

**Dr. Gulimina Mahamuti Piano Studio Christmas Recital**  
for the Senior Residential Community

Saturday, December 20, 2014, at 2:30 pm

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*Pre-Program Music Provided by: Cheyenne van Langevelde (age 11): Christmas Carols*

PROGRAM

**Ava Ghazarian** (age 8)

*Sofly Falling Snow*

Mary Leaf

*Valse, op. 64, no. 1, "Petit chien" (Little Dog Waltz)*

Frédéric Chopin (1810-1849)

\*Ava excels both musically and academically. She started learning piano at age five under Dr. Mahamuti in July of 2012. Within the short period of the piano study, she has learned and performed various repertoires. Ava received the Unanimous Superior Ratings in the Elementary Class III Level of the Piano Solo Event at the 2014 NFMC Junior Festivals in Ashland and received a Gold Medal at the 2014 Richland County Chapter of OhioMTA Sonatina/Sonata Festival. In October, Ava performed at a piano master class at the Ohio Federation of Music Clubs State Conference in Newark, OH. Most recently, because of her achievements on the piano at a very young age, she received a congratulatory letter from the Ohio House of Representatives. Besides piano, Ava enjoys reading.

**Eleane Lin** (age 8)

*Distant Bells, op. 63, no. 6*

Louis Streabbog (1835-1886)

*Taratella, op. 14, no. 8*

Frank Lynes (1858-1913)

\* Eleane is a 3rd grader at Stingle Elementary School. She has been studying piano for a year since December of 2013. She earned her first-year Ribbon at the recent Richland County Chapter of OhioMTA Ribbon Festival and received a Unanimous Superior Ratings in the Primary Class I Piano Solo Event at the 2014 OFMC Junior Festivals in Ashland.

**Ulo Ezike** (age 7)

*Waterfalls*

Ferdinand Beyer (1803-1863)

\* Ulo started her piano lessons in July of this year. At the recent Ribbon Festival, she earned her first-year ribbon with excellent remarks from the judge.

**Cheyenne van Langevelde** (age 11)

*The Peacocks of Babylon*

Tom Gerou

\* Cheyenne has been studying piano for five years. She transferred to study with Dr. Gulimina Mahamuti a year ago (in September 2013) and has received her 2-year ribbons from the OMTA Ribbon Festival since 2013. Cheyenne also received the 2014 Student Assistance Fund scholarship from the Central East District of OhioMTA in February of this year and won a Gold Medal at 2014 Richland County of OhioMTA Sonatina-Sonata Festival.

**Olivia Togliatti** (age 13)

*Gertrude's Waltz*

Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827)

\* Olivia is a 7th grader at St. Peter's Junior High School excelling both musically and academically. In addition

to piano, she plays the clarinet, sings, acts, and does cross-country. She was St. Peter's Elementary School's National Geographic Bee champion and the Spelling Bee runner-up. She received a Unanimous Superior Ratings in the Moderately Difficult Class I Piano Solo Event at the 2014 OFMC Junior Festivals in Ashland. At the 2014 Richland County Chapter of OhioMTA Sonatina/Sonata Festival, she received a Gold Medal.

**Stuart Cox** (age 16)  
*Nocturne in A-flat major*

Alexander Scriabin (1872-1915)

\* Stuart has taken the piano lessons with Dr. Mahamuti since September of this year. He has earned his first-year ribbon from the recent Ribbon Festival.

**Andrew Xiao** (age 12)  
*Winter Storm Etude*

Randall Hartsell

\* Andrew transferred to Dr. Mahamuti's studio in January of 2010. At the 2012 Richland OhioMTA Sonatina-Sonata Festival, he won a Gold Medal. At the 2014 OFMC Junior Festivals in Ashland, he received the Unanimous Superior Ratings in the Moderately Difficulty Class I Level of the Piano Solo Event. With his duet partner, Meiyan Timberlake, Andrew won 2nd place in the Junior Duet Division at the state-level 2014 OhioMTA/Graves 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. 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 OhioMTA in Columbus in January.

