

DR JOO PIANO STUDIO



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Welcome to Dr Joo Piano Studio



Dr. Mihyang Joo attended Ewha Womans University in Seoul, South Korea as a scholarship student, where she received her Bachelor and Master of Music degrees. Continuing her graduate studies in New York at the Manhattan School of Music, she earned a second Master of Music degree. She obtained her Doctor of Musical Arts degree from the Mason Gross School of the Arts, Rutgers University, where she studied on a full scholarship. Her teachers have included acclaimed pianist Solomon Mikowsky, Lazar Berman, Susan Starr, Min Kwon, Tong-il Han, and Yung Lim Ham. Dr. Joo's impressive array of

accomplishments includes winning the Rutgers Concerto Competition; twice winning the Rutgers University Chamber Music Competition; second prize in the Bradshaw & Buono International Piano Competition in New York; and prize winner in the Bergen Philharmonic Competition in New Jersey and the Lillian Fuchs Memorial Chamber Music Competition in New York. She was a finalist in the Hugo Kauder International Piano Competition in Connecticut and the Wiener Pianisten-Wettbewerb, PanMusica Austria, Vienna, Austria; and was a semifinalist in the 12th Missouri Southern International Piano Competition. As a concert musician, Dr. Joo has had the privilege of performing at prestigious venues in North America, Europe, and Asia. She has performed with the Vienna Residence Orchestra in Marmosaal, Altenburger, Abschluss-Solistengala, and Stift Altenburger Musik Akademie AMA in Austria. In 2007 she made her solo recital debut at Carnegie Hall as a winner of the Artists International Auditions. The same year, she performed Schumann's A minor Piano Concerto with the Rutgers Symphony Orchestra. She has performed at Nicholas Music Center in New Jersey; Steinway Hall and Donnell Auditorium in New York; the Kennedy Center in Washington, DC; the Strathmore in Maryland; and the Hylton Performing Arts Center in Virginia.

Since moving to Northern Virginia she has been highly sought after as a collaborative pianist, working with the studios of renowned string teachers including Olga Khroulevitch (violin), Ko Sugiyama (Assistant Concertmaster of the Kennedy Center Opera House Orchestra), James Lee (Cellist of the National Symphony Orchestra), Danielle Cho (Cellist of the National Symphony Orchestra and Washington National Opera), and Chaerim Kim Smith (Violinist of "The President's Own" United States Marine Chamber Orchestra).

Dr. Joo chairs the Robert Spencer Piano Concerto Competition in Northern Virginia and the YMIC National Gospel Music Competition. She is a member of the Music Teachers National Association, Maryland State Music Teachers Association, Northern Virginia Music Teachers Association, Washington (DC) Music Teachers Association, Fairfax-Loudoun Music Fellowship, and the National Guild of Piano Teachers. Last summer, Dr. Joo's recording of Rachmaninoff's Vocalise for piano duet was released in South Korea on the Le Classic recording label.



Dr. Joo Piano Studio

06.01.2025 | 2:00PM -6:00 PM

Location: Providence Presbyterian Church



2:00PM – Door Open/ Student Check-in

2:15 PM – 3:45 PM: Session 1

Announcement by *Music For All* Presidents

Session 1

Fereol Trio- Piano Trio Mov. 1 and 6 **Dvorak**
Madison Bae(Violin), Brandon Kim (Cello), Jaime Moon (Piano)

