The 2014/Fifth Dr. Gulimina Mahamuti Annual Piano Studio Recital

Saturday, August 2, 2014, at 2:30 pm
The John and Pearl Conard Performance Hall, OSU - Mansfield Campus
Address: 1760 University Drive, Mansfield, Ohio 44906

Program

Gracie Weile Pfieffer (Age 10)
Dance of the Wind

Cheyenne van Langevelde (Age 11)
Sonatina op. 36, no. 2 in G major, I. Allegretto
The Peacocks of Babylon

Ajit Venkatakrishnan (Age 14)
Ballade, op. 100, no. 15

Muzio Clementi (1752-1832)
Tom Gerou

Three Compositions by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791):

Andrew Xiao (Age 12)
Sonata in C major, k. 309, I. Allegro con spirito

Ava Ghazarian (Age 7)
Fantasia in D minor, k. 397

Emily Ghazarian (Age 11)
Sonata in A minor, k. 310, I. Allegro maestoso

Ulo Ezike (Age 6 ½)
Etude Op. 101, no. 3

Eleane Lin (Age 8 tomorrow)
Distant Bells, op. 63, no. 6

Etude, op. 599, no. 15

Ferdinand Beyer (1803-1863)
Louis Streabbog (1835-1886)
Carl Czerny (1791-1857)

Two Compositions by Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827):

Jason Lin (Age 12)
Sonata no. 25 in G major, op. 79, I. Presto alla tedesca

Rachel Ballitch (Age 18)
Sonata in C minor, op. 10 no. 1, I. Allegro molto e con brio

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• Thank you for coming to today's recital. For more information, visit www.guliminapianostudio.com
2014 Studio Achievements:

- Seven students, including Rachel Ballitch, Eleane Lin, Jason Lin, Tracy Lin, Gracie Weile Pfierrer, Ajit Venkatakrishnan, and Andrew Xiao, performed at the OhioHealth MedCentral Hospital Annual Cancer Survivors Day Celebration at the Richland County Fairgrounds Fairhaven Hall on June 13.

- Rachel Ballitch performed a Senior Solo Piano Recital at The John and Pearl Conard Performance Hall, OSU - Mansfield Campus on June 6.

- Rachel Ballitch received admission to Ohio Wesleyan University for her Bachelor of Music degree in Piano Performance. As one of the strong candidates, Rachel was selected as a Branch Rickey Scholarship recipient and a Music Merit Scholarship recipient and she will continue her piano study under Dr. Gulimina Mahamuti at OWU.

- At The 2014 Richland County Chapter of OhioMTA Sonatina-Sonata Festival on May 10, all six students, including Rachel Ballitch, Ava Ghazarian, Emily Ghazarian, Tracy Lin, Emily Togliatti, and Cheyenne van Langevelde won Gold Medals.

- Students performed at the Richland County of OhioMTA Student Recital at The Main Street United Methodist Church on April 13.

- Meiyan Timberlake and Andrew Xiao won Ontario Middle School Student Talent Show on April 8. The Talent Show was a mix of 6th, 7th, and 8th grades. Meiyan and Andrew played Spanish Dances op.12, no.3 by Moritz Moszkowski and received excellent remarks from all six judges.

- Meiyan Timberlake and Andrew Xiao won 2nd place at the Junior Duet Division of the 2014 OhioMTA/Grave Piano Solo and Ensemble Competition, and as the 2nd-prize winners, both of them were invited to perform at the Winners' Recital at the Graves Piano Recital Hall in Columbus on March 23.

- Jason Lin and Emily Ghazarian won Honorable Mention at the Junior Duet Division of the 2014 OhioMTA/Grave Piano Solo and Ensemble Competition.

- Ajit Venkatakrishnan received Rating II (An Unusual Performance in Many Respects) of Grade 8th Student in the Ohio Music Education Association District 10 Junior High Solo and Ensemble Adjudicated Piano Event on March 29.

- Ten students received the Unanimous Superior Ratings in the Piano Solo Event of the National Federation/Ohio Federation of Music Clubs Junior Festivals on March 22. These students are Eleane Lin (Primary Class I), Ava Ghazarian (Elementary Class III), Gracie Weile Pfierrer (Elementary Class III), Ajit Venkatakrishnan (Medium Class), Olivia Togliatti (Moderately Difficult Class I), Andrew Xiao (Moderately Difficult Class I), Meiyan Timberlake (Moderately Difficult Class II), Emily Ghazarian (Moderately Difficult Class III), Claire Phillips (Difficult Class I), Tracy Lin (Very Difficult Class II). Two students received Superior Ratings and they are Cheyenne van Langevelde (Medium Class) and Jason Lin (Moderately Difficult Class III).

