sarabande Corelli
Yuhan Liu -2nd Place
(student of Yumy Kim)

Elementary Division Competition Winners

Sarabande, from French Suite no. 3, b minor J. S. Bach
Karnik Prasad – 1st place
(student of Yumy Kim)

Scherzo in bb, D. 593 No. 1 f. Schubert
Austin Yu – 2nd place
(student of Shihui Yin)

Sarabande from French Suite no. 3, b minor J. S. Bach
Savva Geranin – 3rd Place
(Student of Ann Birman)

Junior Division Competition Winners

Pathetique Sonata, 3 rd mvmt.	<u>Mark Gao</u> – 1 st Place (Student of Brenda Huang)	L. Beethoven
Land of the Misty Giants	<u>Micah Chan</u> -2 nd place (student of Christina Tio)	Oscar Peterson
Artic Night	<u>Ava Lee</u> - 3 rd Place (Student of Brenda Huang)	Amy Beach

Senior Division Competition Winners

Intermezzo Op.. 116, no. 2, a minor	<u>Santino Pardo</u> – 1st Place (Student of Daniel Baer)	J. Brahms
Sonata, No. 50, 1 st mvmt.	<u>Eddie Zhou</u> – 2 nd place (Student of Brenda Huang)	F. J. Haydn
Suite, Op. 14, mvmts. 1 and 2	<u>Hayden Hogue</u> -3 rd place (Student of Adam Chlastawa)	B. Bartok

Competition winners that were unable to perform

Joanna Xu, student of Brenda Huang, 3rd Place, Primary Division

Trophies and Awards

Thanks for our fine performers today, to their families and their teachers.

Many thanks to the Northfield Community Church for allowing us to hold this recital here today.

NSMTA participating Chairs:

Competition: Lindsey and Larry Baer

Scholarship: Debbie Gillette

Winners' Recital: Karen Tobias

Church Liason: Helen Raymaker

Helper: Grace Juang

Scholarship Winners 2023



The Bruce Berr High School Camp Scholarship has been awarded to **Claire Rong**, student of Sueanne Metz. Claire, a ninth grader, was accepted to the Music Fest Perugia in Perugia, Italy for two weeks this summer.



The Merle Hanson College Scholarship has been awarded to **Sarah Zhang**, student of Vivian Zhao. Sarah, a 2023 graduate of Glenbrook North High School, was accepted to the University of Iowa, where she will be a double major in Piano Performance and Music Education.

Teacher's Recital and Luncheon

TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 1024 LAKE AVENUE, WILMETTE, IL
60091

FREE PARKING IS AVAILABLE FROM THE CHURCH ACROSS LAKE AVENUE.

**DEADLINE for submitting performance information and/or luncheon reservation is JUNE 1, 2023. Please call or write if you have questions or need clarification.

This event is a wonderful opportunity to perform solo literature or with others, be an audience and stay for lunch, enjoy a morning of beautiful music and a luncheon with opportunity for enjoyable conversation with catered food.

Please consider performing. I have received notice of two performers so far - and that is not enough for a recital! Please send the info by email - thanks.

The facility is booked. Past recitals have been wonderful!

Enclosed is a copy of the 2022 Recital in Lake Forest, a beautiful facility that is no longer available to us but one that we were privileged to enjoy for a number of years. Hope to see you in Wilmette!

Marlene Chatain
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NORTH SHORE MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL SPRING RECITAL

June 13, 2022, 10:30 am
St. James Lutheran Church
Lake Forest, IL

Sunshine Rag from "Sunshine, Eight Cool Pieces" Ann Surace	Ron Surace
Waltz Opus 64, No.2 Tamara Dominguez	Chopin
Paganini Variations Jing Chang	Liszt/F.Say/Chang
Etude Op. 25, No. 7 John Ford	Chopin
Almost Like Being In Love Lil Darlin Eric Sutz	Lerner/Loewe Hefti
Waltz Op. 69, No. 2 Prelude Op. 33, No. 9 Beatriz Levi	Chopin Bortkiewicz
Desperate Measures Heidi Mayer	Muczynski
Don't Get Around Much Any More Ron Surace and Eric Sutz	Ellington

Piano Duo Festival 2023

Dear colleagues and friends,

There's still plenty of time for your students to enroll in Chicago Duo Piano Festival 2023!

However, the deadline is approaching...here is the link to our website for further information and registration.

www.chicagoduopiano.org

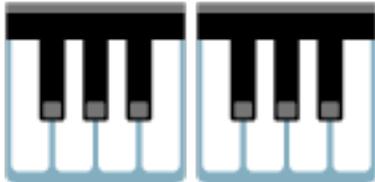
Thank you for helping us make this summer's festival a success, and looking forward to welcoming your interested students!

We're happy to answer any questions you might have.

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Very best,



Ralph and Claire

Claire Aebersold and Ralph Neiweem
Artistic Directors, Chicago Duo Piano Festival