Benjamin Kyung- Sonata in d minor, K. 141 , **Scarlatti**

Rosalyn Kim- Sonatina in C Major **Duncome**

Oliver So - Pumpkin Boogie, Winter Sonatina, Mov. 3 **Bastien**

Jayden Heo Für Elise **Beethoven**

Trinity Choi- Gypsy Dance- **Karp**

Asher Youn- Waltz in F Major, Op. 34, No. 3 **Chopin**

Pheobe Park - Sonatina in C Major, Op. 36, No. 3, Mov. 3 **Clementi**

William Gunch- Butterflies - **Lege**

Hanna Gunch- Sonatina in C, Mov. 3, **Lyne**

Suyeon Chae Sonata in C Major, Hob. XVI: 1, Mov. 1- **Haydn**

Bella In - Sonata in K. 310, Mov.3 **Mozart**

Ariadne Yi- Sonata No. 8 in c minor, Op. 13, Mov. 2. **Beethoven**

Francis Kim- Sonatina in Color, Red, **Olson**

Joseph Lee- Sonata No. 14, Mov. 3, **Beethoven**

Clara Eom- Sonata in A Major, D. 959, Mov. 2 **Schubert**

Isabelle Lee- Sonatina in C Major, Mov, 3, **Kabalevsky**

Elin Youn- Sonatina in C Major, Mov, 1- **Khachaturian**

Elisha Kang- Sonata No. 8 in c minor, Op. 13, Mov. 3, **Beethoven**

Shaheer Khurram - Sonatina in C Major, Mov, 2, **Khachaturian**

Ashley Lee- La Campanella **Liszt**

Intermission- Presidents of Music For All will introduce Non-profit Student Musician Organization

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4:00 PM-4:45 PM : Session 2

4:45 PM -5:00 PM : Awards Ceremony (recognizing 2024-2025 achievements)

5:00 PM -5:40PM: Reception and Clean up

-Special performance-

Thomas Kim-*En Avril, á Paris* **Trenet** (Arranged by Weissenberg)

Session 2

Amber Jin- Sonatina in Color, Blue- **Olson**

Annette Tang- Ode to Joy **Beethoven**

Daniel Zhao- Sonatina in C Major, Mov. 3 **Kabalevsky**

Leslie Kang- Sonatina in C, Mov, 3 **Lyne**

Ren He - Sonata in C Major, Hob. XVI: 1, Mov. 2- **Haydn**

Karissa Lin - The Lark **Glinka**

Chloe Cheng- Sonata in F Major, Hob. XVI:23, Mov. 1, **Haydn**

Ian Kim- Sonata No, 2 Mov. 4 **Prokofiev**

Mary Sun- Sonatina in C Major, Mov, 1 **Khachaturian**

Skye Wang- Sonatina in G,XVI:G1 Mov. 1 **Haydn**

Oliver Zhang- Un Sospiro - **Liszt**

Topaz Ensemble- Piano Trio No. 5 in D Major, Mov. 1 **Beethoven**

Alexander Moon(Violin), Hannah Bell (Cello), Connor Kim (Piano)

We sincerely thank you for attending today's performance. A light reception will be held following the award ceremony, and we warmly invite you to join us.



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Trinity is currently a 1st grader at Colin Powell's Elementary School. She joined Dr. Joo's studio in April 2024. Since then, she has been enjoying learning music through the piano instrument. Her achievement includes two performances at Reston Community Center in October 2024 and March 2025, and she got 2nd placed at Metropolitan Music Festival Award in December 2024. Besides enjoying playing the piano, she enjoys listening to classical music, designing fashion and hair. She is thankful for working with Dr. Joo and would like to continue to work



Chloe Cheng is currently a 6th grader at Navy Elementary school. She has been taking piano lessons since July 2019 with Dr. Joo. She has been selected for the Sonata Festival Honors Recital and performed at Harris Theatre this year, also in 2024. She has won first place in AMMA Metropolitan Music Festival in 2024 and 2021. In March 2023, she has performed for the Winners Recital at Carnegie Hall as a second place winner in the Elite International Music Competition. She has won first place in NVMTA Concerto Festival in 2021; First Place in the 2020 Great Composer International Competition; 2nd place in YMIC Metropolitan

Music Festival in 2020, 2022, and 2023; Best Chopin Performance International Competition in 2021; 2nd place in the 2020 Charleston International Music Competition; 2020 NVMTA Concerto Festival; second round winner in NVMTA Sonata Festival in 2020, 2021, and 2023; second round winner in the Bach Baroque Competition in 2022 and 2023; Honorable Mention in the NVMTA Piano Achievement Awards Competition in 2025 and 2023; MSMTA Gertrude Brown Memorial Concerto Competition in 2022 and 2024, and Honorable Mention in the OPUS competition in 2025. Besides playing piano, Chloe is also learning Cello in school. She loves art, music and reading. She is currently participating on the volleyball team and swim team. She enjoys visiting parks and hiking on the weekends.



Benben is a 3rd grader at Canterbury Woods Elementary School. He began learning piano with Dr. Miyhang Joo in March 2025. Benben enjoys reading, writing, and playing video games. He also has other talents, such as swimming and math.



