



# Young Piano Talents

*21st Season • Students of Mr. Fan Li*

September 6, 2025

7:00 PM

Featuring Six Teen Performers

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— INTERMISSION —

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**Gina Li 李语妙 (16)**

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**Angela Wang 王艾薇 (16)**

*Schumann - Piano Concerto in A minor, Op. 54*

# Angela Wang 王艾薇

Age 16



Angela Wang is a rising junior at Needham High School. She grew up in Maryland and moved to Needham in 2020. Angela started playing piano at 8 years old and has been studying under Li Fan for the past 4 years. In 2023, she won 2nd place at the Crescendo International Music Competition and was invited to perform at Harvard University.

Outside of music, Angela is passionate about math and science. She was the captain of the Math Team at Pollard Middle School and is currently a member of her high school's math team and an officer of the Science Olympiad team. This past year, Angela also competed in the National History Day contest, where she placed 1st at regionals, 1st at states, and qualified for nationals in Washington, D.C.

Beyond academics, Angela is a competitive badminton player. She has won multiple local and regional tournaments and is currently ranked among the top 100 nationally for girls' singles in the U17 division. This past July, Angela qualified for the YONEX U.S. Junior National Championships in Minnesota. A member of her high school's badminton team since 7th grade, she has steadily risen through the ranks and currently serves as team captain. This year, Angela led her team to a 3rd place finish at the annual Massachusetts High School Team Tournament. She also serves on the Massachusetts Badminton Association's Student Operations Committee, collaborating with fellow members to promote and grow badminton in schools across the state.

In addition, Angela co-founded her school's Chinese Yoyo Club during freshman year; the club frequently performs at school and local showcases. She is also an active member of her community, regularly volunteering with the Chinese Friends of Needham (CFN) and supporting a variety of local cultural events. For the 2025 CFN Lunar New Year Gala, Angela organized and choreographed a neon light show. She was also a host for the CFN (2024 & 2025) and Wellesley Chinese School (2024) Lunar New Year Galas. Angela currently serves as the Head Teaching Assistant at the Wellesley Chinese School.

Angela has accumulated over 270 volunteer service hours and is a recipient of the President's Volunteer Service Gold Award. In her free time, Angela enjoys drawing, taking pictures, and reading! To see more of her music, art, photography, and other projects, please visit: <https://ypt-angelawang.carrd.co/>

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## Tonight's Performance

*Schumann - Piano Concerto in A minor, Op. 54* 舒曼: A小调钢琴协奏曲, 作品54号

# Anray Sheng 盛安睿 Age 16



Anray Sheng is a junior at Noble and Greenough School and has studied piano for ten years. In addition to his deep passion for music, he plays the clarinet, having earned selection to district festivals.

At school, Anray is a varsity athlete in cross country, swimming, and track and field (hurdles), having qualified for both the NEPSTA and ISL Championships with top-ten finishes in league competition. He also serves as a student leader in several academic publications, including *Nobelium* (science magazine) and *Cogito* (political and arts journal), where he works as a section editor and writer. Passionate about computer science, Anray tutors students through the Immigrant Family Services Institute (IFSI) and was named a finalist in the American Scholastic Computing League (ASCL) competition.

Additionally, as a decorated martial artist, Anray competes nationally and internationally in wushu as a member of both the U.S. National and Traditional Teams, with first-place finishes at national and international competitions. He frequently performs wushu at major cultural events, including Harvard's Lunar New Year Festival, Boston Asian American Day, and the Lexington Patriots Day Parade.

Furthermore, Anray is passionate about service and leadership. As a member of the leadership team in Project 351, a nonprofit that empowers youth service across Massachusetts, he has led numerous initiatives from food and clothing drives to a 9/11 Tribute Service. He was honored to represent Project 351 at the Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents (M.A.S.S.) alongside Civil Rights activist Leona Tate, advocating for equity in public education. His dedication to giving back also extends to volunteering with the Immigrant Family Services Institute, Chinese Friends of Needham, where he hosted the town's Chinese New Year Festival, and several summer programs, where he serves as a camp counselor and tutor. For his commitment, over 150 hours of service annually, he has received the President's Gold Volunteer Service Award for three consecutive years.

In addition, Anray is deeply interested in global perspectives and cultural understanding, having participated in a French exchange program. Anray looks forward to continuing to explore his interests in music, academics, service, athletics, and global engagement. He is grateful for the opportunities that have shaped his journey and remains committed to learning, growing, and contributing to his communities.

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## Tonight's Performance

*Beethoven - Piano Sonata No. 28, Op. 101* 贝多芬：钢琴奏鸣曲第二十八首

# Bella Wang 王嘉慧

Age 16



Bella Wang is a rising junior at Acton-Boxborough Regional High School. She began studying piano at the age of six and has studied under Fan Li ever since then. In February 2023, when she was in eighth grade, Bella had the honor of performing at Carnegie Hall.

