

中華表演藝術基金會
Foundation for Chinese Performing Arts
The 17th Annual
Music Festival at Walnut Hill
Concerts and Master Class

August 1 - 22, 2008

Except the August 20's Esplanade Concert, all the events will be held at the Walnut Hill School, 12 Highland St. Natick, MA 01760.

(\$5 donation at door)

Sunday, August 10, 2008, 7:30 PM

George Li, piano
Keiter Performing Center

Program

Sonata in E major, Hob. XVI/31 Moderato Allegretto Presto	Haydn
Hungarian Rhapsody No.11	Liszt
Nocturne in C# minor, Opus Posthumous	Chopin
Alborada Del Gracioso	Ravel

Intermission

Sonata No.14 in C sharp minor, Opus 27 No. 2 (Moonlight) Adagio sostenuto Allegretto Presto Agitato	Beethoven
Scherzo No. 2 in B flat minor, Opus 31	Chopin

George Li, Pianist

Twelve year old pianist George Li was hailed as a “piano virtuoso” with “a talent and technique somewhat larger than this solar system” by the *Worcester (MA) Telegram and Gazette* after his “truly amazing” performance of the Saint-Saëns *Piano Concerto No. 2* with Symphony Pro Musica.

Having performed publicly since he was nine years old, Li is gaining attention as a significant recitalist, chamber musician, and soloist with orchestra. Li has appeared at the opening ceremony of Boston's new

Institute of Contemporary Art, at the inauguration of President Tony Woodcock at New England Conservatory, and at Boston's Steinway Hall. He also played at New York's Carnegie Hall in the new TV series produced by the popular NPR radio show, *From the Top*. In addition, he has been featured on WBZ-TV's *Liz Walker Show* and ABC's *Martha Stewart Show*.

As an active chamber musician, Li is the pianist of New England Conservatory's Vivace Trio. Coached by Laura Blustein of NEC's Preparatory School, the Trio has performed on *From the Top's* radio series and at the Conservatory's annual gala, *Feast of Music*. The ensemble also traveled to Washington D. C. to play for Massachusetts Senators Kennedy and Kerry at Senate Office Building.

Li has appeared as soloist with the Xiamen Philharmonic (Xiamen, China, Tao Lin conductor), Symphony Pro Musica (Massachusetts, U.S.A., Mark Churchill conductor) and Simon Bolivar Youth Symphony Orchestra of Venezuela (Caracas, Venezuela, Sarah Ioannides conductor). Li is invited to perform with the Boston Philharmonic Orchestra (Benjamin Zander, conductor), the Brooklyn Philharmonic Orchestra (Arcady Leytush conductor) and the Miami Symphony Orchestra (Eduardo Marturet conductor) in the 2008 - 2009 concert season.

Li won first prizes in MMTA piano competition at the age of 6 and 7 and he won second prizes in both the Virginia Waring international Piano competition and the Cincinnati World Piano Competition at the age of nine. In the 2008, Li won the second prize in the Gina Bachauer International Piano Junior Artist Competition.

Li began studying piano at four with Dorothy Shi for seven years. Li also studied with Mr. Chengzong Yin for three years. Currently, he studies piano from Wha Kyung Byun at the New England Conservatory where he pursues music studies, taking classes such as composition, music theory and piano seminar. Li lives with his family in Lexington Massachusetts where he attends Jonas Clarke Middle School. Li is an active fan of the Boston Red Sox.

Updated details at: www.ChinesePerformingArts.net

Concerts and Master Classes Schedule, August 1-22, 2008

1. Monday, 8/4: 7:30 PM: (at Orchard Cove Retirement Center, Canton, MA)

Mr. Nai-Yuan Hu 胡乃元, violin and Prof. Pi-Hsien Chen 陳必先 piano

Program: All Schubert Program

2. Thursday, 8/7:

1 pm: concerto competition: Prokofiev Piano Concerto No. 1

3. Friday, 8/8, 7:30 PM: Faculty recital

Faculty members including Lynn Chang 張萬鈞, Pi-Hsien Chen 陳必先, Bion Tsang 章雨亭, Nai-Yuan Hu 胡乃元, Sylvia Chambless, Michael Bonner, Gillian Rogell, Robert Schulz, and others will perform.

4. Saturday, 8/9: 7:30 PM:

Performance by the rising stars of this festival

Program: TBA

5. Sunday, 8/10: 7:30 PM:

Recital by Mr. George Li, piano

Second prize winner of 2008 Gina Bachauer International Piano Junior Artist competition

Program:

Haydn: Sonata in E major, Hob. XVI/31

Liszt: Hungarian Rhapsody No.11

Chopin: Nocturne in C# minor, Opus Posthumous

Ravel: *Alborada Del Gracioso*

Beethoven: *Sonata No.14 in C sharp minor, Opus 27 No. 2 (Moonlight)*

Chopin: *Scherzo No. 2 in B flat minor, Opus 31*

6. Monday, 8/11: 7:30 PM:

Lecture/Performance by Nai-Yuan Hu 胡乃元: “The Sound of Music, Bach A minor solo sonata”

7. Tuesday, 8/12: 7:30 PM:

Recital by Prof. Hung-Kuan Chen 陳宏寬, piano

Program: TBA

8. Wednesday, 8/13: 2:30 PM:

Mrs. MaryLou Speaker Churchill violin master class.