Suyeon is a 9-year-old third grader at Willow Springs Elementary School. She began her piano journey in March 2024 at Dr. Joo's Piano Studio and has been growing and learning through music. During her free time, Suyeon enjoys spending time with her family and friends, listening to music, drawing, and training in swimming and taekwondo. Her goal is to play pieces she truly enjoys and feels proud of.



Annette Tang is a joyful and curious four-year-old who loves exploring the world through music and art. She takes weekly piano lessons and especially enjoys learning new songs with Dr. Joo. In addition to piano, she loves singing—whether it's during a school concert or just around the house. She has already participated in school performances, where she confidently sang with her classmates on stage. When she's not making music, Annette enjoys drawing colorful pictures and going on exciting travel adventures with her family. Music, art, and new places make her heart happy. She can't wait to keep learning and sharing her love for music with others!



Skye is 8 years old and currently a 3rd grader at Canterbury Woods Elementary School. She began learning piano with Dr. Joo in August 2022. Skye has earned several awards, including: 3rd place (solo) and 1st place (duet) in the 2024 YMIC Metropolitan Music Festival; 3rd place (solo) in the 2023 YMIC Metropolitan Music Festival; 2nd Round Honors at the 2024 NVMTA Sonata Festival; 3rd place in the 2024 Concerto Festival; Honorable Mention in the 2023 Concerto Festival. Beyond music, Skye loves making crafts, slimes, and paper blind bags. She enjoys reading graphic novels and riding her RipStik. Skye also plays soccer in the FPYC league and takes tennis classes.



Elin Youn is 8 years old and a 3rd grader at Halley Elementary School. She has been taking piano lessons with Dr. Joo since August 2022. She loves to play piano and has performed at Ashby Ponds Recital, Participated in NVMTA Sonata Festival, and 2nd place(duet) at YMIC Metropolitan Music Festival in 2023. 2nd place at NVMTA Concerto Festival and performed at Reston Community Center, 3rd place at YMIC Metropolitan Music Festival in 2024. 2nd place at NVMTA Concerto Festival, Participated in NVMTA Bach Baroque Festival, and 2nd round winner at NVMTA Sonata Festival in 2025. Besides playing piano, she loves to play violin and swimming. In her spare time, she likes crafts, drawing, and listening to music.



Benjamin (Benji) Kyung is a 5th grader at Poplar Tree Elementary School. He has been learning piano under the tutelage of Dr. Mihyang Joo since 2022. In the past years, Benji won multiple awards and recognitions in competitions including the YMIC Metropolitan Music Festival, NVTMA Concerto Festival, NVMTA Sonata Festival, Elite International competition, and AAMS competition. He has performed at various venues, including Carnegie Hall, the Bulgarian Embassy, Ashby Ponds, Bright Oaks Senior Living, and the Woman's Club of Arlington. Benji is also a cellist and has been a member of the American Youth Philharmonic

Orchestra since 2024. He recently joined Music-for-All as a string coordinator and looks forward to making music with others while creating opportunities to connect with audiences through the language of music. Besides piano and cello, Benji enjoys solving cube puzzles and playing Minecraft with friends.



The Fereol Trio, formed in January 2021 in Virginia, U.S.A., brings together violinist **Madison Bae**, pianist **Jaime Moon**, and cellist **Brandon Kim**. United during the challenging times of the COVID-19 pandemic, the trio quickly distinguished themselves in the chamber music world. They have earned numerous first-place awards, including at the Elite International Music Competition and Metropolitan Music Competition (2021), the American Protégé International Competition of Romantic Music (2023), and the East Coast International Competition (2023).

They have performed at Weill Recital Hall in Carnegie Hall on two separate occasions. Under the mentorship of Dr. Mihyang Joo, the trio recently won top honors at the King's Peak International Music Competition and the AMMA Metropolitan Music Festival



Joshua Sin, 10, is a 4th grader at Willow Springs Elementary School. He started to take piano lessons from Dr. Joo's Piano Studio since October 2024. He was awarded 3rd place in the 2025 NVMTA Concerto Festival, and also has achieved 2nd Round Honors in the 2025 NVMTA Sonata Festival at GMU. Also, he has received Honorable Mention in the 2024 AMMA Metropolitan Music Festival. Besides playing piano, Joshua enjoys reading, biking, playing the violin, and swimming. In his spare time, he likes to play many different sports, such as tennis and football.