- Jason Lin received the 2014 Ohio Music Teachers Association Summer Piano Scholarship of $200.

- Rachel Ballitch performed Felix Mendelssohn's Rondo Capriccioso, op. 14 at the piano master class by the Chinese piano professor, Mr. Guan Chang-xin, at Ohio Wesleyan University Jemison Auditorium on March 20.

- Studio Students performed a Valentine's Day Piano Recital at The Manor House of Wedgewood Estates Senior Living Community on February 14. WMAN and MIX106 advertised this performance event during the week of February 10.

- Studio students performed at the Richland County of OhioMTA Student Collaborative Recital at First Congregational Church on February 8.

- Cheyenne van Langevelde received the 2014 Student Assistance Fund scholarship of $150 from the Central East District of OhioMTA on February 6.

- Meiyan Timberlake and Andrew Xiao played the piano duet, Le petit âne blanc (The Little White Donkey) by French composer Jacques Ibert, at the Piano Master Class offered by the Central East District of Ohio Music Teachers Association in Columbus on January 20, 2014 (Martin Luther King Jr. Day).
Biography

**Gracie Pfieffer** is 10 years old. She has been studying piano for 3 years since August of 2011. She received all excellents at the OMTA ribbon festivals. In May of 2013, she received the “Amnee Demyan Music Award” and played piano solo at the Lexington Central Elementary school. She loves playing soccer and tennis and recently won the 81st News Journal/Richland Bank Tennis Tournament.

**Cheyenne van Langevelde** is 11 years old and has been studying piano for five years. She transferred to study with Dr. Gulimina Mahamuti’s almost a year ago (in September 2013) and received her first year ribbon from the OMTA Ribbon Festival this past December. Cheyenne received the 2014 Student Assistance Fund scholarship of $150 from the Central East District of OhioMTA in February and won a Gold Medal at 2014 Richland County of OhioMTA Sonatina-Sonata Festival. She enjoys playing hymns at church and is a hardworking home-schooled student who excels in reading and grammar. Besides playing the piano, she enjoys reading historical fiction and non-fiction, making hand-made gifts, and playing with her baby sister, Gabriella.

**Ajit Vankatakishnan** is 14 years old and goes to Lexington Jr. High. He had studied piano for 5 years before transferring to Dr. Mahamuti in fall of 2012. Ajit received Rating II (An Unusual Performance in Many Respects) of Grade 8th Student in the Ohio Music Education Association District 10 Junior High Solo and Ensemble Judicated Piano Event in March. He’s in eighth grade but takes several advanced classes. He’s a purple belt in shurite kempo (karate). He has always been on honor roll and plays viola in his school orchestra.

**Andrew Xiao** is 12 years old. He transferred to Dr. Mahamuti’s studio in January of 2010. At the 2012 Richland OhioMTA Sonatina-Sonata Festival, he won a Gold Medal. With his duet partner, Meiyin Timberlake, Andrew won 2nd place at the Junior Duet Division of the 2014 OhioMTA/Grave Piano Solo and Ensemble Competition and as the 2nd-prize winners, both of them were invited to perform at the Winners’ Recital at the Graves Piano Recital Hall in Columbus in March. The duet also won Ontario Middle School Student Talent Show in April and performed at a piano masterclass organized by the Central East District of Ohio Music Teachers Association in Columbus in January.

**Ava Ghazarian** is 7 years old and is a 1st grader at Lexington Elementary School. She excels both musically and academically. She started learning piano at age five under Dr. Mahamuti in July of 2012. Since then, Ava has participated in many performance activities in the Mansfield area. Within the short period of the piano study, she has learned and performed various repertoires. Ava has been chosen to perform at a piano master class at the Ohio Federation of Music Clubs State Conference in Newark, OH in October. Besides piano, Ava enjoys reading.

11-year-old **Emily Ghazarian** started piano at age 7 in September of 2010 and transferred to Dr. Mahamuti’s studio at age 8 in August of 2011. In 2012, with her duet partner Jason Lin, she won First Prize of the Elementary Duet Division at the OhioMTA state-level Graves Piano Solo and Ensemble Competition. The duet team also won Honorable Mention of the Junior Duet Division at the same competition this year. Emily received the competitive 2013 OhioMTA Summer Piano Scholarship and won Gold Medals at the 2013 & 2014 Richland OhioMTA Sonatina-Sonata Festival. In April of 2013, Emily performed at The Ohio Federation of Music Clubs District IV Spring Conference and received a Congratulatory letter from the Ohio House of Representatives. Besides the piano, Emily achieves academically at school.

