

# ABOVE PIANO LESSONS STUDIO PRESENTS HOLIDAY Recital 2025

## COZY UP NEXT TO THE PIANO

#### Tanya Otto

#### Solace (S. Joplin)

#### Lara Fernandes Duet with Tanya Otto

#### Jingle Bells (J. Pierpont)

I'm decorating my Christmas tree with twinkling lights, bright colors, and sparkling ornaments. Santa is loading up his sleigh, soon he'll be on his way! I light up my home, inside and out, so he won't miss my house.

Shh...I hear reindeer steps on my roof, they're getting closer and closer. Santa is here!

#### Robert Kravtsov Duet with Tanya Otto

## Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy (from the Nutcracker, P. Tchaikovsky)

This magical music starts with staccato sparkling like snowflakes at the full moon night. The Sugar Plum Fairy likes snow and coming out to dance. She makes a couple of circles around a Christmas tree. More little fairies are coming to help her and light up the Christmas tree in the Grand Finale!

#### Sylvia Murray

#### Skating Waltz (B. Berlin)

The best part of my trip to Alaska was skating outdoors! On a frosty winter day I have to move fast on a frozen lake with an accompaniment of little staccato icicles. I make a big circle around the lake but the sun starts to set very soon and I sadly have to go home.

#### Liber Liao Duet with Tanya Otto

#### Cuckoo (Czech Traditional song)

Once on Christmas time I went to Leavenworth and was impressed by cuckoo clocks everywhere. There were bigger and smaller clocks, both very pretty. It seemed like Im in a forest full of cuckoo birds! Their echo comes from hills and mountains around. The cuckoo birds choir gets quieter as the Christmas night coming.

#### Dessa Peterson

#### Sleigh Bells (C. Donkin)

A horse is prancing with joy because of the first snow and pulling a sled to get out from the barn. Quickly the horse is on the way to the woods and I hear its bells jingling in a distance. After making a big circle its heading back home to drop off the sled and get yummy hay for dinner.

## Zane Daniel Duet with Tanya Otto

#### Christmas is Coming (E. Bland)

Christmas parade starts with my school band coming over and marching down the main street. Another band joins it for more cheerful sound. They march around the corner and its quieter for a moment. As they make a circle around music returns with a glorious sound. The bands are marching away leaving everyone with feeling happiness and joy.

#### Sai Suresh

#### Bluebottle (C. Norton)

Once upon a time in one happy jungle lived one happy baby monkey. Once he got curious where to get his favorite bananas and asked the bird first. Then he asked the big gorilla where bananas grow. They walked together to a tall banana tree and everyone was happy about the happy monkey getting plenty of bananas!

#### Riaan Limaye

#### Raptors (K. Olson)

Raptors are hunting for the whole winter day for food as they get hungry. They spot a big Iizard, go after it and finally caught it. But it was just a snack, not enough for dinner, so they keep hunting. They start chasing a fat rabbit, catch and eat it but it was still not enough. They keep hunting and find a big deer. They get it and have a feast! Just on time to go to the cave as it gets dark.

#### Surya Suresh

#### Minuet in F Major L. Mozart

Everyone is happy being invited to the Christmas ball at the nice old palace. When all the guest are at the doors they are opening, so they enter the shiny ballroom full of light. The whole orchestra starts playing the minuet, then a single violin echoing it. Everyone is playing and dancing as the big ball gets to the grand finale!

#### Ciaran O'Sullivan

#### Little Prelude in C Major BWV 939 (J. S. Bach)

Walking down street, I see a tall church tower. Giant bells are ringing. The organ draws me in. Two organs are conversing. I walk around the beautifully decorated cathedral. I see a curious little boy running through the aisles. Sun shines through the dome hilighting the cathedral at Christmas time.

#### Isabella Zhang

## Autumn Sketch (from Lyric Preludes in Romantic Style, W. Gillock)

I remember the first time when I took my baby sister on a walk. She was sleeping and looked like a little angel:) A gust of wind blows in autumn leaves in her cart and she wakes up. She smiles looking around and I try to fall her asleep again. More wind coming with leaves dancing here and there and my baby sister is laughing at them like if they are her new toys.

#### Kinsley Cao

#### Little Prelude in C Minor BWV 934 (J. S. Bach)

On a light snowy day, two girls are playing outside. As the snow gets bigger, they come back under the roof to hide. But soon, they realize they can have more fun with big snow, so they start to build a small snowman, then a bigger one and then the biggest one on the street, they happily go home to rest. The next day, snow continues, but it gets lighter, the snowmen start to melt. So the girls gather more snow to rebuild the snowman bigger and bigger again. Soon after, the snow stops and instead, the sun comes to shine bright all over, and eventually the snowmen all melt away.

#### Melanie Ayodeji

#### Allegretto in E Minor (J. Hassler)

When the winter arrived, a ballet show sounds as a prelude for the Christmas celebrations. One solo ballerina starts first, then another one joins her. They are light, alert and moving gracefully almost flying above the stage! Two tiny ballerinas dance a beautiful duet in glittering white costumes and finishing with breathtaking pirouettes and standing ovations.

#### Helen Guan

#### Humming Song (R. Schumann)

As I'm approaching the wooden bridge over a creek in a natural preserve area, the sound of a bubbling creek gradually enter my ears. It brings joy and lifts my mood up. Crossing the bridge, my eye are pleased by the view of those trees nourished by the creeks waters. Life is always ups and downs, but nature brings balance we are seeking for. The creek appears in front of me again. The flowing water sings far away leaving me in happy and calm emotions.

Andres Sanchez

In the Spirit (C. Norton)

Stephanie Emidy

Little Music for the Piano #8 (from Songbook, G. Kancheli)

Leo Sun Sweet Dream (from Album for the Young, P. Tchaikovsky)

In a little village a young boy is taking a nap on his comfy couch. He dreamed of skiing down the mountain tops down to a lake below. He slowly glided down, backing, and swaying forth, descending the mountain. He reached an icy patch, and quickly flew down the mountain, slowing down every time he saw a pebble, or a rock. He got back to his senses, and got back onto the snow. He saw a big patch of ice, and prepared to slide down the whole entire mountain, but as he reached the ice, he woke up.

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Anmol Prashanth Prelude in C# Minor op.11 #10 (A. Skriabin)

Khanh Pham Forest Murmurs (from Lyric Preludes in Romantic Style, W.

Gillock)

May Xu Little Prelude in D Minor BWV 926 (J. S. Bach)

Enrique Corona Prelude in D Major op. 11 #5 (A. Skriabin)

Mugdha Singh Song of the Lark (from Album for the Young, P. Tchaikovsky)

Naomi Baumann Prelude in C Major op. 11 #1 (A. Skriabin)

Esther Sun Consolation #3 (F. Liszt)

Abhinav Iyer Sonata in E Major Hob.XVI:31 1st Movement (F. J. Haydn)

FEEDBACK NOTES

## Thank you to all the students for their hard work and making this music warm and emotional!

Congratulations to
Liber Liao, Zane Daniel and Sylvia Murray on their recital debut in
the studio!

Happy Holidays cozy up next to the piano!

#### Thank you

to all parents and grandparents, siblings, pets and friends for their patience, help and support!

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