Asher Youn is 10 years old and a 5th grader at Halley Elementary School. He has been taking piano lessons with Dr. Joo since May 2021. He received 3rd place at YMIC Metropolitan Music Festival in 2021; 3rd place at NVMTA Concerto Festival, 2nd round winner at NVMTA Sonata Festival, 1st place at YMIC Metropolitan Music Festival and at Best Kabalevsky Performance in 2022; 2nd round winner and performed the honor recital at NVMTA Bach Baroque Festival, 2nd place at Best Chopin Performance Competition, Gold at Golden Key Music Festival, 3rd place at the NVMTA Concerto festival, performed at Weil Recital Hall at Carnegie Hall and Ashby Ponds Recital, 2nd round winner and performed the honor recital at

NVMTA Sonata Festival, Honorable Mention at AAMS International Competition, 2nd place (duet) and 3rd place at YMIC Metropolitan Music Festival in 2023; Participated in NVMTA Concerto Festival and NVMTA Achievements Awards, and performed at Reston Community Center. Merit Prize at OPUS Music Competition, 2nd place at YMIC Metropolitan Music Festival in 2024; 2nd round winner at NVMTA Bach Baroque Festival, 2nd round winner and performed the honor recital at NVMTA Sonata Festival in 2025. Besides playing piano, he loves to play violin, football, basketball, swimming, and Taekwondo. In his spare time, he likes to play video games.



Ashley Lee is a 5th grader at Willow Springs Elementary School in Fairfax, VA. She started to learn piano when she was six, and has been learning piano with Dr. Joo since the fall of 2020. She learned a grateful sense of music during the past years and received many awards from multiple piano competitions, her most recent accomplishments include 2nd round winner in the NVMTA Sonata Festival, Honorable Mention in the Achievement Award, 1st place and Best Performance award in the Metropolitan Festival, and 2nd place in the Robert Spencer Piano Concerto Competition, 2nd place in the Korean Youth Honor Society Music Competition, 1st place in the Elite International Music Competition. Ashley has performed at Weil Recital Hall at Carnegie Hall in New York, Center Stage at Reston, Harris Theatre At GMU, Ashby Ponds At Great Oak Club, Women's Club of Arlington, Steinway Gallery in Maryland, BrightView Senior Home, and also performed with the New England Youth Ensemble Orchestra. Ashley enjoys playing piano and going to competitions, recitals, and music concerts because she always learns something new from her experience. Some of her favorite composers include Liszt, Chopin, and Rachmaninoff. In addition to playing the piano, Ashley plays the violin as part of a Korean children's choir ensemble on weekends. She is passionate about playing the violin, golf, drawing, as well as writing and reading. She loves all books related to cats.

The Topaz Ensemble formed in 2022 by pianist **Connor Kim** and two fellow musicians, the ensemble began as a traditional piano trio, earning early recognition with a 2nd place award at the Misbin Chamber Music Competition. In 2023, violinist **Alexander Moon** joined the group, becoming a core member and helping expand the ensemble's musical range to include duo, trio, and quartet formats. Under the mentorship of Dr. Mihyang Joo, the group won 1st place at both the King's Peak International Competition and the Elite International Music Competition and invited to perform at Carnegie Hall in New York. In 2024, the Topaz Trio won Best Performer at the AMMA Metropolitan Music Festival and invited the winner's concert at Steinway Piano Gallery in Bethesda. That same year, Connor and Alexander were honored with a special invitation to present a duo recital at Heritage Hunters, extended by Dr. Misbin, a renowned patron of chamber music and sponsor of the Misbin Chamber Music Competition—a meaningful recognition of their musical development. In 2025, the group transitioned to the name Topaz Ensemble, collaborating with guest artists and broadening their musical reach. They were especially thrilled to welcome new cellist **Hannah Bell**, Principal Cellist of the American Youth philharmonic Orchestra (AYPO), and all members are looking forward with great anticipation to their first project together: the MSMTA Chamber Competition, followed by a series of performances aimed at sharing their love for chamber music with diverse audiences.



