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Playing piano extravagantly

How do you need to play at Piano Extravaganza Festival Competition to be noticed? Of course, extravagantly. That is exactly what Sharon Music Academy students Catherine Song, Andrew Song and Xinlan Li did at the University of Rod Island Piano Extravaganza Festival Competition. Catherine Song, 10, received a reward for the "Most Sensitive Interpretation" of a music piece. Andrew Song, 9, was awarded a special prize for the "Greatest Perseverance." Xinlan Li, 13, received the "Most Impressive Fingers" award with a special comment from the judges – "A strikingly beautiful performance!"

There are as many music competitions as sport games and there are as many aspiring young musicians as young sportsmen, said Sharon Music Academy leaders. Music competitions are also as fierce as any contact sport game. That's why any award is so valuable - it requires perseverance, dedication and ability to perform under pressure. Congratulations to all young musicians, who have demonstrated all these qualities at the Festival.



Tanya with Catherine
and Andrew Song

Let's put on a show!

Does your child like to sing? Want to be a star of a show? Then don't miss this chance –let your child join the troupe of performers and let put on a show! The musical is specifically designed for the children in grades 2-5. All participants will have hands-on experience producing a show. They will work backstage creating decorations and costumes, perform on stage acting, singing, dancing and playing an instrument. Have a lot of fun working with friends and learning new skills. No previous experience needed – just desire to learn. Parents are welcome to participate. The production will run from July 9th to July 13th (9:00 am-1:00pm). Space is limited—contact us for details today.

Families in Concert

You still have time to sign-up for the April 29th "Families in Concert" Recital. Special Bonus—performance by members of our faculty.

Don't Miss It !

Don't forget to visit
Tanya's blog !

Get great insight and
helpful tips on how to
maximize your music
experience.

Singing in the Sun

Everybody loves to sing. Especially kids. We can help them find their own tune. This summer we are introducing two summer programs—"Disney Tunes" (for 8-9 years old) and "Road to Broadway" (for 10-12 years old). Each program consists of 8 group one hour weekly lessons.

The students will learn the foundations of good singing technique, including proper breathing, singing in a relaxed, natural fashion with their voice. They will learn basic musicianship: how to follow a piece of music even if they don't read music; basic note names and rhythms, and musical symbols. They will also learn easy harmonies, and how to sing as a member of a group (listening skills). At the end of the program the students will have a graduation recital. The size of the groups is limited to 8 students. Please contact us for days and times of the lessons.

April recitals—don't miss them!

Please take notice that the dates of the recitals have changed! Families in Concert recital will be held on April 29 at 5 pm at First Baptist Church in Sharon. Senior Recital for our graduates will be held on May 13th at The Home of Alvin & Cynthia Engel at 65 Bishop Rd, Sharon. The space for the senior recital is limited to 30 people. Please RSVP. Donation of \$10 per person for the accompaniment will be appreciated.