

ABOVE PIANO LESSONS STUDIO
PRESENTS
Holiday Recital 2026
HARVEST OF HARMONIES

Tanya Otto — **The Arabian Dance (from The Nutcracker, P. Tchaikovsky, arr. Stepan Esipoff)**

Maisha Vellore — **Romance (W. Mozart)**

Duet with Tanya Otto

One by one snowflakes gently fall forming a smooth white blanket. Light breeze makes them dancing along with swaying trees brunches. It becomes windy and turns into blizzard until the wind dies down to leave everything sleeping under a snow blanket.

Lara Fernandes — **The Juggler (N. Faber)**

Step right up! Our jolly juggler tosses three juicy oranges into the air! Poof! The oranges disappear, replaced by three plump purple plums! Round and round they go, until tiny grapes take their place! Surprise! The grapes vanish, and three zesty lemons fly through the air! For the grand finale, three giant grapefruit appear! The crowd goes wild! Our juggler takes a bow and puts everything back. What a fruity, fabulous show! Juggler (N. Faber)

Dessa Peterson — **Distant Chimes (J. George)**

It's a lovely, warm autumn day. The wind picks up, and I hear my wind chimes ring. When I step inside, their ringing grows softer. I think the wind knows I'm listening. It wants to play hide-and-seek. When I look outside the window, the wind blows the leaves in a big wave of color. The wind pretends it's gone, but it's not, because it plays with my wind chimes again. Then the wind brings hail, then raindrops. The clouds roll away, and blue sky appears with the sunshine.

Eveline Shalgau

Duet with
Tanya Otto

The Cuckoo (Traditional Czech)

A little girl wakes up to the sound of cuckoo bird. She wonders where its from and follows it but the sound is here and there playing a game! She opens the window and singing a song; then a bird singing it back! Then they both are singing together: Cuckoo, Cuckoo, Cuckoo!

Liber Liao

Minuet in G Minor (BWV Anh. 115 C. Petzold)

Today is the queen's birthday! At the far entrance of the grand ballroom, the king and queen make a grand entrance and begin dancing with graceful steps. They glide around the room in beautiful circles, and soon, other guests join in, following the royal couple's lead.
As the sun begins to shine, the queen leads everyone outside. They dance and dance, filling the garden with laughter, fun, and joy.
But when clouds begin to fill the sky, the queen leads everyone back into the ballroom. They continue dancing happily until, at last, it is time to enjoy the delicious cherry-topped birthday cake!

Zane Daniel

Melody in G Major (F. Beyer)

In the morning, the sea is calm, yet the wind starts picking up, sending the sailing boat off the shore. The sailing boat dances through the waves. The wind gently brushes the sail, as the boat gracefully glides across the ocean's ballroom. As the sun slowly sinks into the ocean, its golden rays sparkle across the waves. Soon, the moon rises into the night sky and the waves shimmer beneath its silvery glow. Under the glowing moonlight, the boat gently glides back to the shore, ending its final dance across the oceans ballroom.

Maiya Akhmetzhanova
Duet with
Tanya Otto

Silent Night (F. Gruber)

Sylvia Murray

Minuet in G Minor (from Klavier Suie in G Minor BWV 822 J. S. Bach)

I'm riding a bike into a little town on the coast and cold snow is brushing against my body and I'm freezing.
The leaves are falling and I see a café, but it is so far away in the snow
I go inside and am greeted by warm air, cozy décor, and winter beverages. I order a steaming hot cocoa and sit at a table. Moments later it is ready, and I go outside.
Cold air washes over me. I feel like I'm about to freeze but I take several sips of hot cocoa and ride home in the snow.

Melanie Ayodeji

Miniature Overture (from The Nutcracker, P. Tchaikovsky, arr. G. Kovalchyk)

Every year Christmas miracle is back to us. I hear in this music how its coming to town, to every family changing everything around. There are no more darkness but lights, no more grief but happiness. Everyone's eyes are shining with joy and love!

Andres Sanchez

Morning Prayer (from Album for the Young, P. Tchaikovsky)

Stephanie Emidy

Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy (from The Nutcracker, P. Tchaikovsky, arr. G. Kovalchyk)

Helen Guan

Prayer (G. Karganov)

Surrounded by the splendor of autumn, I hear a peaceful choir and my heart is filling with an endless stream of beautiful thoughts. The golden and red leaves whisper of the joy of harvest, while carrying within them a gentle promise of hope and happiness yet to come. In this sea of autumn colors, I feel both grateful for the present and warmly expectant of the future.