Elisha Kang is a seventh-grade student at Liberty Middle School in Virginia. She has been studying piano with Dr. Joo since 2019 and has earned numerous awards over the years. Most recently, Elisha won first place at the 2024 AMMA Metropolitan Music Festival Live Competition. She also received second-place honors in several competitions, including the 2024 AMMA Metropolitan Online Classical Music Festival, the 2023 Metropolitan Classical Music Festival, the Best Chopin Performance Competition, and the Best Technique Award in both 2022 and 2023. In 2022, she was awarded the Silver Star at the Music and Star Awards. Elisha was also a second-place winner in the 2021 Charleston International Romantic Music Competition, and a third-place winner in events such as the 2023 and 2022 Metropolitan Classical Music Festival, the 2021 NVMTA Piano Concerto Festival, the 2021 Charleston International Classical Music Competition, the 2021 Best Bach Performance by the Great Composers Competition, and the 2020 Metropolitan Gospel Music Festival. Additionally, she received fourth prize in the 2021 Charleston International Baroque Music Competition. Beyond her musical achievements, Elisha is an active member of DC God's Image, a performing dance organization, through which she enjoys using her talents to serve the community.



Joseph Lee is an 8th grader at Rocky Run Middle School. He began his musical journey with the piano at the age of three. He has been a student of Dr. Mihyang Joo since August 2022. He won 2nd place at the YMIC Metropolitan Classical Music Festival in 2022 and Honorable Mention in 2023. In 2023-2024, he participated in several NVMTA events—Bach Baroque Competition, Achievement Awards Competition, Sonata Festival, and Piano Concerto Festival. He placed 2nd in the 2024 Elite International Music Competition and performed at the Winners Recital at Weill Recital Hall in Carnegie Hall. He also placed 2nd in the 2024 AMMA Metropolitan Classical Music Festival. In 2025, he participated in the NVMTA Piano Concerto Festival and the NVMTA Sonata Festival. Joseph has performed at The Mansion at Strathmore, The Lyceum in Alexandria, and CenterStage at Reston Community Center. Outside of piano, Joseph plays the alto saxophone and is a student of Mr. Dave Doescher. Joseph is a member of Virginia Winds Academy. He received a Superior rating for his saxophone solo at the 2023 and 2024 District XII Solo and Ensemble Festivals. He looks forward to joining Chantilly High School's Mighty Marching Chargers later this summer. In his spare time, Joseph enjoys spending time with his family, friends, and his dog Sunflower, weightlifting, video editing, and playing video games.



Leslie Kang is 9 years old and a 3rd grade student at Greenbriar East Elementary School. She began her formal piano journey in December 2024 under the guidance of Dr. Joo. Although she has only been learning piano for five months, music has always been close to her heart—deeply inspired by her grandmother, who ran a piano studio in Korea, and by her mother's love of music.

In addition to piano, Leslie is a vibrant and active girl. She holds a black belt in Taekwondo, practices fencing, and dances regularly as part of a weekly dance team. While she enjoys staying active through sports, she is now equally passionate about developing her skills as a pianist and looks forward to growing musically in the years to come.



Phoebe is currently a 2nd grader at Colin Powell Elementary School. Phoebe joined Dr. Joo Piano Studio in May 2024 and is enjoying her first year in her musical journey. Phoebe has recently participated in NVMTA Sonata Festival for the first time. Phoebe enjoys reading, outdoor activities and learning about animals. Phoebe's favorite piano music to listen to is "Hungarian Dance No.5 by Brahms."



Shaheer Khurram is 10 years old and is currently a fourth grader at Pinnacle Academy. Shaheer started learning piano with Dr. Mihyang Joo at the age of 4. He participated in his first competition in May 2020 at NVMTA Sonata Festival. Since then, he has won several awards including 2nd place in the 2020 Fall Music Competition from Charleston Music Competition, 2nd place in 2021 Best Kabalevsky Performance competition, 2nd place in 2022 YMIC Metropolitan Music Festival, 2nd place in 2023 NVMTA Concerto Festival, 2nd place in 2023 YMIC

Metropolitan Music Festival, and 3rd place in 2024 NVMTA Concerto Festival. Shaheer also received first place in 2024 Elite International Music Competition and performed at the winner recital at the Carnegie Hall, New York. Besides piano, Shaheer enjoys tennis, swimming, and taekwondo.



