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The Society of American Musicians

*2007 Competition*

*Winner's Concert*

June 15, 2007  
7:30 PM

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Music Institute of Chicago, Evanston

*Nichols Concert Hall*

1490 Chicago Avenue  
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*Schedule of Events*

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*Dr. Soo Young Lee, President*

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*Winners of the 2007 Competition*

∞ GROUP PHOTO ∞

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## Program

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Etude Op. 25 no. 6 "Winter Wind".....Frédéric Chopin (1810-1849)

**Richard Kahn**, Senior Piano  
*Recipient of The Bredemann Family Prize*

Sicilienne & Rigadoon..... Fritz Kreisler (1875-1962)

**Emma Sandberg**, Primary Violin  
*Tatyana Stepanova, piano*

Dance of the Elves Op. 39.....David Popper (1843-1933)

**Johannes Gray**, Primary Cello  
*Mary Drews, piano*

Prelude no.1.....Heitor Villa Lobos (1887-1959)

**Elaine Zhou**, Junior Guitar

Elfintante.....Ezra Jenkinson (1931-1954)

**Rachel Lemna**, Junior Cello

"Se tu m'ami, se sospiri".....Giovanni Battista Pergolesi (1710-1736)

**Robert McNeily**, Junior Voice  
*George Tenegal, piano*

Concerto in G Major.....Johann Joachim Quantz (1697-1773)

III. Presto

**Sorcha Barr**, Junior Flute  
*Tatyana Stepanova, piano*

Waltz in e minor, Opus Postumus.....Frederic Chopin (1810-1849)

**Yoan Ganev**, Junior Piano

Variations on a Theme by Corelli..... Fritz Kreisler (1875-1962)

**Benedict Volk**, Junior Violin  
*Tatyana Stepanova, piano*

Three Preludes.....George Gershwin (1898-1937)

I. Allegro ben ritmato e deciso

**Laura Park**, Intermediate Violin  
*Milana Pavinskaya, piano*

## Intermission

Allegro from BWV 998.....J.S. Bach (1695-1750)

**Chaconne Klaverenga**, Senior Guitar

Jardins sous la pluie from *Estampes*.....Claude Debussy (1862-1918)

**Kate Liu**, Intermediate Piano

Concertino in D Major, Op. 107.....Cecille Chaminade (1845-1924)

**Angelina Kim**, Senior Flute  
*Mary Drews, piano*

Sonata Giocosa.....Joaquin Rodrigo (1901-1999)

III. Allegro Moderato

**Andrew Kremer**, Collegiate Guitar

Crumb Cello Solo Sonata..... George Henry Crumb (1929- )

I. Fantasia: Andante Espressivo e Con Molto Rubato

**Mindy Park**, Senior Cello

"Vissi D'Arte" from *Tosca*.....Giacomo Puccini (1858 - 1924)

**Samantha Guevrekian**, Intermediate Voice  
*Kristen Elgersma, piano*

Sonata in A Major for Violoncello & Piano ..... Cesar Franck(1822-1890)

IV. Allegretto poco mosso

**Ting-Chi Hung**, Young Artist Cello  
*Ieng-Ieng Lam, piano*

*Recipient of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra Alumni Association Prize*

## Performers

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**Sorcha Barr** is 13 years old, in 7th-grade at Gregory Middle School in Naperville, IL. She has studied flute for 6 years, initially with Cate Hummel, and for this past year with Hideko Amano. Sorcha played with the District 9 IMEA band for the previous 2 years, most recently as 3rd chair. As well as practicing for forty minutes to an hour most days, Sorcha finds time to run cross-country, sing with her school choir, and is on her school academic High Honor Roll.

**Yoan Ganey**, who started playing the piano in Bulgaria, first studied with Marina Gospodinova and then at the National School of Music in Sofia, Bulgaria with Emilia Kaneva. In 2005, he came to the United States to continue his piano studies with Emilio Del Rosario at the Music Institute of Chicago. He has won prizes in the 2005 Young Virtuosos Competition in Sofia and at the 2006 Society of American Musicians Competition. He is currently a student at McCarty Elementary School in Aurora and enjoys performing chamber music with his piano trio.

