

MMTA recognizes its 8 year Achievement Award winners!

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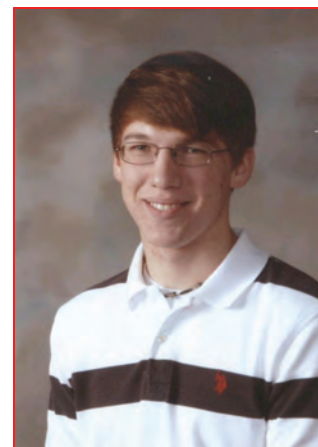
Shaoxin Lu, student of Dr. Rachel Heard, Parents: Deyin Lu and Qingmei Shao



Mary Catherine McKibben, student of Dixie Clark, Parents: Phillip and Daphne McKibben



Stephanie Kristen Sapp, student of Susan Gambrell, Parents: Don and Mellany Sapp



John Mark Dobb, student of Janet Davis Gray, Parents: David and Sandy Dodd



Erin Leigh Dyer, Student of Stacy Rodgers, Parents: Don and Helen Dyer



Brian Xu, Student of Dixie Clark, Parents: Jianzhong Xu and Ruiping Yuan

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Piano Performance Level 3 and below:

Gold Medal:	Victoria Gong (Judith Allen)
	Michelle Sun (Janice Mesrobian)
2 nd place:	Edward Hu (Ian Hominick)
Matthew	Yin (Karen Laubengayer)
	Hannah Jee Soo Kim (Dixie Clark)
	Gian Luigi Zaninelli (Ellen Price Elder)
3 rd place:	Cathy Li (Harold Thompson)
Ben	Yang (Adrienne Park)
Peter	Liang (Janice Mesrobian)
4 th place:	Sidarth Nagarajan (Dixie Clark)
Gl	oria Zhang (Harold Thompson)
Honorable Mention:	Robert Lawson (Annette Joe)
Geo	rge Tang (Carol Durham)
I	ndu Nandula (Karen Fosheim)

Piano Performance Level 4:

Gold Medal:	Jane Fan (Edna Mae McCoy)
2 nd place:	Tracey Singer (Edna Mae McCoy)
3 rd place:	Carrie Shi (Edna Mae McCoy)
4 th place:	Anna Dodd (Janet Gray)
Honorable Mention:	Maggie Cayson (Sandy Coutoumanos)

Piano Performance Level 5:

Gold Medal:	Elizabeth Wang (Isabella Ivshin)
2 nd place:	Jesse Li (Isabella Ivshin)
3 rd place:	Sumner Thomas (Isabella Ivshin)

Piano Performance Level 6:

Gold Medal:	Cici Zhang (Harold Thompson)
2 nd place:	James Zhou (Karen Laubengayer)
3 rd place:	Ashley Chang (Isabella Ivshin)
	Joy Carino (Dixie Clark)
4 th place:	Marina Zhou (Isabella Ivshin)
	Sadie Henderson (Ellen Price Elder)

Piano Performance Level 7:

Gold Medal:	Gabrielle Foster (Dixie Clark)
2 nd place:	Helen Shi (Edna Mae McCoy)
3 rd place:	Josiah Marcellino (Ellen Y. Gunn)
	Melin da Xu (Dixie Clark)

Piano Performance Level 8:

Gold Medal:	Austin Li (Karen Fosheim)
2 nd place:	Yoomin Jo (Adrienne Park)
3 rd place:	Samantha Ong (Rachel Heard)
4 th place:	Taylor Zhang (Isabella Ivshin)
	Taylor Weeks (Ian Hominick)
	Jeremy Anantharaj (Edna Mae McCoy)
Honorable Mention:	Callie Tullos (Carolina Whitfield-Smith)
	Caro line Leigh (Janice Mesrobian)

Piano Performance Level 9:

Gold Medal:	Taide Ding (Ian Hominick)
2 nd place:	Rosalie Doerksen (Ian Hominick)
3 rd place:	Christina Vilar (Cristina Moreland)
4 th place:	Benny Zhang (Cristina Moreland)
Honorable Mention:	Caleb Foster (Dixie Clark)

Honorable mention continued from previous page . . .