Beyond piano, Bella is greatly involved in community service. She has served as a summer camp counselor for the past four years and hopes to continue this volunteer work in the future.

In 2024, she fundraised for and participated in a service trip to Honduras, where she assisted underserved children and families by leading children in games and donating food to families. Since January 2025, Bella has volunteered at a local children's science museum, where her interest in science helps to engage and educate visitors. Perhaps most closely related to her piano, Bella serves as the Publicity and Recruitment Manager for the Acton-Boxborough Musical Talent Association. This student-run group promotes music and its positive impact throughout the community, often organizing performances at senior centers. In recognition of her service, Bella has received the Gold President's Volunteer Service Award for the past two consecutive years.

At school, Bella is a dedicated member of the Science Olympiad team. During the 2025 season, she competed in the Entomology, Helicopter, and Tower events, placing top three in each of the events at states: first place in Helicopter, second in Tower, and third in Entomology. Her passion for these events stems from her love of nature and building.

While piano remains her largest musical time commitment, Bella also enjoys singing. She often accompanies herself on piano or guitar, learning songs that catch her interest. Bella is a member of her school's Chamber Choir and, through an elective course, discovered the joy of creating electronic music using a Digital Audio Workstation (DAW).

Considering athletics, Bella formerly competed in badminton and contributed to her school's first-place finish at the 2024 Massachusetts All-State High School Badminton Tournament. In addition, at age 14, she placed 4th in girls' singles in the 2023 Northeast MassBad tournament while playing U17. Currently, she enjoys rock climbing in her free time and continues to play badminton recreationally.

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## Tonight's Performance

*Mozart - Fantasy in D Minor, K. 397* 莫扎特: D小调幻想曲

*Chopin - Etude Op. 25, No. 7* 肖邦: 练习曲作品25第7号

*Ravel - Alborada del gracioso* 拉威尔: 小丑的晨曲

# Gina Li 李语妙

Age 16



Gina is a rising junior at Newton North High School. She has been studying piano under Mr. Li Fan since she was 10. She competed in the Crescendo International Competition in 2022 and the Miclot International Music Competition in 2024. As second place for both competitions, she performed at Carnegie Hall in New York City and Shalin Liu Performance Center in Rockport.

Besides piano, Gina is also deeply passionate about math. She has competed and placed top three in MathCON and Math Kangaroo—national level math competitions. Moreover, she competed with her math team in numerous team competitions such as HMMT, BRUMO, and Purple Comet. She is currently Newton North's math team captain and hopes to lead the math team to create Newton North's first math competition. Furthermore, she is an active participant in the Math Modeling Club. In the Modeling the Future Competition, she and her team were semifinalists for the past two years.

Gina is also an officer of her school's Science Olympiad Team. She represented Newton North in Science Olympiad's astronomy competitions. Gina placed top 10 in the Massachusetts State Science Olympiad and the Harvard and Brown Invitationals. As an officer of both Math Team and Science Olympiad Team, Gina looks forward to hosting North's first STEM Fair.

Gina is also very engaged in community service. At her local Chinese school, she served as a teaching assistant for Chinese classes and taught math classes every week. Moreover, she often helped lead day camps and summer programs at both the Chinese school and her church. Gina received the Gold Presidential Service Award in 2024.

## Tonight's Performance

*Schumann - Symphonic Etudes, Op. 13 (1852 version)*

舒曼：交响练习曲，作品十三号，1852年版

# Sophia Li 李慕溪

Age 16



Sophia Li is a rising junior at Newton North High School. Of her ten years of studying piano, she has spent six of them under the tutelage of Mr. Li. She placed second in both the 2022 Crescendo International Competition and the 2024 Miclot International Music Competition, earning invitations to perform at Carnegie Hall and Shalin Liu Performance Center respectively.

Biology has always been one of Sophia's greatest interests. She placed in the top 5% in both the 2024 British Intermediate Biology Olympiad and the 2025 British Biology Olympiad, both of which were taken by over 15,000 students worldwide. Sophia strives to spread her passion for science to her school community. She is currently president of the Science Team, having been elected vice president in her freshman year. Science Team is a collection of several competition-based clubs, including Physics Team, Biology Team, Chemistry Team, Science Olympiad, and more. Aside from overseeing the Science Team as a whole, she serves as president of the Science Olympiad team and co-founder of Biology Team. She has led the Science Team at multiple outreach and fundraising events in her community and is planning a joint STEM Fair with Newton North High School's Math Team. Sophia is also an enthusiastic competitor in the Science Olympiad tournament. In her first year, she placed 5th in Anatomy and Physiology at the Massachusetts Science Olympiad State Tournament. This year, she placed top ten in Anatomy and Physiology in the Harvard and Brown invitationals, each of which were attended by students from across the country. In the 2025 Massachusetts State Tournament, she won 1st place in Anatomy and Physiology and 10th in Microbe Mission.