Oliver, 12, is a seventh grader at Rocky Run Middle School. He has been studying piano for 6 years and started his journey with Dr. Mihyang Joo since June 2024. Oliver is a first-place winner of 2024 YMIC Metropolitan Music Festival, and 2nd round winner of NVMTA Sonata Festival in May 2025. In addition to his piano studies, Oliver is also a skilled violinist and violist, previously serving as concertmaster of TCSYO's Concert Orchestra, and as principal violist of AYO's Debut Orchestra and String Ensemble, with performances at venues such as

Schlesinger Concert Hall, Hylton Performing Arts Center, and the George Washington National Memorial Theater. Oliver is also a volunteer piano accompanist and strings player for Music for All. In addition to his musical studies, Oliver stays physically active with Brazilian Jiu Jitsu, swimming, track, and pickleball. In his spare time, Oliver enjoys playing Legos and dance pad games (the one you see in arcades).



Jayden Heo is a kindergartener at Navy Elementary School. He is in the early stage of his music journey, learning piano under the mentorship of Dr. Mihyang Joo since September 2024. He is excited about playing new pieces and participating in competitions in the coming months. Besides music, Jayden loves playing sports, making arts and crafts, building Lego, and learning different languages



Will Gurch is a 4th grader at Oakton Elementary School who loves playing the piano at Dr. Joo studio and listening to classic pop music. An athlete at heart, he is a dedicated baseball player who spends countless hours on the field and also competes on a swim team. Will is a sweet and thoughtful boy, known for his kind and caring nature.



Hanna Gurch, age 7, is thriving in her second year at Dr. Joo's piano studio. A student at Oakton Elementary School, she successfully completed her first season on a competitive swim team this year and enjoys gymnastics and creating artwork. Hanna is a positive, big-hearted child who loves to give and share joy with others.



Oliver is 6 years old who likes to play the piano, dance to music, and play various sports. He enjoys chicken sandwiches, boats, trains, and vacations. He has a younger sister who is 4.



Ian Kim(12) is a 7th grader at Trinity Christian School in Fairfax, VA. He began private piano lessons with Dr. Joo in 2021. In the 2024-25 season, Ian received numerous awards in piano competitions, including 1st place in the NVMTA Concerto Festival, 1st place in the Elite Music Competition, and 1st place in the YMIC Metropolitan Classical Music Festival. He was also selected to perform in the Honors Recital at the Sonata Festival and earned 3rd place at the state level in the Opus Music Competition. He has been awarded 1st place for several years in the YMIC Metropolitan Classical Music Festival (2019~2024), in the Elite

International Music Competition (2023,2024), and performed at winners' recitals in Carnegie Hall. He was selected for the Honors Recital twice in the NVMTA Sonata Festival (2024,2025) and performed at the Harris Theater at George Mason University. He was also the winner of the NVMTA Bach-Baroque Competition (2022) and performed in the Honors recital. In the 2023 MSMTA Concerto Competition, He was chosen as an Alternate performer and received an HM in the same Competition in 2022. He also won 1st place in the 2021 WMTA Hartman Competition and received HM in both the 2021 AAMS International Music Competition and the 2021 NVMTA Achievement Awards. He and his sister won 1st place in the 2021 YMIC Music Festival Piano Ensemble, where they were recognized as Best Performers with prize. Ian enjoys listening to piano pieces and reading books in his free time. He is very into photography.



Ariadne Yi is 12 years old and a 6th grader at Waples Mill Elementary School in Oakton, VA. She began studying piano in 2021 and joined Dr. Joo's Piano Studio later that same year. Ariadne has performed at venues including the Mansion at Strathmore, Jordan Kitt's Music, and Brightview Senior Living in Fairfax. She participated in the 2024 YMIC Metropolitan Music Festival and the 2025 NVMTA Sonata Festival. Ariadne also serves as a volunteer pianist for Music For All, performing for the community and supporting student musicians.



Karissa Lin is a 11-years old 6th grader. She has been learning piano since she was 4 and half and has been studying with Dr. Joo since then. She loves all types of music and her most favorites are classical and romantic music and concerto as well. She won her first concerto prize when she was five. This year she won first place in NVMTA concerto festival and being selected as finalist in NVMTA sonata festival. She is very excited to start middle school soon.



