

# ANOTHER GREAT WEEKEND OF MUSIC!

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PPMTA had 28 teachers entering 137 students in our 2012 Historical Era Festival held at the Nazarene Bible College in Colorado Springs. The purpose of this event is to foster the understanding, study and performance of music from the different eras of music. It was a two day event with students performing for judges on Saturday and the winners performing in the Winners Recitals on Sunday for the public. Teachers, students and parents all commented on the brilliance of the recital performances. Words like "awesome" and "incredible" surfaced frequently. Even the judges commented on the high quality of technique and musicianship and expressed difficulty in choosing winners.

Below are the winners in each category. Teachers are indicated in parenthesis.



# **Piano Primer Class Winners:**

Sejin Park (Linda Skaret) Ian Ridgeway, Michael Wu, Gabriel Wu and Alan Davis (Gina Forero) Aurora Farrell (Angelina Gadeliya).

Honorable Mention: Tian Yu Melzer and Alissa Rokes



### **Class I Winners:**

Joseph Rasmussen, Jungeun Lee, Emily Chang, Yujin Park, DongJay Park and Peter Wright (Linda Skaret) Na-mi Davy (Fay Watkins) Claire Dicke (Pam Brunson) and Avynn LaRose (Bonnie Litten)

Honorable Mention: Jennifer Auer, Orien Sun, Sebrina Houser, Eva Przyzycki and Samantha Ridgeway



#### **Piano Class II Winners:**

Amy Chan (Dawn Remtema) Kaylee Gilman and Yijoo Lee (Linda Skaret), Sam Huntington (Sara McDaniel) Rachel Lee (Yun Kim) Kyra Rothwell (Susan Marten)

Honorable Mention: Abigail D'Anna, Gina Kwak, Elle Nasby, Justin Hughes and Rebecca Park

#### **Piano Class III Winners:**

Laura Brubaker and Abby Welch (Dawn Remtema) Juyoung Jin, Davey Haydad and Willy Sohn (Mary Beth Shaffer) Yoorie Chang (Linda Skaret) David Hughes and Angela Song (Joan Sawyer) and Drake Rutherford (Karen Dandino)

Honorable Mention: Brendan Rudnicki, Ryan Michelson, Meridian Paulton, Braede Wilcox, Kevin Yang and Jonathan Harris

#### **Piano Class IV Winners:**

Seo-Weon Chung and Coralie Chu (Sara McDaniel) David Yarger, Erin Matheson, Jonathan Forte and Nathan Weeks (Linda Skaret) Selena Anderson (Darla Mote) and Jamison Pfeifer (Joan Sawyer) and Timothy Kim (Yun Kim) Honorable Mention: Scott Leavitt. Austin Carpenter, Lisa Kofford, Celeste Higbee and Amy Goldstein.

#### **Voice Class I Winners**

Ali Canaday (Barbara Taylor) and Amelia Greene (Joan Bradow)

#### **Voice Class II Winners**

Anna Connell (Joan Bradow) and Elizabeth Nasby (Barbara Taylor)

## **Voice Class III Winners**

Camille Angeles

Haley Charlton (Sarah Groh)



Sarah Groh and I would like to thank all of the participating teachers. We felt your full support. It was great to see your smiling faces when you arrived at the festival and you all were clearly willing to do whatever was needed to make this the best festival ever.

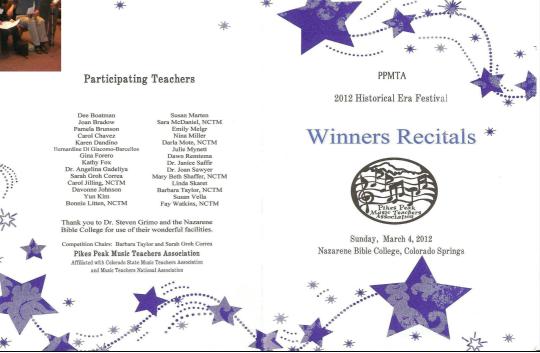
I hope all of you will consider preparing your students for the festivals next year. We've watched the students grow so much every year and their confidence and self esteem receives such a boost. The passion for what they do blossoms and they inspire each other as they see and hear their peers perform. Students hear new pieces that they can't wait to begin studying. They learn how to win and how to loose.



If you are new and/or a little hesitant to enter students, talk to one of us and we'll give you ideas and suggestions. For example, I periodically have



another
PPMTA
teacher give a
lesson to one
of my
students while
I sit in and
make notes.
I've also
invited
teachers to my
studio to give
Master
Classes.
Attending the



monthly teacher meetings/programs and the State Conference gives us all such a wealth of camaraderie, sharing and fun. We love to laugh and we love to learn.