

ABOUT AMATEURPIANISTS

Since our formation by Glenn Kramer in February 2011, AmateurPianists has provided music performance and education opportunities for adult amateur pianists of all skill levels through recitals, masterclasses, and lectures.

In 2019, AmateurPianists is hosting our second International Piano Competition and Festival for Outstanding Amateurs at The Conrad Prebys Performing Arts Center in La Jolla, CA.

We listen to feedback and comments from our members! If you have an idea for a recital or lecture topic, please let one of our board members know, or contact us through our website: AmateurPianists.org. You may also reach us by emailing us at info@AmateurPianists.org.

Our mission is fourfold: To provide performance opportunities for adult amateur pianists of all professions and backgrounds; to enable free access to piano music for audiences of all ages and walks of life; to educate the community in piano topics through masterclasses and lectures; and to host the San Diego International Piano Competition and Festival for Outstanding Amateurs.

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ABOUT THE PIANISTS

LUKE HUANG is a 2019 National YoungArts Winner in Classical Music, a two-time winner of the International Piano and Strings Competition, and has played in Carnegie Hall multiple times. A senior at Canyon Crest Academy, he has received MTAC Panel Honors in 2017 and was a Young Artists Guild finalist in 2018. He also competes with his piano trio, which recently won first place at the MTAC VOCE Competition.

NAOMI HOBBS holds a music degree from Musashino Music University in Tokyo, where she also taught. She was the instructor of Music and Piano class at San Diego Community College of Continuing Education after she moved to San Diego in 1999. She is the first prize winner of the 7th International Piano Competition held in Mexicali, Mexico and the gold medalist of 6th Seattle International Piano Competition in 2015.

MARIE CARMICHAEL is a retired piano teacher, general music and vocal teacher, choral conductor and organist. She still enjoys learning and performing as long as her hands, brain and heart hold out.

ANDY KUZNIK is a senior at Carlsbad High. He is the silver medalist of the 2019 CAMPF Honors Competition and 2018 SYMF Competition. He also is the principal clarinetist in the Carlsbad High School Wind Ensemble, and plays piano in the school's jazz band.

BARBARA AZEVEDO is a San Diego pianist and teacher who runs an independent piano studio for students of all ages and abilities. It is her mission to instill a love of music in all of her students. Her own love of music was fostered by Drs. Mitzi Kolar and Karen Follingstad while attending SDSU where she received a Bachelors of Music in piano performance. Continued inspiration has come from many teachers including Cynthia Darby and George and Susan Fee.

JILL KOCHER, NCTM, is an independent piano teacher and has maintained studios in North Carolina, Seattle, and Carlsbad, CA where she also offers Music for Young Children™ group classes. She holds a M.M. in Piano Pedagogy and Performance from East Carolina University where she was a recipient of a full graduate scholarship, graduate teaching assistantship, and Graduate Scholar Award.

JINWHA CHOI has studied with Herbert Stessin at the Aspen Music Festival, John Perry at the Klaviersommer in Bad Bertrich, Germany, and Fanny Waterman at the Cliburn Institute in Fort Worth. Her main teacher was Hans Boepple of Santa Clara University. As a teenager, she won top prizes at various competitions in California, and performed as soloist with local youth and community orchestras. She is returning to the piano after a hiatus of nearly 20 years.

VIOLETA PETROVA is an internationally acclaimed concert pianist and professor with an extensive performing career that spans decades teaching and performing in Europe, Asia and the USA. Originally from Bulgaria, she was on the faculty of Sibelius Academy and Helsinki Conservatory, Finland, and visiting professor at Chugye University for the Arts, Seoul, South Korea, and University of Minnesota, Duluth. She has numerous recordings for the Finnish and Bulgarian National Radio Network and leads master courses and adjudicates prestigious competitions around the world.

Comprised of **ANNA GRIGORIAN** and **NATASHA GUBENKO**, the award winning Grigorian Gubenko Piano Duo performs extensively since forming in 2016. Both pianists lead busy piano teaching careers, conduct masterclasses and have leadership positions in the state and national professional music teachers associations. Anna Grigorian, originally from the republic of Georgia, is actively involved in the state MTAC and MTNA organisations, serving on many committees and boards. She currently teaches in Irvine and Carlsbad. Natasha Gubenko, originally from Ukraine, maintains a large private piano studio in Irvine, and serves as co-chair of festivals for MTAC Orange Coast Cities.

All proceeds from today's concert are tax deductible and go toward

**2019 San Diego International Piano
Competition & Festival for Outstanding Amateurs**

To be held July 12-14 at The Conrad Prebys Performing Arts Center, La Jolla

PROGRAM

Grigorian Gubenko Piano Duo

Slavonic Dances, Op. 72, No. 2 in E Minor

Op. 46, No. 2 in G Minor

Antonín Dvořák

Marie Carmichael

Sonata, Op. 960, First Movement

Franz Schubert

Jill Kocher

Prelude No. 7: La terrasse des audiences du clair de lune

Claude Debussy

Andy Kuznik

Etude Tableau in D Minor, Op. 30, No. 4

Sergei Rachmaninoff

Naomi Hobbs

Sonata in G Minor

Carlos Guastavino

Luke Huang

Barcarolle in F# Major, Op. 60

Frederic Chopin

Barbara Azevedo

Berceuse in G Major, Op. 36, No. 1

Valse-Bluette in D Major, Op. 12, No. 2

Ricardo Castro

Jinwha Choi

Scherzo, Op. 31, No. 2

Frederic Chopin

Violeta Petrova

Pictures At An Exhibition: Hut of Baba Yaga, Great Gate Of Kiev

Modest Mussorgsky