

Steinway/The Avanti Fund, Inc. Present:

Elizabeth Sun

*1st Place Winner of the 2014 Steinway/Avanti
Future Stars Piano Competition*



*September 27th, 2014
2:30 p.m.*

Katzin Concert Hall

Sonata in f, K. 487
Sonata in F, K. 107

Domenico Scarlatti

Sonata in C, K. 330
I. Allegro moderato
II. Andante cantabile
III. Allegretto

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Nocturne in c#, Op. 19 Nr. 4

Pyotr Ilych Tchaikovsky

Spinning Song, Op. 67 Nr. 4

Felix Mendelssohn

The Lark

Glinka/Balakirev

Intermission

Sonata in F, Hob XVI: 23
I. Allegro Moderato
II. Adagio
III. Presto

Franz Joseph Haydn

Oiseaux Tristes from "Mirrior"

Maurice Ravel

Sonatine
III. Animé

Maurice Ravel

Mountain Springs

Cui Shi Guang

Elizabeth Sun is a 17 year-old senior at Basha High School. She began learning piano under Mr. Fei Xu at age 6.

Since then, Elizabeth has competed in numerous statewide competitions. Among those she has won are the 2007 Beginning Elementary Division of Schimmel-AZ Young Artists Piano Competition, the 2008 Advanced Elementary Division of Schimmel-AZ Young Artist Piano Competition, the 2008 Arizona Youth Piano Competition, and the 2009 Schimmel-AZ Young Artist Piano Winners' Showcase Competition. In 2010, she was named a semi-finalist at the IIYM International Piano Competition, and in 2011, she was named the first-place winner of the Junior Division of the Schimmel-AZ Young Artists Piano Competition, the second place winner of the Junior Concerto Division of the Schimmel-AZ Young Artists Piano Competition, and the first place winner of the Phoenix Youth Symphony Young Musicians Competition. In 2012, she won both the EVMTA piano competition and the ASMTA piano competition, and in 2013, she won the Junior/Senior Winner's Showcase Yamaha Young Artist Piano Competition. Most recently in 2014, she was awarded first place in the Steinway/Avanti Future Stars Piano Competition and the EVMTA Piano Competition.

However, her passion is not limited to the keyboard. Elizabeth has not only competed at the district, state, and international level in DECA since freshman year, but has also maintained stellar academic performance—as demonstrated by her rank as first in her graduating class of 2015—and organized fundraising campaigns for various beneficiaries since 2011. Through her efforts, she hopes to serve as a positive role model to young students, help others overcome adversity, promote musical appreciation, and demonstrate the value of benevolence, honor, and scholarship.

The Avanti Fund, Inc. is proud to support Elizabeth Sun, the 17-year-old winner of the Senior Division of the 2014 Avanti/Steinway Piano Competition. We are thrilled to announce that Elizabeth will be joining several other talented young pianists at the Avanti-sponsored Chamber Music seminar and concerts at the School of Music Lausanne in Sion, Switzerland, in November 2014.

To ensure that every young musician who qualified for the Lausanne/Sion seminar and concerts in Switzerland has the opportunity to perform, Avanti is accepting, in addition to traditional donations, contributions of Frequent Flier Miles. If you have unused miles, please consider utilizing them to gift a student with an experience that will be remembered and cherished for a lifetime.

For information how you can directly assist in bringing international exposure to our talented young musicians from the Phoenix Metropolitan area, please contact our **Director, Caio Pagano, at (480) 636-0340**. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

Please consider a tax deductible donation to further the education and professional goals of young pianists such as Elizabeth Sun by mailing your contributions to:

The Avanti Fund, Inc. 1322 E. Louis Way Tempe, AZ 85284

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