Ch	ristian Jordan (Susan Fairchild)
Dora	Chen (Stacy Rodgers)
Jo	rdan Broughton (Janice Mesrobian)

Piano Performance Level 10:

Gold Medal:	Catherine Feng (Edna Mae McCoy)
Brian	Xu (Dixie Clark)
2 nd place:	Tiana Coleman (Elsie Barnes)
3 rd place:	Charlotte Wang (Harold Thompson)

Piano Performance Level 11:

Gold Medal:	Katharine Crandall (Edna Mae McCoy)
Erin	Dyer (Stacy Rodgers)
2 nd place:	Morgan Gaughf (Brenda Sullivan)
Ro	bby Baine (Lawrence Goldman)
3 rd place:	Alexander Zhu (Edna Mae McCoy)

Piano Performance Level 12:

Gold Medal:	Shaoxin Lu (Rachel Heard)
2 nd place:	Mary McKibben (Dixie Clark)

Piano Ensemble Division A

Gold Medal:	Peter Liang and Michelle Sun (Janice Mesrobian)
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Piano Ensemble Division B

Gold Medal:	Allen Huang and Ruby Liang (Janice Mesrobian)
2 nd place:	Tracey Singer, Jane Fan, and Carrie Shi (Edna Mae McCoy)
3 rd place:	Elijah Allen and Ashton Gage (Elsie Barnes)
	Ruby Liang and Rhyan Plumlee (Janice Mesrobian)

Piano Ensemble Division C

Gold Medal: Ben Wiggins and Josiah Marcellino (Ellen Y. Gunn)

2nd place: Joy Carino and Melinda Xu (Dixie Clark)

Piano Ensemble Division D

Gold Medal: John Baxter and Mary Margaret Hyer (Laura Broughton)

2nd place: Joshua Banks and Catherine Feng (Edna Mae McCoy)

Piano Ensemble Division E

Gold Medal: Lee Alita Waits and Laurie Anne Waits (Janice Mesrobian)

2nd place: Taylor Gaughf and Morgan Gaughf (Brenda Sullivan)

Sonata/Sonatina Division A

Gold Medal: Peter Liang (Janice Mesrobian)

2nd place: Hannah Jee Soo Kim (Dixie Clark)

Sonata/Sonatina Division B

Gold Medal: Jesse Li (Isabella Ivshin)

2nd place: Elizabeth Wang (Isabella Ivshin)

Sonata/Sonatina Division C

Gold Medal: Jeremy Anantharaj (Edna Mae McCoy)

2nd place: Helen Shi (Edna Mae McCoy)

Sonata/Sonatina Division D

Gold Medal: Taide Ding (Ian Hominick)

2nd place: Rosalia Doerksen (Ian Hominick)

Sonata/Sonatina Division E

Gold Medal: Erin Dyer (Stacy Rodgers)

2nd place: Ruiqi Feng (Isabella Ivshin)

Theme and Variations Division A

Gold Medal: Victoria Gong (Judith Allen)

Theme and Variations Division B

Gold Medal: Cici Zhang (Harold Thompson)

2nd place: Rhyan Plumlee (Janice Mesrobian)

 N yah Jordan (Susan Fairchild)

3rd place: Emily Youngblood (Ellen Y. Gunn)

 Kayla Shelby (Elsie Barnes)

Theme and Variations Division C

Gold Medal: Helen Shi (Edna Mae McCoy)

Theme and Variations Division D

Gold Medal: Catherine Feng (Edna Mae McCoy)

Vocal Performance Level 9

Gold Medal: Jaylon Moore (Shawn Morgan)

2nd place: Vershaune Stamps (Shawn Morgan)

3rd place: Christina Rutland (Barbara Stephenson)

Vocal Performance Level 10

Gold Medal: John McCann (Yvonne Young-McGrath)

2nd place: Deja Moore (Shawn Morgan)

3rd place: Brittain Allgood (Barbara Stephenson)

Vocal Performance Level 11

Gold Medal: Joanna Bushardt (Laura Broughton)

 Chance Ragsdale (Jeanne Evans)

Vocal Performance Level 12

Gold Medal: Ruth Oguhebe (Shawn Morgan)

Grace Claire Cordes (Jeanne Evans)

Brass Performance Level 7

Gold Medal: Ashley German (Melinda Porter)

Strings Solo Division A

Gold Medal: Ella Wu (Gail Fox)

Strings Solo Division B

Gold Medal: Nyah Jordan (Gail Fox)

2nd place: Bailey Ann Neal (Gail Fox)

3rd place: Mary Katherine Oglesby (Gail Fox)

Strings Solo Division C

Gold Medal: Wynter Hilbun (Gail Fox)