**Johannes Gray**, who began cello at age 2 ½, has been the first place winner in the primary division of 2007 SAM Competition, and in the Youth and Junior divisions of the 2005 & 2006 Chinese Fine Arts Society Music Competitions. In 2006, Johannes performed at the CSO's Gala pre-concert events as a part of Yo-Yo Ma's *Silk Road Project* and was appointed principal cello of the Suzuki Association of America's Youth Orchestra. Johannes performs with his string quartet, *Shades of Gray*, his piano trio, and enjoys sharing his love of music with people and animals. Johannes has performed live on WFMT and has performed for Tim Eddy, Janos Starker, Aldo Parisot, and Yo-Yo Ma. Johannes, a former student of Nell Novak, is currently studying with Gilda Barston & Hans Jensen at MIC, where he also studies piano with Soo Young Lee and composition with Matt Hagle.

Twenty-one-year-old soprano, **Samantha Guevrekian**, is a senior majoring in Vocal Performance and Music Business at Northwestern University, where she is currently studying with Elizabeth Fischer and Ken Smith. She has studied voice for four years and performed in her first solo recital in June of 2006. Northwestern credits include performing in the ensembles of Tchaikovsky's *Eugene Onegin*, and Smetana's *The Bartered Bride*, as well as Sister Gertrude in Poulenc's *Dialogues of the Carmelites*. Samantha has participated in a master class by American mezzo-soprano, Jennifer Larmore, and recently received a Bravo Award from the Bel Canto Foundation.

Cellist **Ting-chi Hung**, native of Taiwan, began her cello studies with Professor Hsio-shan Lin at Normal University in Taipei. Upon graduation in 2001 from Stella Matutina Girls' High School, she was awarded the Mannes Scholarship from the Mannes College of Music, where she received both her B.M. (2004) and M.M. (2006). Ms. Hung made her concerto debut with the Hexagone Festival Orchestra, and has performed in Taiwan, Japan, Austria, Germany, France, Spain, Canada, and the United States.

Ms. Hung has been chosen to perform at the master classes given by such esteemed artists as Bernard Greenhouse, Boris Pergamenshikov, Tsuyoshi Tsutsumi, Mischa Maisky, Yo-Yo Ma, Henrich Schiff, Colin Carr and Jerry Grossman. A former pupil of Paul Tobias, Ms. Hung is currently a first-year DMA student with Brandon Vamos at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

A junior at Chicagoland Jewish High School, **Richard Kahn** studies piano with Emilio del Rosario at the Music Institute of Chicago. He has won first prize in both the Intermediate and Senior Divisions of the Society of American Musicians competition, and has performed in the Young Steinway Concert Series both as a soloist and as a chamber musician with the *Fasttrack Trio*, coached by Kathie Johnson. *The Fasttrack Trio* was featured on the NPR program "From the Top" and recently participated in a master class with YoYo Ma. Among his interests apart from music, Richard won a top prize in the 2006 American Chemical Society scholarship competition and national honors in the 2007 National Chemistry Olympiad. Richard takes an active role in synagogue life and Jewish youth organizations.

**Angelina Kim** is fifteen years old and attends Stevenson High School, where she is a straight-A honor roll student. Her teacher, Ryunghy Lee, has taught Angelina for the past five years. Angelina won previous SAM competitions including 2<sup>nd</sup> place for Intermediate Division in 2005 and 2006, 1<sup>st</sup> place for Junior Division in 2004, and 1<sup>st</sup> place in the 2005 Walgreens Concerto Competition for the Junior Open Division. Her extracurricular achievements include winning the first place title in the Mt. Prospect Girls Golf Sectional tournament and leading the team into qualifying for the 2006 IHSA State Golf Tournament.