**Ulo Ezike** will turn age 7 in October. She has just started the piano lesson with Dr. Mahamuti less than a month since July 13 of this year. This is Ulo's first piano performance.
**Eleane Lin** will celebrate her 8th year's birthday tomorrow! She is a 2nd grader at Stingle Elementary School. She has been studying piano for half a year since December of 2013. She loves art and non-fictions. She also loves white chocolate.

12-year-old **Jason Lin** started his first piano lesson with Dr. Mahamuti in May of 2010. In 2012 and 2014, he won First Prize (Elementary Duet Division) and Honorable Mention (Junior Duet Division) with his duet partner Emily at the OhioMTA state-level Graves Piano Solo and Ensemble Competition. He also won a Gold Medal at the 2013 Richland OhioMTA Sonatina-Sonata Festival and performed at The Ohio Federation of Music Clubs District IV Spring Conference in April of 2013. Jason performed at the piano master class of Central East District of OhioMTA and received a congratulatory letter from the Ohio House of Representatives.

**Rachel Ballitch** has been playing the piano for eight years, three of which she has been taking the lessons with Dr. Gulimina Mahamuti, a Mansfield resident and a part-time Assistant Professor of Piano at Ohio Wesleyan University. Rachel has participated in various recitals organized by the Richland County of Ohio Music Teachers Association, by The Ohio Federation of Music Clubs, and by the Mansfield Music Study Club. In May of 2013, she won Second Place at the Piano Scholarship Competition/Grades 10-12 Division of the Mansfield Music Study Club. In the fall of 2012 with her piano duet partner, Tracy Lin, the duet was selected to perform at the OhioMTA State Conference Pre-College Piano Master Class. Rachel has also performed at the piano master classes at Ohio Wesleyan University given by the Cleveland International Piano Competition winner, Alexander Shimpf, and by the China Conservatory of Music in Beijing piano professor, Guan Changxin. At the recent Richland County of OhioMTA Sonata Festival, she received a Gold Medal. Because of her achievements on the piano, Rachel appears in the local newspapers on multiple occasions and last year, she received a Congratulatory Letter from the Ohio House of Representatives. Rachel recently graduated with the highest honor at Mansfield Christian High School. She also received The Branch Rickey Academic Scholarship and a Music Merit Scholarship from Ohio Wesleyan University, where she will pursue her Bachelor of Music degree in Piano Performance under the tutelage of Dr. Mahamuti in the fall.

A Mansfield resident and a native of Karamay city in Xinjiang, western China, **Dr. Gulimina Mahamuti** performs extensively as a soloist and collaborative pianist in major cities in the U.S., Canada, Denmark, Hungary, Turkey, and China, with broadcasts on radio and state TV. She gave recitals at the invitation of the Turkish Ambassador in Hungary, at Carnegie Hall in New York, at Trinity Church in Boston, and at Memorial Church of Harvard University, and performed and gave master classes frequently as guest pianist at universities and music schools across the U.S. and China. Dr. Mahamuti performed piano concertos with the Southeast Kansas Symphony Orchestra, the Mansfield Symphony Orchestra, and the Harbin Symphony Orchestra in China. Her piano playing was featured at many radio stations, including San Francisco Turkish Radio, San Francisco Community Radio, Queens College of CUNY online podcast in the U.S., Touch Radio in China, and Istanbul Technical University Radio in Turkey. Her CD recording, *Xinjiang Piano Music from Western China*, was released in May of 2012 and features the distinctive piano music from western China. A part-time Assistant Professor of Piano at Ohio Wesleyan University, Dr. Mahamuti is a Nationally Certified Teacher of Music in piano. She serves on the board and chairs the Central East District of Ohio Music Teachers Association Piano Workshops and is the chair person of the Richland County Chapter of OhioMTA. She is also a board member of the Ohio Federation of Music Clubs and chairs the Student/Collegiate Auditions Award for the state of Ohio. She lives in Mansfield with her husband, Dr. D. B. “Zoon” Nguyen, and their two cats, Yao and Y. For more information, visit Dr. Gulimina Mahamuti’s website at [www.gulimina.com](http://www.gulimina.com) and her piano studio website at [www.guliminapianostudio.com](http://www.guliminapianostudio.com)