2nd place: Jason Guo (Gail Fox)

Strings Solo Division D

Gold Medal: Zachary-Scott Neal (Gail Fox)

2nd place: Elizabeth Oglesby (Gail Fox)

Strings Solo Division E

Gold Medal: Alex Fan (Gail Fox)

Strings Solo Division F

Gold Medal: Rosalie Powell (Gail Fox)

High Composite Score Winners:

Lv. 3 and below = Jackson Creel (300)

Lv. 4 = Jane Fan (398)

Lv. 5 tie = Elizabeth Wang (397) and Jesse Li (397)

Lv. 6 = Joy Carino (399)

Lv. 7 = Gabriella Loiacano (394)

Lv. 8 = Austin Li (396)

Lv. 9 = Taide Ding (399)

Lv. 10 = Brian Xu (399)

Lv. 11 = Dorothy Claire Glover (394)

Lv. 12 = Sandi Lewanika (391)

Eight-Year Achievement Award Winners:

Erin Leigh Dyer—student of Stacy Rodgers

John Mark Dodd—student of Janet Davis Gray

Shaoxin Lu—student of Dr. Rachel Heard

Mary Catherine McKibben—student of Dixie M. Clark

Stephanie Kristen Sapp—student of Susan Gambrell

Brian Xu—student of Dixie M. Clark

Note from the editor of the MMT:

If you see any misspelled names or incorrectly labeled photos in this special issue of the MMT, would you please let me know so I can see if it can be corrected? I apologize for any mistakes that I may have made. Thanks and I pray that you enjoy this issue. We are proud of each of these fine students.

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Rachel Heard, President

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The officers and membership of Mississippi Music Teachers Association extends our congratulations to all those who participated in the 2010 Pre-College Evaluations at the local levels and to these who are honored in this Special Edition of the MMT as participants in the 2010 Pre-College Finals at William Carey University in Hattiesburg on Saturday, May 1, 2010

Biographies of 8 year Achievement Award Winners as submitted by teacher or parent

Stephanie Kristen Sapp of Vicksburg, Mississippi is the 18year old daughter of Don and Mellany Sapp and the sister of Daniel and Courtney. Stephanie is a 2010 homeschooled honors graduate and plans to attend college in the fall, majoring in Intercultural Studies and Missions.

Stephanie has studied piano for 11years, 10 of those at the studio of Susan Gambrell. She is a 10-year participant in the MMTA Pre-College Auditions, earning 10 years of all Superior ratings to qualify for the State-level recital. Three times, Stephanie has attained the highest composite score for her age level. She has participated in numerous recitals and Master classes and used her gift of music to often perform for church worship services and nursing homes.

Stephanie is also a classically-trained dancer with 11 years of dance in the studio of Teresa George. As with piano, dance has given her many opportunities to perform and to choreograph pieces for church productions and studio recitals. Participating in Ballet Magnificat's Summer Dance Intensive for 2 summers was a highlight of her dance experience.

Extensive volunteering in her church and community has given Stephanie opportunities to work with many people, helping to prepare her for future mission work. In February, 2010, she traveled to Vancouver, Canada, to serve as a More Than Gold volunteer during the Winter Olympics and met people from all over the world.

Stephanie also enjoys art, reading, journaling, fitness, and several recreational sports including tennis, ice skating, basketball, and running. In only her second race to run, she recently finished first in her age division in the Clinton Brick Street Firefly 5K.

Shaoxin Lu began piano at the age of seven and has loved it ever since. Her current teacher is Dr. Rachel Heard, a music professor at Millsaps College, whom she has been with for six years. Previously, Shaoxin studied with Sandra Polanski and Kay Johnson.

Shaoxin has participated regularly in various annual piano competitions such as the Sonata/Sonatina Festival, Bach Festival, Mississippi Music Teacher's Association Auditions and Pre-College Finals, Alcorn State Competition, and MTNA Competitions in Concerto and Solo Performance where she represented the state of Mississippi in the Southern Division in Virginia, January 2009. Aside from classical music, she has also served her church and church choir as the pianist. Shaoxin will attend Duke University in the fall and plans to pursue a minor in music.