Fourteen-year-old **Chaconne Klaverenga** began her musical studies with her parents; classical piano with her mother from age two and classical guitar at the age of six with her father, who are both professional musicians. At the age of 12, she studied for a year with Paul Reilly at Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana, and is currently continuing her studies with Denis Azabagic at age 13 in Chicago. She has performed in masters classes with Eliot Fisk, Adam Holzman, and Ana Vidovic. In addition to winning SAM's Senior Guitar Division in January, she recently won the Junior Division of the Rantucci International Classical Guitar Competition in Buffalo, NY in March. She is home-schooled, and enjoys competing in classical guitar competitions very much.

**Andrew Kremer** started playing guitar at the age of twelve under the teaching of Jim Konsbruck. After many years of rock influence Andrew decided to start studying classical guitar at the age of 18. During his sophomore year at Columbia he started studying with Norman Ruiz and from then on has participated in several guitar festivals and master classes given by P  p   Romero, Lorenzo Michelli, William Kanengiser, Pavel Steidl, and David Mosqueda. Andrew is currently studying composition at Columbia College under Philip Seward. He will also be participating in the semester in L.A. program for film scoring this summer in Los Angeles CA.

**Rachael Lemna**, who has studied cello with Carol Ourada for eight years, performed with the SYOA at the 2006 Suzuki Association Biennial Conference and is currently a member of the Wheaton College Community School of the Arts' Vivaldi Strings tour ensemble and cello choir. She is also a member of the Youth Symphony of DuPage, the Hubble Middle School Orchestra, and has participated in IMEA district orchestra. Rachael studies piano with Marcia Lehe and is currently a sixth-grade high honor roll student at Hubble Middle School in Wheaton.

Born in Singapore, thirteen-year-old **Kate Liu** began playing piano at the age of four. Currently a seventh grader at Roosevelt Middle School in River Forest, she accompanies the chorus at her school. She received an award in the Society of American Musicians Competition her first year, followed by another one in her second year. Also, she recently won the junior division of the Steinway competition and performed in the Young Steinway Concert Series on March 2007. Currently, Kate is a currently member of the Music Institute of Chicago Academy program, which features theory, ear training, keyboard literature or orchestra, chamber music, and master classes. Kate has studied piano for nearly three years at the Music Institute of Chicago with Emilio del Rosario.

**Robert "Bobby" McNeily** is 19 years old and recently graduated from Glenbard South High School in Glen Ellyn. Three years ago, Bobby faced the greatest challenge of his life, battling thyroid cancer. This event made him question his future as a singer and a performer. From this experience, Bobby has produced and recorded his first single, "In My Heart" through the Make-A-Wish Foundation, KMA Management, and Level It Records. He has been a finalist in the 2006 Illinois National Association of Teachers of Singing (NATS) and a semi-finalist at the 2007 Chicago NATS under the direction of Catherine Caccavallo. Make-A-Wish and the American Cancer Society appreciates his volunteer work as he continues to serve others fighting cancer. Bobby will be a freshman next year at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign majoring in vocal performance.

**Laura Park**, a seventh grader at Plum Grove Junior High School has won first place at several competitions including the 2006 Sejong Competition & Confucius Competitions, 2005 Walgreens National Concerto Competition's (junior division), and 2007 Harper Young Artist Competition (junior division), and will be appearing in the 2007 Young Steinway Concert Series. Orchestral performances include *Mendelssohn's Violin Concerto* with the MYA Concert Orchestra (Feb 2006) and Lalo's *Symphonie Espagnole* (2007) with the Harper Symphony Orchestra. Laura, an active chamber musician, is a member of the MIC Chamber Orchestra and is a merit scholarship recipient in the MIC's Academy program. Laura will be studying at the Triada Music Festival in Vermont this summer. In her free time, Laura enjoys reading and singing and is a member of the Charger Chorus at her school. She studied violin for eight years with Injoo Choi Mo and is currently studying with Almita Vamos & Marko Dreher.

