

## SPOTLIGHT ON CMS

### CARNEGIE HALL FEATURES CMS STUDENTS

**Sean and Solene Le Van**, children and students of CMS piano and violin instructor **Eric L.**, recently won the silver and gold medals (respectively) in the American Association for the Development of the Gifted and Talented "Passion of Music: 2010" competition and festival, which gives them the opportunity to perform at Carnegie Hall on April 18th. Well done!

**Kelly M.**, CMS vocal coach and clarinet instructor, will be starring as Ida, the mother duck, in Looking Glass Theatre's production of "Honk!" at the First Unitarian Universalist Church of San Diego. Performances will be April 24th, April 25th, April 30th, and May 1st, all at 7:30pm. For more information, call 619-298-9978.

**Alex Lam and Allyson Chu**, piano students of **Shen L.**, were recently selected to perform in the Orange County West Branch Honors Recital. Allyson Chu was



Grammy nominated CMS drum instructor Aaron R. (right) and bandmate.

also selected to perform in the 2010 Convention Recital in Los Angeles. Congratulations to them both!

CMS voice instructor **Ryan R.** will be performing the role of Belcore in "L'elisir d'amore" as alumni guest artist at CSU Fullerton's Claves Performing Arts Center on April 16th-18th and 22nd-25th. For more information,



CMS Piano Teacher Joanna Q. and students at her recent recital.

please visit the CSUF website.

**Luke Zuniga**, piano student of **Kate R.**, recently won the Reflections music contest for the Temecula Valley School District, and will go on to compete at the county level!

**Renee C.**, voice, clarinet, piano, and guitar instructor, was recently hired by the renowned Center Theatre Group at the LA Music Center to teach a developmental workshop of The Nutcracker.

Vocal student **Amber Pruitt**, who is studying with **Jason B.**, is currently working on an album. Her first recorded song is visible on YouTube, and can be seen by searching "Ricky Blue Song, Amber Nicole." Best of luck with your album, Amber!

California Music Studios voice instructor **Allison A.** can be seen at Dizzy's in San Diego on April 23rd, performing a tribute to women in jazz. The concert will take place from 7:30 to 9:30pm. For more information, please call 858-270-7467.

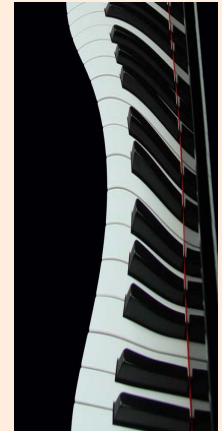
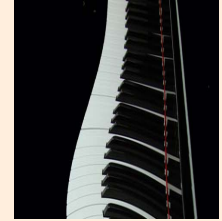
# CMS HONORS CONCERTS

As some of you know, last year CMS added a new type of performance to our recital program: Honors Concerts. These are small, invitation only recitals. From each of our formal recitals, we select those performers who have the most interesting pieces, the best stage presence, and are the most polished, and reward them with an invitation to participate in one of these exclusive concerts. From each recital series, we select about 20 exemplary students out of our average of 300 participants. This results in an interesting, diverse, and professional program that is a treat to watch and hear. Our next Honors Concert features a group of students from our San Diego County Winter Recital series, and will be held on April 24th at the Fairwinds Ivey Ranch Retirement Resort in Oceanside. The performance will be held at 2:00pm, and attendance is free for all audience members. Refreshments, awards, and a drawing will be held afterward. Hope to see you there!

We also just finished our Orange County Winter Recital Series of eight recitals, and will be selecting our performers and announcing a date for an Orange County Honors Concert shortly!

The participating students in our Spring 2010 San Diego Honors Concert are:

- Benjamin & Jasmine Chen (duet)
- Hope Chen
- Courtney Clay
- Bram Downs
- McKenna Fuller
- Anna Gorski
- Matheus Gorski
- Aimee & Gabrielle Hermogino (duet)
- Natalie Kadonaga, Nadia Kim, & Zachary Marcin (quartet with teacher)
- Gabriella Leibowitz
- Maggie Liu
- Derrick Lo
- Benji Lu
- Benjamin McCrink
- Lauren Mercier
- Ann Perkins
- Connor Spellman
- Brynne Williams
- Harrison & Stanley Wong (duet)
- Irina Wong
- Myles Wong
- Addy Zou



# CMS RECITAL CALENDAR

Look here every month for a list of our scheduled concerts and events – We will be adding more performance opportunities all year long!

**SD Formal Honors Concert 2010:**  
 April 24, 2010  
 2:00pm Showtime  
 Fairwinds Ivey Ranch  
 4490 Mesa Drive  
 Oceanside, CA 92056

**San Diego Music Clubs 2010**  
 April 10, 2010—Highlighter Party!  
 May 22, 2010—Go Wild!  
 October 9, 2010—Luau!  
 November 20, 2010—Storybook Day!  
 NAMM Museum  
 5790 Armada Drive  
 Carlsbad, CA 92008

\* If you would like to participate, please ask your teacher for details.

## HOW ARE WE DOING?

Please take a few moments to answer a few questions for us. Your answers help us serve you better. We appreciate your feedback.

How important is making music to your family?  
 Extremely important  
 Moderately important  
 Unimportant

How would you rate the service you receive from us?  
 Excellent  
 Good  
 Fair

How well does your teacher fit your needs?  
 Extremely well  
 Moderately well  
 Needs discussion with CMS

Would you recommend CMS to your family and friends?  
 Absolutely  
 Maybe  
 No

Comments

Name

Address

Teacher Name

Phone