Erin Dyer, sixteen years old, is the daughter of Don and Helen Dyer and a rising senior at Oxford High School. She began her piano studies at age six with teacher Ya Chin Lan and one year later became the student of Stacy Rodgers, with whom she continues to study. Erin has qualified for the State Special Recognition Recital every year since she was seven years old, winning gold medals and many second places while competing in Solo Performance, Sonata / Sonatina, and Theme & Variations. She has participated in the Pre-College Concerto competition every year since 2003 and has won gold medals in that competition as well. Erin has also participated in the Eunice Hoffmeister Young Artists’ Competition in Florence, Alabama, winning the award for “Most Promising Young Artist” in 2007 and first place in the category of piano in 2008. She has also attended the Piano Discoveries Camp at the University of Mississippi for the past three years. Erin has been a member of the Oxford Charger varsity tennis team since seventh grade, helping them win three consecutive state titles and achieve an overall head-to-head team record of 107 wins and 0 losses. In 2009, she was No. 2 Girls Doubles state runner-up and a member of the Mississippi All-State Tennis Team. Erin is also an active member of many clubs and organizations. During her freshman and sophomore years, Erin was a member of the Oxford High School band and color guard. She is the recording secretary in Anchor Club, the Key Club reporter, and a member of National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta, and the Spanish Honor Society. Erin is a straight-“A” student and has won numerous academic awards, including awards in Chinese, Spanish, Algebra II, Advanced Algebra, and AP English III and the Miriam S. Pullen award for excellence in mathematics. This year, she won first place at the High School Modern Languages Fair at the University of Mississippi in the category of Chinese.
John Mark Dodd is the son of David and Sandy Dodd of Corinth, MS and will graduate from Eagle Home School Association in 2011. He has studied piano with Janet Gray for nine years and violin with Rebekah Smith in TN for seven years. He was awarded the Level 10 High Composite Score award by MMTA in 2009. As a participant in MFMC Festivals for nine years, he has attended Mississippi College Piano Camp five years (three on on District Scholarships) . He has scored Superior in auditions with NGPT for nine years. As a member of Oakland Baptist church, he has been a member of the church orchestra, playing violin since 2001; he has been involved with the puppet ministry , sings in the youth choir and rings in the handbell choir. He has participated in several mission trips, one to Ecuador, through the Southern Baptist Ministries, where he is certified in the Chain Saw Miniistries – working on the Gulf Coast following Katrina, in Kentucky and North Mississippi. In the community he has played in the Ensemble for several Little Theatre musical productions. Also, he enjoys soccer and basketball.
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Brian Xu, son of Jianzhong Xu and Ruiping Yuan, is in the class of 2012 at Starkville High School, where he has a 4.0 GPA. Brian has studied piano since 2000 and has been a piano student of Dixie M. Clark since 2002. During these years of study under Dixie M. Clark, Brian has won gold medals at state level in Solo Performance in 2007 and 2010, including a gold medal in Sonatina in 2007. He won second place in Solo Performance in 2008, and third place in 2004, 2005, and 2006. He also earned third place in Sonatina in 2005. In 2007, he received the Mississippi Federated Music Club Scholarship to go to the piano camp at Mississippi College in Clinton, Mississippi.

Outside of piano, he is President of the SADD and Interact clubs, as well as being in the FCA, Key Club, Mu Alpha Theta, and NHS clubs. He is also a member of the Starkville High basketball team, the 2010 MHSAA State Champions and Grand Slam Champions.



Mary Catherine McKibben, a student of Dixie M. Clark was also an Eight-year Achievement Award Winner but no biographical information was submitted for publication.



Piano Ensemble Division B winners: Allen Huang and Ruby Liang, (2nd Place participants not pictured (Tracey Singer, Jane Fan, and Carrie Shi), 3rd place, Tie: Elijah Allen/Ashton Gage and Ruby Lian/Rhyan Plumlee



Piano Solo Level 3 Honorable Mention (from left to right): Indu Nandula, Robert Lawson, and George Tang

Teachers are listed with the students on pages 2-7



Piano Solo, Level 3: Gold Medal: Victoria Gong and Michelle Sun; Second Place: Matthew Yin, Hannah Jee Soo Kim, Edward Hu, and Gian Luigi Zaninelli, 3rd Place: Ben Hang, Peter Liang, and Cathy Li (not pictured)



Level 3 and below High Composite Score Winner: Jackson Creel (300)



Piano Solo Level 3: 4th Place:
Sidarth Nagarajan and Gloria
Zhang



Piano Solo: Level 7: Gold medal: Gab-
rielle Foster, 2nd place: Helen Shi (not
pictured: 3rd place winners: Josiah
Marcellino and Melinda Xu)