**Emily Ghazarian** (age 11)  
*Nocturne in C-sharp minor, op. Posthumous*

Frédéric Chopin (1810-1849)

\* Emily 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 (state-level) 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 County Chapter of OhioMTA Sonatina-Sonata Festival. She received the Unanimous Superior Ratings in the Moderately Difficulty Class III Level of the Piano Solo Event at the 2014 OFMC Junior Festivals in Ashland. Emily performed at The 2013 OFMC District IV Spring Conference and received a Congratulatory letter from the Ohio House of Representatives. Besides the piano, Emily achieves academically at school.

**Jason Lin** (age 13)  
*Prelude in D-flat major, op. 28, no. 15*

Frédéric Chopin (1810-1849)

\* Jason 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 Ghazarian at the OhioMTA state-level Graves Piano Solo and Ensemble Competition. He also won a Gold Medal at the 2013 Richland County Chapter of OhioMTA Sonatina-Sonata Festival and performed at The 2013 Ohio Federation of Music Clubs District IV Spring Conference. At the 2014 OFMC Junior Festivals in Ashland, Jason received the Superior Ratings in the Moderately Difficulty Class III Level of the Piano Solo Event. He performed at the piano master class of Central East District of OhioMTA and received a congratulatory letter from the Ohio House of Representatives.

**Cheyenne van Langevelde** (primo, age 11) & **Stuart Cox** (secondo, age 16)  
*Ständchen (Serenade)*

Franz Schubert (1797-1828)

**Claire Phillips** (age 17)

*Sonata in F major, k. 332, II. Adagio*

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791)

\* Claire is a senior at St. Peter's High School. She has been studying piano with Dr. Mahamuti for three years, but for a total of nine years altogether. Claire enjoys reading, writing, acting, and piano. She has participated in the OMTA Ribbon Festival for seven years, has earned three gold medals in the Sonatina Festival, and has participated in other area recitals for many years. In 2012, Claire took part in The Central East District of OhioMTA Spring Conference in Columbus. More recently, Claire received a superior rating at the National Federation of Music Clubs' Festival.

**Eleanor Judd** (age 16)

*Deux Nocturnes, op. 48, no. 1*

Frédéric Chopin (1810-1849)

\* Eleanor has taken the piano lessons with Dr. Mahamuti since September of this year. She previously studied piano at the community school of the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, New York.

**Tracy Lin** (age 16)

*Fantasia-Impromptu, op. 66*

Frédéric Chopin (1810-1849)

\* Tracy started learning the piano at age seven and in July of 2010, she started taking piano lessons with Dr. Mahamuti. She won Honorable Mention in the Senior Duet Division with her sister Ying Lin at the 2011 (state-level) OhioMTA/Graves Piano Solo and Ensemble Competition. She won First Prize at the Mansfield Music Study Club Piano Scholarship Competition Grades 10-12 Division. Tracy and Rachel Ballitch (now a freshman piano major student under Dr. Mahamuti piano studio at Ohio Wesleyan University) teamed up together and, they were two of only five students selected in the state of Ohio to perform at the Pre-College Piano Master Class at the 2012 OhioMTA State Conference in Columbus. At the 2014 OFMC Junior Festivals in Ashland, she received the Unanimous Superior Ratings in the Very Difficulty Class II Level of the Piano Solo Event. Together with Dr. Mahamuti and her students, Tracy appeared on WMFD TV and was written up in Mansfield News Journal and the Tribune-Courier on multiple occasions. Because of her piano achievements, she received a congratulatory letter from the Ohio House of Representatives in 2013.

#### **AWARD CEREMONY**

*from the Richland County Chapter of OhioMTA Ribbon Festival*

1st-year ribbon recipients: Ulo Ezike (not present), Eleane Lin, Stuart Cox, Eleanor Judd

2nd-year ribbon recipient: Cheyenne van Langevelde

3rd-year ribbon recipients: Ava Ghazarian, Emily Ghazarian, Olivia Togliatti

4th-year ribbon recipients: Gracie Pfeiffer (not present), Andrew Xiao, Meiyan Timberlake (not present), Tracy Lin

5th-year ribbon recipient: Jason Lin

7th-year ribbon recipient: Claire Phillips

**We Wish You A Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year!!!**

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