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Have a Wonderful Summer !

Congratulations to Our Winners!



To win any competition is an achievement. To win a competition, in which almost 200 music teachers from all over Massachusetts showcased their best students is a remarkable achievement. That is why we want to congratulate Brandon Bloch, son of Frank and Myra Bloch of Sharon and student of Sharon Music Academy, who won this year Massachusetts Music Teachers Association competition. He won the first place competing against wonderful young musicians, many of which were students of prestigious Longy School of Music and Preparatory Music School at New England Conservatory. This victory is a result of his hard work, dedication to music, support of his parents and high quality of music education at Sharon Music Academy.

Sharon Music Academy has a noteworthy record of raising winners and laureates of local, national and international competitions. And this year as well students of Sharon Music Academy proudly represented local music talent at MMTA competition. Catherine Song of Canton won the third prize, and Angelique Scully and Christopher Chen were awarded honorable mention.

What is the secret of their success? How can local children successfully compete with students of specialized Boston music schools? "There is no secret", says Tanya Schwartzman, Music Director of Sharon Music Academy. "It only takes love of music, dedication and hard work to succeed". You can listen to his performance on our website by clicking on "Photo Gallery".

Academy Recital at Steinert Hall

On June 24th many students of Sharon Music Academy will perform with the Bristol Chamber Orchestra at Steinert Hall in Boston. This event has been made possible through the efforts of many volunteers and generous donors, who organized and participated in series of fundraising concerts. More than \$1000 have been donated to the Young Concert Artists Program that gives young musicians a unique opportunity to perform with a professional orchestra. The last fundraising concert, featuring Christopher Chen, Zachary and Joshua Kriegel and amazing piano duet of Diana Shapiro and Stanislava Varshavsky — laureates of International Piano Competition, brought more than \$300 and left audience with unforgettable memories. Diana and Stanislava will be teaching at SMA next year.



We invite everybody to come to Academy Recital at Steinert Hall. The recital will be held at 3:30 PM on June 24th at Steinert Hall on 162 Boylston Street in Boston. For tickets and directions contact SMA.

Student of Sharon Music Academy Angelique Scully has been awarded a great honor to participate in State of The Arts Concert Series organized by US State Department for State Department Employees all over the world. She will perform on June 28th at State Department in Washington, DC and will be featured in the next State Department publication.

What's new in the Fall

"It's easy to play any musical instrument: all you have to do is touch the right key at the right time and the instrument will play itself."

J.S. Bach

"The notes I handle no better than many pianists. But the pauses between the notes --ah, that is where the art resides".

Arthur Schnabel

This year Music Theory courses have been a great success both with students and parents alike. The feedback from our parents is especially rewarding—it looks like they have enjoyed these courses even more than kids! In response to their requests we will introduce several new programs in the fall : Music History and Music Appreciation. Please read description of these programs on our website. And, of course, we will continue with our Music Theory classes—the benefits of which are so obvious for all those who have attended. We will also start saxophone and clarinet classes with our wonderful new instructor Nick Videen, whose performance stunned an audience at our April's fundraising concert.

And as always, we will provide ample opportunities for our students to perform—from local charity events to performances at Carnegie Hall.

Those students who want to compete in various music competitions will have many chances to test themselves through participation in many local, state, national and international competitions.

In response to requests from our parents we will also expand our Jolly Notes and Music Rainbow group programs for kids ages 3-6. They will include more music activities and more exciting topics to learn.

In our effort to keep the costs down we will also introduce a new and more convenient payment system, which will give an opportunity to pay by credit card.

We wish all of you a wonderful summer and look forward to seeing everybody next year! Don't forget to pre-register to guarantee convenient schedule and a slot with your favorite teacher.

Mathew Miller in concert



May 21st, 2006
Fundraiser



Academy Recitals

June 10th, 2006



Graduates of Jolly Notes
Program



June 10th, 2006



June 4th, 2006
Hixson Farm