9. Wednesday, 8/13: 7:30 PM:

Lecture/Performance by Prof. Pi-Hsien Chen 陳必先: “Music after Schoenberg’s”

10. Friday 8/15: 2:30 PM:

Ms. Gillian Rogell Chamber Music Master Class

11. Friday, 8/15, 7:30 PM:

Recital by Mr. Minsoo Sohn, piano

First Laureate of the 2006 Honens International Piano Competition

Program: TBA

12. Saturday, 8/16, 1 PM:

Mr. Laurence Lesser cello master class

13. Saturday, 8/16, 8 PM:

Longwood Symphony Orchestra

Jonathan McPhee, Music Director

Program:

Bright Sheng

P.I. Tchaikovsky

Jeremiah Klarman

Sergei

Prokofiev

Fanfare from China Dreams

Danse Russe, from the opera *Cherivichki*

Festive Dance

Piano Concerto No. 1

*featuring the winner of the 2008 Foundation
for the Chinese Performing Arts Concerto
Competition*

John Williams

Richard Wagner

John Barry

John Williams

Olympic Fanfare

Ride of the Valkyries

Themes from James Bond: 007

Music from Indiana Jones

14. Sunday, 8/17: 3:30 PM:

Mr. Russell Sherman piano master class

15. Sunday, 8/17: 7:30 PM:

Recital by Mr. Zenan Yu 于泽楠, piano

winner of 2007 New England Conservatory Piano Concerto Competition

Program:

J.S.Bach transcribed by Busoni: "Nun komm' der Heiden Heiland," BWV 659

Brahms: Piano sonata No.3 in F minor

Chopin: Scherzos Nos. 1, 2, 3, and 4

16. Monday, 8/18: 7:30 PM:

Prof. Yehudi Wyner Chamber Music Master Class

17. Wednesday, 8/20: 7:30 PM:

Longwood Symphony Orchestra at Hatch Shell on Boston Esplanade

Jonathan McPhee, Music Director

Program:

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18. Thursday, 8/21, 2 PM:

Student Showcase Gala Concert 1

19. Thursday, 8/21, 7:30 PM:

Student Showcase Gala Concert 2

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The Faculty Members of the 17th Annual Summer Music Festival include: (a partial list)

Piano:

Tema Blackstone, Mount Royal College, Calgary, Morningside Music Bridge

Sylvia Chambless, New England Conservatory

Hung-Kuan Chen 陳宏寬, Chairman, Piano Department of Shanghai Conservatory

Pi-Hsien Chen 陳必先, Hochschule fur Musik Freiburg

Meng-Chieh Liu 劉孟捷, Curtis Institute of Music, Roosevelt University

Russell Sherman, piano master class, Distinguished Artist-in-residence of New England Conservatory

Violin:

Lynn Chang 張萬鈞, New England Conservatory, Boston Conservatory

MaryLou Speaker Churchill: violin master class, former Boston Symphony Orchestra Principal Second violin

Nai-Yuan Hu 胡乃元, former faculty of Hartt School of Music

Viola:

Gillian Rogell: New England Conservatory

Cello:

Michael Bonner, Longy School of Music

Laurence Lesser: cello master class, President Emeritus, New England Conservatory

Carol Ou, New England Conservatory

Bion Tsang 章雨亭, University of Texas at Austin

Chamber Music:

Yehudi Wyner, Chamber Music Master Class, recipient of the 2006 Pulitzer Prize in Music

Clarinet:

Thomas Hill, New England Conservatory, Longy School of Music

Percussion:

Robert Schulz: Brandeis, Harvard and Tufts Universities. Grammy Award nominee 2004.

Coming Events
2008-2009

1. Saturday, Sept. 20, 2008 at the First Church of Boston

Youth Poetry in Silk and Bamboo: First Annual Chinese Music Instrument Competition 絲竹春吟: 第一屆青少年中國器樂比賽

2. Saturday, September 27, 2008, 8 pm at Jordan Hall

Chuan-Yun Li 李傳韻, violin

Robert Koenig, piano

3. Saturday, October 25, 2008, 8 pm at John Hancock Hall

“Sound of the Ocean” by U Theatre 優人神鼓

4. Saturday, January 10, 2009, 8 pm at Jordan Hall

Winners of Young Concert Artists International Audition:

Chu-Fang Huang, piano

Daxun Zhang, double bass

5. Saturday, March 21, 2009, 8 pm at Jordan Hall

Meng-Chieh Liu 劉孟捷, piano