Ciaran O'Sullivan

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

On a cold winter day, I'm riding my horse through a snowy forest. Her hooves making a steady beat. The sky gets dark. Strong winds bend trees. We speed up, charging higher and higher up a hill. At the top, the storm clears. The moon lights a path to our village below. We've made it home.

Heng Chen

Arietta (Op. 12 #1 E. Grieg)

Kinsley Cao

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

One day a lark was flying gracefully and singing a happy tune for everyone around. Everyone enjoys the beautiful tune. It sings a higher note which makes everyone stunned. Then it flies down, making a lower note tune and landing on a tree. It starts to sing again creating a peaceful sound. Then it flies up into the air again making a cheerful melody. The lark flies between trees and everyone around enjoys the clear and beautiful melody that it brings. Everyone is stunned that such a small bird can make such joyful sound that changes rapidly. While everyone is outside watching this lovely bird soaring in the air singing, the tune starts to fade away as there is a plot twist in his music, eventually it put its performance to the end.

Mugdha Singh

The Nurse's Tale (from Album for the Young, P. Tchaikovsky)

When the darkness falls, two mischievous elves are on a mission as they tiptoe while decorating a Christmas tree with sparkling lights. Excitingly, the elves hurriedly reach a bit higher to add on some bright florals and long garlands. One elf tries to climb the tree to put up a star at the top, but he comes back down because he's afraid to fall! Then, the elf tries again and climbs up the tree, and successfully places the star at the top! Together, the elves continue to decorate the tree with sparkling, colorful lights. Finally, the elves finish decorating the tree, and tiptoe their way back home before the sun rises.

Nathan Singleton

October Morning (from Lyric Preludes in Romantic style, W. Gillock)

Khanh Pham

Prelude in E Minor (F. Chopin)

The rain poured down as she sat next to the window, rocking back and forth. Days became nights, nights became days, waiting for someone who would never return. Blissful memories of them would echo through her mind, only for those moments to come crashing down as she remembered he was gone. At her final breaking point, she broke down as her grief couldn't be contained any longer. As the rain finally faded away, so did her pain, although the emptiness still remained.

Enrique Corona

Vals Apasionado (E. Granados)

The day begins with the sun shining over the forest. Its rays glitter through the leaves, turning everything golden. As morning continues, rabbits leap out, feasting on the abundant grasses and plants the forest has to offer. Birds sing and chirp, their melodies heard far and wide. As the hours pass, and the sun begins to settle down, the rabbits burrow once more, and the birds nestle amongst themselves to sleep. But they have missed the greatest beauty of nature—the sunset! Rays of red, orange, yellow, and purple dazzle the sky, streaks and swirls of a painter's brush adorn the heavens. Nothing lasts forever, though. Soon the sun goes to sleep as well, and the moon rises up high, its rays glittering through the leaves, turning everything silver.

Anmol Prashanth

Berceuse (Op. 38 #1 E. Grieg)

A gentle lullaby turns into an unexpected heated argument. The mother storms out, leaving the bedroom. Watching from the afar, an evil fairy seizes the moment. She perfectly mimics the mother's voice, calling out to the boy. Though the child senses something is wrong and sees through the disguise, it is already too late. The fairy snatches him into the darkness. He screams in terror, only to bolt upright in bed. His mother is there, waking him from the nightmare and soothing him back to sleep with her soft lullaby.

May Xu

Little Prelude in C Minor (BWV 926 J. S. Bach)

A little girl walks down a small dirt path in the windswept grassy valley, flowers dancing as if in an elegant ball. Sunbeams shine through murky clouds, dusting the land with a sparkling mist. The mist starts to part as the girl skips up a hill, climbing to the top to find a lonesome butterfly fluttering around. As she hikes down the hill, the wind picks up once again, urging the clouds forward. The sunbeams dance across the valley, before a platoon of dark clouds covered the sky. The little girl turned back, not wanting to get wet from the rain, and went back over the hill and up the dirt path.

Abhinav Iyer

Nouvelle Etude #1 (F. Chopin)

Naomi Baumann

Consolation #2 (F. Liszt)

FEEDBACK NOTES

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

Congratulations to
Eveline Shalgau and Maiya Akhmetzhanova on their recital debut in the studio!

Happy Holidays and
joy in every note and
every sound of your
piano!

Thank you
to all parents and grandparents, siblings, pets and friends for their patience, help and support!
It's a great team effort! We could never have it done without you!
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