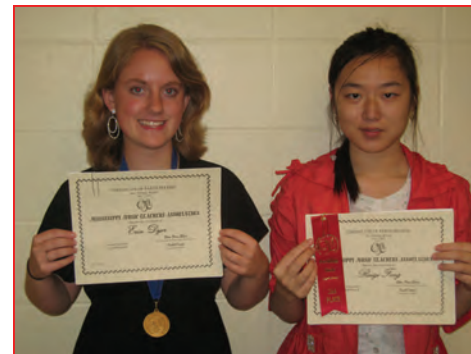
Sonata/Sonatina Div.
A: 2nd Place: Hannah
Jee Soo Kim



Theme and Variations, Div. B (from left to
right): 3rd place: Emily Youngblood and Kayla
Shelby, 2nd place: Nyah Jordan and Rhyan
Plumlee, Gold Medal Winner: Cici Zhang



Vocal Performance Level 10: (left to right) Deja
Moore, 2nd place, John McCann, Gold Medal and
Brittain Allgood, 3rd place.



Sonata/Sonatina Div. E: Erin Dyer, Gold
Medal on left and Ruiqi Feng on right.



Theme and Variations, Div. A:
Gold Medal: Victoria Gong



Sonata/Sonatina Division D : Gold
Medal winner: Taide Ding, 2nd
Place Rosalia Doerksen



Theme and Variations Level
C: Helen Shi, Gold Medal



Vocal Performance Level 9 (from left to right) Chris-
tina Rutland, 3rd Place; Jaylon Moore, Gold Medal;
and Vershaune Stamps, 2nd Place.



Theme and Variation D:
Gold Medal: Catherine
Feng





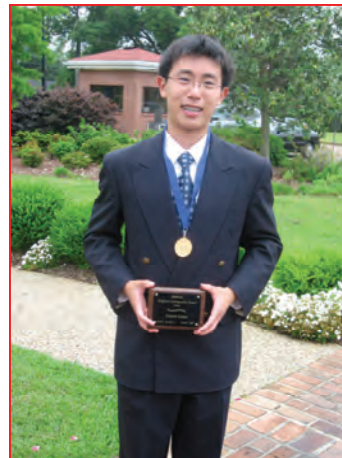
Piano Performance Level 7:
Josiah Marcellino tried for
3rd place with Melinda Xu
(not pictured)



Piano Performance Level 9 Honorable Mention:
(from left to right) Jordan Broughton, Caleb Foster,
Christian Jordan and Dora Chen



Piano Performance Level 9: from
left to right Benny Zhang, 4th Place,
Christina Vilar, 3rd Place, Rosalie
Doerksen, 2nd Place and Gold
Medal, Taide Ding



Level 9: High Composite
Score (399) Taide Ding



Level 4: High Composite
Score (398) Jane Fan



Vocal Performance Level 12 Gold
Medals to Grace Claire Cordes (left)
and Ruth Oguhebe (on right)



Ensemble Division B Participants (left to right): Knute Malone and Alex Galloway, Huey Chan and Trey Miller, Crystal Rogers and Emma Shows



Piano Ensemble, Division C: Gold Medalists are Ben Wiggins (right) and Josiah Marcellino (on left)



Piano Ensemble, Division B, 2nd Place Winners from Left to Right: Carrie Shi, Jane Fan, and Tracey Singer



Brian Xu, Piano Solo Performance Gold Medal Level 10; Highest Composite Score (399) and 8th Yr. award



Piano Performance, Level 10, 3rd Place, Charlotte Wang

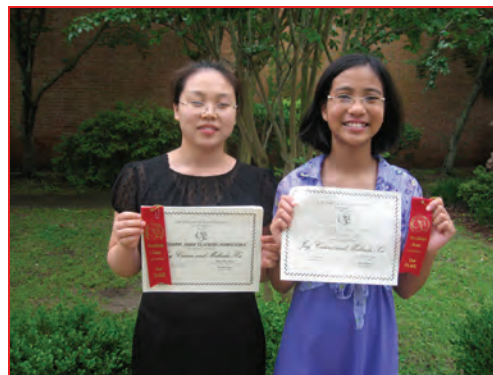
Vocal Performance, Level 11: Gold Medalists ,are: Joanna Bushardt and Chance Ragsdale





Piano Solo Performance, Level 4 (left to right) Maggie Cayson, Honorable Mention; Anna Dodd, 4th Place; Carrie Shi, 3rd Place; Tracey Singer, 2nd Place and Jane Fan, Gold Medal and Highest Composite Score Winner (398)

Brass Performance Level 7: Gold Medal awarded to Ashley German



Piano Ensemble, level C, Second Place: Joy Carino (left) and Melinda Xu (right)



Piano Ensemble, Division A: Gold Medalists are: Peter Liang and Michelle Sun



Piano Ensemble Division D: from left to right: Mary Margaret Hyer and John Baxter, Gold Medals; Joshua Banks and Catherine Feng, 2nd Place.