Sophia has volunteered at the Newton Chinese School for the past two years as a teacher's assistant. She also has frequently helped out at the Chinese School Day Camp and Summer Program. She has also volunteered in the orthopedic inpatient unit at Newton Wellesley Hospital.

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## Tonight's Performance

*Beethoven - Piano Sonata No. 30, Op. 109*

贝多芬：钢琴奏鸣曲第三十首，作品109号

# William Sun 孙华威

Age 16



William Sun is a rising junior at Belmont High School. He began studying piano with Mr. Li Fan at the age of six. In 2021, he received first place in the Crescendo International Music Competition and was invited to perform at Carnegie Hall.

At Belmont High School, William is a member of the Math Team and Science Team, where he participates in academic competitions and collaborative problem-solving. He has completed multiple Advanced Placement courses and was recognized as an AP Scholar with Distinction. His academic interests include science, mathematics, and computer science.

In addition to piano, William is a dedicated saxophonist. He plays alto saxophone in Belmont High School's Wind Ensemble and participates in several other music groups, including the Marching Band, Jazz Ensemble, and Winter Winds. He is also a member of the Tri-M Music Honor Society. William has performed with selective ensembles such as the John Philip Sousa National High School Honors Band, the Western International Band Clinic, and the MMEA Junior and Senior District Festivals. In addition to performance, he has explored composition and recently wrote a piece for the Boston Sax Quartet.

William devotes significant time to service and mentorship. He has interned at Powers Music School, teaches through Belmont Free Lessons, and serves as a high school mentor for the Middle School Math Team. He has also worked as a counselor at various summer camps and has been a teaching assistant at Newton Chinese School for the past two years.

Outside the classroom and concert hall, William has played varsity volleyball since he was a freshman. He also has ten years of experience in hockey and played on the JV team. He also competes at the club level with MVP Academy's top U16 team. In his free time, he enjoys spending time with friends and playing volleyball recreationally.

## Tonight's Performance

*Chopin - Piano Sonata No. 3, Op. 58*

肖邦：钢琴奏鸣曲第三首，作品58号

# About Young Piano Talents

The Young Piano Talents concert series, now in its 21st season, showcases exceptional young pianists studying with Mr. Fan Li. This annual tradition has become a cornerstone of the local classical music community, providing a professional performance platform for emerging artists.

Tonight's program features six outstanding teenage pianists performing major works from the piano repertoire, including concertos, sonatas, and character pieces by Schumann, Beethoven, Ravel, and Chopin.

These talented students represent the culmination of years of dedicated study and practice. Each performer brings their unique interpretation and artistry to these masterworks, demonstrating not only technical excellence but also musical maturity beyond their years.

We invite you to sit back and enjoy an evening of exceptional piano music performed by the next generation of classical musicians.

# Program Notes

## **Schumann: Piano Concerto in A minor**

One of the most beloved romantic concertos...

## **Schumann: Symphonic Etudes, Op. 13**

A set of virtuosic variations showcasing Schumann's poetic and passionate style...

## **Beethoven: Sonatas Op. 101 & 109**

Late period masterworks...

## **Mozart: Fantasy in D Minor**

A dramatic and improvisatory work...

## **Chopin: Etude Op. 25, No. 7**

A lyrical study in cello-like melodies...

## **Ravel: Alborada del gracioso**

A Spanish-flavored morning song...

## **Chopin: Sonata No. 3**

A triumphant late work...

# Special Thanks

## Mr. Fan Li

*Pianist, Educator, and Founder of Young Piano Talents*

Mr. Fan Li is an acclaimed pianist and dedicated educator who has been nurturing young musical talent for over two decades. A graduate of the Sichuan and Shanghai Conservatories with an Artist Diploma from the Longy School of Music, he has performed at prestigious venues including Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center, and Boston Symphony Hall. As a Steinway Top Teacher (2017-2024), Mr. Li has guided nearly 40 students to admission at top universities including Harvard, Yale, and MIT. The Young Piano Talents concert series, now in its 21st season, represents his commitment to providing professional performance opportunities for exceptional young pianists.

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For graciously providing this beautiful venue for tonight's performance

#### **Parents and Families**

For their unwavering support and encouragement of these young artists

#### **Our Community**

For attending tonight's concert and supporting classical music education

*Thank you for joining us this evening.*

*Your presence makes this celebration of music possible.*