**Emma Sandberg**, who started playing violin at the age of three, was a winner at the Michigan Music Teacher's Association Competition this year, and is a two-time winner for Spotlight on Youth by the Sigma Alpha Iota musical sorority. Emma has participated in master classes with Brian Lewis, William Pruecil, Walter Schwede and Steven Rochin (Meadowmount). Her former teachers include Ed Sprunger,

Katie Buck, and Emma is currently studying with Gabriel Bolkosky. Emma enjoys performing in her school orchestra at Emerson School and has played in nursing homes, for weddings, and has enjoyed trying busking. Ms. Sandberg plans to use her competition winnings to adopt a dog from an animal shelter.

**Benedict Volk**, a seventh grader at Whitney M. Young Magnet High School, has been playing the violin since he was six-years-old. In addition of winning at the SAM Competition, he has placed honorable mention at the 2005 Confucius Competition (Junior I division), and is currently studying with Cyrus Forough. Previous teachers include Emilia Blaczak, Edyta Nadolna, and Betty Haag. As a member of Magical Strings of Youth, Mr. Volk has performed on WFMT and toured through Italy, which included a performance for Pope Benedict XVI.

Benedict, an avid fencer, placed first in the state of Illinois and was ranked second nationally consecutively for two years in the United States Fencing Association Tournaments. He also enjoys reading Greek and Roman mythology and hobbies such as swimming, basketball, and baseball.

Twelve-year-old **Elaine Zhou** began studying the guitar at the age of five with Laura Knight and is currently studying with Denis Azabegic. She quickly finished the Suzuki repertoire, and switched to traditional method at the age of nine, during which time she studied with Norman Ruiz. She also studies the violin and piano and enjoys performing on all three instruments.

## 2007 Winners

<b>CELLO</b>	Primary	1 <sup>st</sup> Place ~ Johannes Gray, <i>Student of Gilda Barston</i> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place ~ Krystian Chiu, <i>Student of Blake Brasch</i> HM ~ Nathan Walhout, <i>Student of Jeanne Johannesen</i> HM ~ Josiah Yoo, <i>Student of Gilda Barston</i>
	Junior	1 <sup>st</sup> Place ~ Rachael Lemna, <i>Student of Carol Ourada</i> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place ~ Garrett Chou, <i>Student of David Cunliffe</i> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place ~ Benji Fleischacker, <i>Student of Blake Brasch</i> HM ~ Nathan Walhout, <i>Student of Jeanne Johannesen</i>
	Intermediate	1 <sup>st</sup> Place ~ Allan Steele, <i>Student of Hans Jensen</i> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place ~ Leora Sherman, <i>Student of Gilda Barston</i>
	Senior	1 <sup>st</sup> Place ~ Mindy Park, <i>Student of Hans Jensen</i> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place ~ Audrey Snyder, <i>Student of Blake Brasch</i>
	Young Artist	1 <sup>st</sup> ~ Ting-Chi Hung, UIUC, <i>Student of B.Vamos</i> 1 <sup>st</sup> ~ Sang Yhee, Northwestern, <i>Student of Hans Jensen</i>
<b>FLUTE</b>	Junior	1 <sup>st</sup> Place ~ Sorcha Barr, <i>Student of Hideko Amano</i> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place ~ Emilia Bublik, <i>Student of Donna Milanovich</i> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place ~ Emma Steward, <i>Student of Hideko Amano</i> HM ~ Avi Eisenstein, <i>Student of Emily Abraham</i>
	Senior	1 <sup>st</sup> Place ~ Angelina Kim, <i>Student of Ryunghy Lee</i> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place ~ Lauren Barounis, <i>Student of D. Milanovich</i>
<b>GUITAR</b>	Junior	1 <sup>st</sup> Place ~ Elaine Zhou, <i>Student of Denis Azabegic</i> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place ~ Yaodi Hu, Jr. <i>Student of Denis Azabegic</i> HM ~ Aaron Lewis, <i>Student of Julia Miller</i>
	Senior	1 <sup>st</sup> ~ Chaconne Klaverenga, <i>Student of D. Azabegic</i> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place ~ Matt Gamalinda, <i>Student of C. Laughlin</i> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place ~ Christopher Murray, <i>Student of D. Azabegic</i>
	Collegiate	1 <sup>st</sup> Place ~ David Gonzales, <i>Student of Norman Ruiz</i> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place ~ Colin McGrath, <i>Student of Anne Waller</i> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place ~ Stephen Severson, <i>Student of Norman Ruiz</i>
<b>PIANO</b>	Primary	1 <sup>st</sup> Place ~ Kyle Jannak-Huang, <i>Student of B. Huang</i> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place ~ Ryan Jannak-Huang, <i>Student of B. Huang</i>
	Junior	1 <sup>st</sup> Place ~ Yoan Ganey, <i>Student of Emilio del Rosario</i> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place ~ John Pak, <i>Student of Sunghoon Mo</i> HM ~ Anna Ziv, <i>Student of Elaine Felder</i>
	Intermediate	1 <sup>st</sup> Place ~ Kate Liu, <i>Student of Emilio del Rosario</i> HM ~ Hannah Kay, <i>Student of Brenda Huang</i>
	Senior	1 <sup>st</sup> Place ~ Richard Kahn, <i>Student of Emilio del Rosario</i> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place ~ Sean Yeh, <i>Student of Emilio del Rosario</i>
Young Artist	1 <sup>st</sup> Place ~ Xiaofeng Wu – University of Michigan, <i>Student of Arthur Greene</i> HM ~ Sunmin Kim – Eastman School of Music, <i>Student of Nelita True</i>	

