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THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE

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CELEBRATING 35 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE!



What's Happening in 2006-2007

Fall Events

*Year 2006-2007 Begins
HMI Jazz Ensemble
Suzuki Festival
HMTA Theory Test
HBU Jazz Festival*

Winter Events

*HMTA Theory Exam (Oct & Feb)
Music Art Contest (Dec.)*

Spring Events

*Composition Competition
Trinity College Exam
State HMTA Convention
Spelling Contest
National Piano Guild*

Others (TBA)

*Master Classes
Ensemble Programs*

HMI ART CONTEST

HMI will sponsor a Music Theme Art Contest in which students are asked to complete an art project based on a music theme. The deadline for submission is the first week in December. Winners will be determined by a professional artist who will critique each work. Winning entries will be displayed at the HMI Studio. There will be a winner for each grade in school.



SEE YOUR WORDS IN OUR NEXT NEWSLETTER!

What did you do this summer? We are interested in what you did and want to feature your article in our next newsletter. If room allows, we will post photos you took along with your article. Submit your stories and photos by the third week of September.



HOUSTON MUSIC INSTITUTE	ELLA BUGERENKO Strings	JUDY LITHERLAND Receptionist	JANEAL SUGARS Artist in Residence
	CHEONG YONG CHANG Piano	CHERYL KINION Voice/Drama Music Theater	ANITA MESSENGER Voice/Piano Newsletter Editor
	JONATHAN CHRISTIE Woodwinds	MARYLOU LABAO Piano	JANE SUGARS Director/Founder
	KARA CLOUD Voice	SAUN CHENG LEE Piano	TERESA JEUNG MEE HAN Strings

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Piano, Voice, Theory, Jazz-Piano, Keyboard,
Guitar: Folk, Rock and Classical;
Woodwinds; Saxophone, Clarinet, Flute
Strings: Violin, Viola, Cello, Pre-School, Violin and Piano
Lessons using Suzuki and traditional methods. Special adult
classes.



2006-2007 QUARTER DATES

1ST QUARTER 08/13/2006—10/21/2006
2ND QUARTER 10/22/2006 —01/14/2007
3RD QUARTER 01/15/2007—03/25/2007
4TH QUARTER 03-26-2007—06-04-2007
SUMMER 06/05/2007—08/10/2007

2006-2007 SPECIAL REMINDERS

2 WEEK HOLIDAY DURING CHRISTMAS AND
NEW YEARS. LESSON FALLING ON HOLI-
DAY DATES (LABOR DAY, MEMORIAL DAY,
THANKSGIVING, GOOD FRIDAY) WILL BE
MADE UP.

The beginning of a new year gives us an opportunity to review current information/
changes that affect students, parents and teachers. The newest HMI policy revi-
sions include the following:

Lesson Time: The lesson begins at the scheduled time and not at the time of arrival. If, due to extenuating
circumstances, the teacher is absent or late in arrival, the teacher will provide additional lesson time at no addi-
tional cost and at a mutually agreeable time. Please do not use lesson time of your child or any other. Arrange
discussion about children with teacher by phone or separate appointment.

Lessons: Please have clean hands and short fingernails; no gum, bare feet or short-shorts. Students may have
visitors upon request. Parents are welcomed to any class or lesson. This time is for observation only.

Absences: One student excused absence will be made up per quarter if the teacher has been advised 24 hours
in advance. There are no makeup's for unexcused absences or "called late" absences.

Practice Time: This time is set by children's teachers.



NATIONAL FRATERNITY OF STUDENT MUSICIANS



PIANO GUILD MEMBER WINNERS, 2006
(All received very high marks of Superior to Superior Plus.)

<i>Joy Ahn</i>	<i>Dylan Che</i>	<i>Brittany Long</i>
<i>Angela Chang</i>	<i>Casie Chen</i>	<i>Dominic Lakhotia</i>
<i>Stephanie Chang</i>	<i>Brittany Cline</i>	<i>Zack Westenhaver</i>



2006 TRINITY COLLEGE WINNERS
Practical Portion



<u>DISTINCTION</u>	<u>MERIT</u>	<u>PASSED</u>
<i>Wen Cheng Chai</i>	<i>Lindsay Davies</i>	<i>Arpi Grigorian</i>
<i>Katie Anderson</i>	<i>Anjali Salvador</i>	<i>Kelly Nguyen</i>
<i>Nadia Halim</i>	<i>Casie Chen</i>	<i>Rafaella Cuneo</i>
<i>Valerie Yang</i>	<i>Zoe Christiansen</i>	<i>Gabriel Sobarzo</i>
<i>Shavon Carvin</i>	<i>Dominic Lakhotia</i>	<i>Owen Schwartzbard</i>
<i>Kathrine Fetizanan</i>	<i>Thomas Yang</i>	<i>Chantalle Oyardo</i>
<i>Zack Westenhaver</i>	<i>Sophia Thang</i>	<i>Brittany Long</i>
<i>Dylan Che</i>		<i>Sumeeta Salvador</i>
<i>Joyce Chow</i>		
<i>Angela Chang</i>		
<i>Luke Robison</i>		



2006 TRINITY COLLEGE WINNERS
Written Portion



<u>DISTINCTION</u>	<u>DISTINCTION (CONTINUED)</u>	<u>MERIT</u>
<i>Sarah Mountjoy</i>	<i>Ronita Roy</i>	Christopher Lowson
<i>Gabriel Sobarzo</i>	<i>Timothy L</i>	
<i>Sumeeta Salvador</i>	<i>Dominic Lakhotia</i>	<u>PASSED</u>
<i>Kelly Nguyen</i>	<i>Arpi Gregorian</i>	<i>Brittany Long</i>
<i>Michael Hurta</i>	<i>Zoe Christiansen</i>	<i>Owen Schwartzbard</i>
<i>Angela Chang</i>	<i>Brittany Cline</i>	
<i>Thomas Yang</i>	<i>Anjali Salvador</i>	
<i>Dylan Che</i>	<i>Sophia Thang</i>	

NEW NEWSLETTER OPTIONS

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE THIS NEWSLETTER BY E-MAIL, PLEASE LET US KNOW. WE ARE OFFERING THIS SERVICE TO DO A BETTER JOB OF GETTING INFORMATION TO STUDENTS AND PARENTS. PLEASE PROVIDE US YOUR STUDENT NAME(S) AND THE E-MAIL ADDRESS YOU PREFER TO USE.



HMI FAQs:

Q. What are the studio office hours?

A. During the regular school year, the office is open Monday through Friday from 1:00 pm to 6:30 pm. Saturday hours are 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Teaching hours can be extensions of these times.

Q. How do I notify the teacher of an absence?

A. It is always best to call the teacher directly. Teachers determine the best way to contact them and will provide you this information. If you cannot reach the teacher for any reason, call 281-556-1644. Be very specific about the student, teacher to notify, and if possible, reason for change.

Q. What if my child has special needs?

A. We will do everything possible to accommodate special needs.

Q. How early can my child begin studying an instrument or voice?

A. This decision is based actual age, physical maturity, as well as other factors. Piano students who are still in school are interviewed by Mrs. Sugars then teachers carefully monitor the child's progress. Suitability for voice or other instrument lessons are decided by the individual teachers.

If you have a question you would like to see answered here, please write it out and hand to the teacher or office staff.

New Faculty Members

Jonathan Christie joined the HMI staff this summer. He teaches Woodwinds. Teresa Jeungmee Han begins with the new school year teaching Strings. We will feature them in an upcoming newsletter. We welcome both of them to our staff.