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# Sharon Music Academy

## Newsletter

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**MUSIC PARTY**  
for our adult students  
on Saturday,  
May 16th, 7 PM.  
Everyone is invited.  
Please RSVP.

### Quote of the Day

*"Use the talents you  
possess, for the woods  
would be very silent if  
no birds sang except the  
best."*

*Henry Van Dyke*



**Grace Han**

## Summer Semester and Fall Re-Registration

It has been a great year for the students of Sharon Music Academy. Everybody plays so much better, has better understanding of music (especially students who took theory courses) and everybody certainly has enjoyed this wonderful journey of learning music. Our students have won competitions (check our Hall of Fame on our website), received Official Citations from the Massachusetts State Senate, have done a lot of community work playing at the senior living houses and parks. Many of our students will be playing this June in New York in the finale of the American Fine Arts Festival. Our Faculty Concert has raised almost \$1000 for various local music programs.

We have a lot of plans for the next year — new programs, workshops, courses, competitions, field trips, opportunities to perform and many others exciting music experiences for our students. One of the new programs, planned for the next year, is a Chamber Orchestra and Ensemble course.

In order to better plan all these activities and create a convenient schedule we need all students, who intend to continue to study music, pre-register for the next year. Pre-registration will guarantee that a time-slot will be reserved for a student. Please try to specify the time slots that would not conflict with other activities. Though we will make every effort to change a schedule if you need it, we can't guarantee it. You need to register even if you don't know your schedule for the fall to guarantee a slot with your teacher. We already have a waiting list for September, so please don't delay your re-registration. If you re-register after July 25th, it will be difficult for us to secure a convenient slot for you. This year all re-registration will be done online. Please visit our re-registration page:

<http://sharonmusicacademy.com/preregister.html>

We look forward to seeing all of our students next year at the Academy. Let's continue this wonderful journey of learning music together!

We stay opened through the summer. If you intend to continue lessons in the summer please visit our summer registration page and let us know, which summer weeks you will be available to take lessons. Please let us know about your plans before June 15th that we can plan your lessons.

<http://sharonmusicacademy.com/regsummer.html>

## Good Luck and Best Wishes, Grace!

Every year there is a sad moment in our life when we have to say "Good Buy" to our seniors, who are going away to college. This year we wish good luck and success to Grace Han—our student for many years. It is a tradition of the Sharon Music Academy to arrange a graduation concert for our senior in a beautiful concert setting. And on April 19th Grace performed her program in front of the appreciative and very knowledgeable audience of the Orchard Cove. More than 70 residents of Orchard Cove and friends of Han family enjoyed Grace's performance.

Music plays a big role in Grace's life and she loves music so much that she chose a difficult road—to become a professional musician. She has been accepted to many prestigious music colleges and will start her music education in September. That's what Grace wrote in her graduation essay:

"Through the years, I have grown to love and enjoy the piano; it has increased my endurance and improved my work ethic through all the practice required. It has challenged me to work harder not just in piano but in everyday matters and gave me an opportunity to express myself in ways that words cannot."

Not every graduate of SMA becomes a musician, but all of them, like Brandon Bloch—the winner of 2009 UPenn concerto competition, carry the love of music far beyond the walls of SMA.

## Concerts, Recitals, Performances ...

Though many people just enjoy playing an instrument at home, nothing compares with the experience of playing in front of an audience. In general, music is a performing art and an audience is an integral part of every performance. Sharon Music Academy strives to give every student an opportunity to perform and feel great about this experience. We have many performances scheduled for June. School recitals will be held on June 13th, 14th and 20th. On June 14th a group of our students will perform at the Beech Tree Park at the lake Massapoag. Many of our students will travel to New York to perform at Dicapo Opera Theater. And in July our students will be playing with the Bristol Chamber Orchestra at the Borderland Park. Everybody is invited to these concerts. Please visit "Calendar" page on our website for more information.

### Bringing Music to the Community

"Music Evenings with SMA" at the Orchard Cove retirement community.



### Our Favorite Event : Families in Concert Family Members Playing Together



## Congratulations to our winners

End of the school year is a competition time and many of our students successfully represented Sharon Music Academy in various music contests. Benjamin Zheng, Lucy Zhou, Sabrina Zhang and Henry Karshis received awards and raving reviews at 2009 URI Piano Extravaganza, which you can see on our bulletin boards. Sophie Tollefson won the second prize (\$300) in Chaminade Music Society Competition, Walter Xu has passed auditions and played in Southeastern Massachusetts District Orchestra. Sabrina Zhang and Angelique Scully won the first places at the very competitive and prestigious Massachusetts Music Teachers Association 2009 Bay State Competition. At the same competition Kunwoo Shin won the 3rd place, Andrew Song and Christopher Chen received 4th place and an honorable mention. Danielle Oh will perform at Carnegie Hall in New York as a finalist of American Fine Arts Festival. Congratulations to all these wonderful young musicians!

Some of our students will participate in the International Young Promise Competition in June. Let's wish them luck.