<b>VIOLIN</b>	Primary	1 <sup>st</sup> Place ~ Emma Sandberg, <i>Student of Gabriel Bolkosky</i> 1 <sup>st</sup> Place ~ Tabitha Oh, <i>Student of Desiree Ruhstrat</i> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place ~ Ursula Steele, <i>Student of Stacia Spencer</i> HM ~ Kendrick Lau, <i>Student of Reagan Brasch</i> HM ~ Chloe Lee, <i>Student of Joyce Noh</i>
	Junior	1 <sup>st</sup> Place ~ Benedict Volk, <i>Student of Cyrus Forough</i> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place ~ Chase Gladish, <i>Student of Cyrus Forough</i> HM ~ Emily Jones, <i>Student of Desiree Ruhstrat</i> HM ~ Rachel Ryu, <i>Student of Desiree Ruhstrat</i>
	Intermediate	1 <sup>st</sup> Place ~ Laura Park, <i>Student of Injoo Choi</i> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place ~ Crystal Qi, <i>Student of Cyrus Forough</i> HM ~ Benedict Volk, <i>Student of Cyrus Forough</i> HM ~ Mariko Wakabayashi, <i>Student of Cyrus Forough</i>
	Young Artist	1 <sup>st</sup> ~ Daniela Shtéreva, <i>Carnegie Mellon University</i> <i>Student of Cyrus Forough</i> 1 <sup>st</sup> ~ Emma Steele, <i>Student of Cyrus Forough</i>
<b>VOICE</b>	Junior	1 <sup>st</sup> ~ Robert McNeily, <i>Student of C. Caccavallo</i> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place ~ Julian Cook, <i>Student of Gaye Klopach</i> HM ~ Laura Camacho, <i>Student of Gaye Klopach</i> HM ~ James Grant Robertson, <i>Student of E. Monastero</i>
	Intermediate	1 <sup>st</sup> ~ Samantha Guevrekian, <i>Student of E. Monastero</i> 2 <sup>nd</sup> ~ Tasha Koontz, <i>Student of Elizabeth Monastero</i> HM ~ Anne Slovin, <i>Student of Elizabeth Monastero</i>
	Senior	2 <sup>nd</sup> ~ Cameron Scholtes, <i>Student of Karen Bauer</i>

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