Isabelle Lee is passionate about piano and enjoys sharing her music with the community. She has performed at venues such as the Reston Community Center and Brightview Senior Living in Fairfax. Her expressive playing and commitment to music continue to grow through regular recitals and community performances.



Rosalyn Kim is 8 years old and the younger sister of Francis Kim. She is also a student at St. Timothy Catholic School in Chantilly, VA, currently in 2nd grade. Rosalyn began piano lessons with Dr. Joo and has already shown a great love for music and performance. She performed at the FLMF Student Recital Series at the Reston Community Center and participated in the NVMTA Sonata Festival in 2025. Rosalyn enjoys learning new songs on the piano and is always excited to perform for others.



Daniel Zhao is 9 years old and 4th grader at Greenbriar West Elementary school. Daniel started learning piano at the age of 7. Since then, he has participated several events including Sonata Festival, YMIC Metropolitan Festival and performed at Reston Community Center recital, he is 3rd place winner of NVMTA Concerto Festival (2024) Besides playing piano, Daniel is also learning Cello in school. He loves Arts, Music, reading, ice skating, biking, Lego and Spelling Bee. His favorite book is Harry Potter.



Mary Sun is 8 years old and she is currently a 3rd grader at Academy of Christian Education. She started playing piano with Dr. Joo since April 2021 when she was 4 years old. Over the years, Mary has gained significant performance experiences through various recitals, competitions, and concerts. For the past year, Mary won first place for duet in 2024 YMIC / AMMA Metropolitan Music Festival Live Competition. Mary also won the second place in NVMTA Piano Concerto Festival in 2025. Mary attended MVNTA Sonata Festival in George Mason University in May 2025 for her forth year. Besides playing piano,

Mary is a very fun, loving little girl who loves writing books and playing tennis.



Francis Habin Kim is 11 years old and was born and raised in the Fairfax, VA area. He is currently in 4th grade at St. Timothy Catholic School in Chantilly, VA. He started playing piano at age 6 during the COVID-19 pandemic, and despite the challenges of remote learning, his love for music never stopped him from exploring and enjoying it. In early 2024, Francis began piano lessons with Dr. Joo, marking a new chapter in his musical journey. In 2025, Francis performed at the Student Recital at the Reston Community Center and participated in the NVMTA Sonata Festival. In 2024 he won 2nd place from YMIC Metropolitan

Music Festival. He also participated in the NVMTA Piano Concerto Festival in March 2024 and 2025. Francis enjoys playing music from his favorite movies such as Super Mario Bros. and Kung Fu Panda. When he's not at the piano, he loves drawing and creating artwork in his home art studio. He also enjoys playing lacrosse, golf, and participating in various sports activities.



Clara Eom is 13 years old and a 7th grader at Liberty Middle School. She began studying piano with Dr. Mihyang Joo in 2018 and has won numerous awards, including 1st place in the 2024 YMIC Metropolitan Music Festival Piano Duet with Elisha, 1st place in the 2020 Golden Key Festival, and 2nd place in the 2022 Charleston International Romantic Music Competition. In 2023, she performed at Carnegie Hall as a winner of the Golden Key International Music Festival. Clara enjoys reading, digital and traditional drawing, making diamond art, and is currently learning Taekwondo. She also volunteers as a photographer for Music For All, capturing performances at student

recitals and community music events



Bella In studies piano with Dr. Mihyang Joo and attends Liberty Middle School. She has received numerous awards, including 2nd prize at the Piano League Piano Star International Competition, 3rd place at the NVMTA Piano Concerto Festival, second round winner at the NVMTA Sonata Festival, and Silver Prize at the Golden Key Music Festival. She has also earned honors from the AAMS International Competition, Charleston International Music Competition, and multiple categories of the Great Composers Competition, including Best Kabalevsky, Bach, Chopin, and Northern European performances. Bella won 1st place at the 2020 NVMTA

Piano Concerto Festival, placed in both Classical and Gospel divisions of the YMIC Metropolitan Music Festivals, and was a finalist at the Washington Universal Piano Competition. In addition to music, Bella is a competitive swimmer with Machine Aquatics and serves on the media team for Music For All as a newsletter writer.