Piano Ensemble Division E: from left to right: Laurie Alita Waits and Laurie Anne Waits, Gold Medalists; Taylor Gaughf and Morgan Gaughf, 2nd Place.



Piano Solo Level 10: Gold Medalists Catherine Feng and Brian Xu; Tiana Coleman (2nd Place) and Charlotte Wang (3rd Place) not in picture



Piano Solo Level 8 (left to right): Caroline Leigh (Honorable Mention), Callie Tullos (Honorable Mention, not pictured); 4th Place: Jeremy Anantharaj, Taylor Weeks, and Taylor Zhang



Piano Solo Level 8: Gold Medal, Austin Li, 2nd Place Yoomin Jo, 3rd place Samantha Ong (not pictured)



Level 8 Highest Composite Score: (396)
Austin Li



Strings, Solo Division D: 2nd Place: Elizabeth Oglesby ; Gold Medalist: Zachary-Scott Neal



String Performance, Division E: Alex Fan, Gold Medal



String Performance, Division F: Rosalie Powell, Medalist



Sonata/Sonatina Division Level C: Gold Medal, Jeremy Anantharaj; 2nd Place, Helen Shi



Level 6 High Composite Score (399) Joy Carino



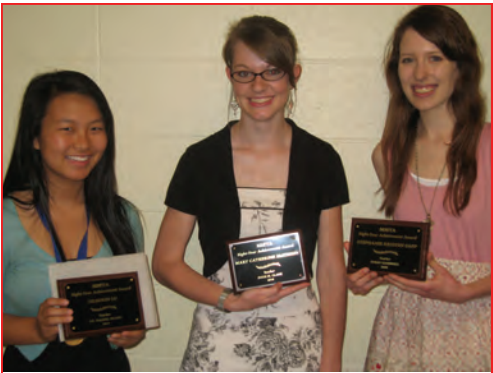
Strings Solo Division C: Gold Medal, Wynter Hilbun; 2nd Place Jason Guo



Strings, Solo Div. B (from left to right): Nyah Jordan, Gold Medal, Bailey Ann Neal, 2nd Place and Mary Katherine Oglesby, 3rd Place



Level 12 High Composite Score (391) Sandi Lewanika



Eight-Year Achievement Award Winners: (left to right) Shaoxin Lu, Mary Catherine McKibben, and Stephanie Kristen Sapp



Piano Performance Level 12 (from left to right): Gold Medal, Shaoxin Lu, 2nd Place, Mary McKibben



Eight-Year Achievement Awards: Erin Leigh Dyer and John Mark Dodd



Piano Performance Level 11 (left to right): Robby Baine and Morgan Gaughf (2nd Place); Erin Dyer and Katharine Crandall (Gold Medalists); Alexander Zhu (3rd place) not pictured



Sonata/Sonatina Div. A: Gold Medal, Peter Liang (Hannah Jee Soo Kim 2nd, no photo)



Level 5 Highest Composite Scores (Tie at 397 points) Jesse Li on the left and Elizabeth Wang on the right of the photograph



Piano Performance level 5 (from left to right):
Sumner Thomas (3rd), Jesse Li (2nd) and Eliza-
beth Wang (Gold Medal)



Piano Performance Level 6 (left to right):
Cici Zhang, Gold Medal; James Zhou (2nd);
Joy Carino (3rd); Sadie Henderson (4th);
not pictured are Ashley Chang (tie for 3rd)
and Marina Zhou (tie for fourth)



Strings Solo Di-
vision Level A
Gold Medal:
Ella Wu



Thanks so much to William Carey University for hosting our 2010 Pre-College Finals on May 1! We also appreciate Dr. Ellen Price Elder who serves MMTA as Vice-President of Pre-College Performances and coordinated this event so well. There were some participants who did not come by to get their photograph taken but you will see a complete list of winners at the front of this Special Edition MMT. All participants are to be congratulated on a great job.



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