

The Students of Liz Elliot Present

The Fall 2020 Recital



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On Zoom

Sunday, December 13, 2020 – 6:00pm

A few words about zooming with us:

Everybody but the performer will be muted during each performance. We also recommend that if you're not the performer, you turn your video off. Clapping out-loud is meant to occur only after each performer's last piece just to keep things simple, but feel free to use the "reaction emojis" and chat during performances (be respectful, please!) Finally, we've never done this before. It won't be perfect, but we'll do the best we can, and we are the mercy of our imperfect technology. Please be patient and bear with us and we'll do our very best to entertain you!

Brandon Domantay, 16 – viola

Merry Go Round of Life - Howl's Moving Castle
Sonata in G Major II. Allegro



Brandon is a junior at Loyola High School and likes reading, stretching, playing video games, baking, swimming, cooking, and playing viola. His favorite subject is biology, and he wants to be a doctor and dog dad someday. He is best at sleeping and thinks the world would be a better place with no starvation. He most admires his sisters and his parents, and he's learned how to get along with his family during this pandemic. He likes that

Joe Hasaishi
Benedetto Marcello

music can bring out a lot of emotions out of some people and he wants to be able to play the Prelude from the First Suite for Unaccompanied Cello on viola. He most enjoys the music of Joji, and so far, he's liked Concerto No. 3 in C Minor by Friedrich Seitz. He started on piano with Liz when he was 7 and has played viola since he was 10.

Char Patton – piano

Quiet Lagoon
Surfboard Boogie



Char is Liz's mom and lives in Blaine, Minnesota! She has tinkered with the piano for a long time, but really began to take it seriously in

April and just last month, got a piano with Liz's help! She loves to travel! In fact, she worked for major cruise lines for about 15 years and traveled all over the world, in addition to raising Liz and her brother. She also has two grandsons. She loves golf, swimming, 4-wheeling, piano, knitting, crocheting, and skiing. Her favorite subject in school was business, and she considers herself to be a Jack-of-all trades and master of none. She thinks helping others, keeping an open mind and continuing to learn makes the world a better place. During the pandemic, she

Jon George
Martha Mier

has learned not to look to others for her own entertainment and activities. The best thing in the world to her is wine, and she does not want to grow up! She most admires Michelle Obama and Oprah, and she likes to play piano for her own relaxation and enjoyment. So far, her favorite piece is *Surfboard Boogie*, and she loves that there's so much variety and something for everybody in music. She has always loved the Temptations and showtunes. This is Char's first recital!

Fanfare Minuet
King William's March



Elizabeth Phillips*, 9 – cello

Ellie has played the cello for 2 years and is in 4th grade at San Rafael. She has learned from the pandemic that it's possible to have a cello lesson over zoom! She likes math best at school, and her hobbies are art, going outside & playing on the swing, playing cello, diving, swimming, and snuggling her cat. She is best at sleeping and thinks the world would be better if we could end

William Duncombe
Jeremiah Clarke

homelessness. She most admires Kamala Harris, the best things in the world are her mom and her family, and she wants to be a cellist and a lawyer when she grows up. About music, she likes being able to make something that you can hear and see, and her favorite piece so far is *Ode to Joy*. She was Student of the Month for her first time in March.

Mice on Venus
Spanish Serenade



Gus Brandow*, 12 – piano

Gus began playing piano at age 6 and attends Marshall Middle School, where he likes math. He loves baseball, video games, reading, eating, and piano. He's best at having fun and he wants to get married and be an animator someday. The best thing in the world is his parents, and he most admires Barack Obama. He thinks the world would be a better place with world peace, and from the pandemic, he has learned that

Daniel Rosenfeld
Lynn Freeman Olson

people like toilet paper too much. His favorite thing about music is that it entertains people and his favorite piano piece so far is *Megalovania*. He most likes to play video game music and his goal is to get better and better. Gus was last Student of the Month in January. He usually plays in a duo with Theo (which is on a corona-induced break for now) and is a member of Tuesday Musicale Juniors.

Firefly
Little River
Ode to Joy



Harper Miller, 7 – piano

Harper has played the piano for just 14 months and is in 2nd grade at St. Phillips School, where she most likes art and science. She wants to be a scientist and a pop star, so it makes sense that she most admires Taylor Swift and is best in the world at art. Her hobbies are art, playing with her dog, writing stories, piano, and running. The best thing in the world to her is her family and she believes the world

Nancy & Randall Faber
Nancy & Randall Faber
Ludwig von Beethoven

would be a better place with nobody smoking. From the pandemic, she's learned that sometimes you can't see your friends no matter how much you want to. Her favorite piece so far is *Firefly* and she's happy to have a teacher like Liz. Her goal as a musician is to work hard at piano and not just be lazy and lay on the floor and eat snacks instead of practicing.

Fawn in the Forest
Poet's Lament
Slippin' Around



Kate Ma*, 11 – piano

Kate is in 6th grade at LCE and has played the piano for a little over 3 years. She loves sports, art, reading, piano, soccer, basketball, and her favorite subject is language arts. She's best at sleeping and finds that it's really hard not to be able to be social because of the pandemic. She believes the world would be a better place if everybody was nicer to each other. She most admires her dad, the best

Myra Adler
Jon George
Martha Mier

thing in the world is her family, and she'd like to be a soccer player when she grows up. Her favorite thing about music is getting to actually play the pieces she hears and loves, and so far, her favorite is Brahms' *Lullaby*. She wants to be able to play any piece of music in front of her. She earned Student of the Month in October.

Kuba Clemons*, 13 – piano

Black Magic
May the Force be With You
Sand Swirls



Kuba has played the piano for 3 years and is in 7th grade at Chandler. He likes playing video games, sports, playing with his brother, and playing piano, and at school, he likes science and history. He is best at overthinking and believes the world would be a better place with racial equality. The best thing in the world is his family (he most admires his parents) and he wants to be a vet when he grows up. From the

Jane Smisor Bastien
John Williams
Bruce Berr

pandemic, he's learned how important it is to take viruses and rules seriously. So far, his favorite piano piece is *May the Force be With You*, and he really likes the music of Drake. His goal is to play really complex pieces and he likes that he gets to play for his family and friends. Kuba earned Student of the Month for the first time in June!

Matthew Ma*, 13 – piano

Dandelion Rag
Bagatelle in A Minor, WoO 59 "Für Elise"
A Stormy Voyage



An 8th grader at LC 7-8, Matthew has played piano for a little over 3 years. He likes basketball, tennis, ping-pong, piano, reading, eating, and watching anime, and at school, he likes math best. From the pandemic, he's learned that he starts to get crazy if he's cooped up inside. He's best at being annoying to his sister, Kate, and he thinks the best thing (and also the worst thing) in the world is people. When he grows up, he wants to be someone people can go to when they're having a tough

Martha Mier
Ludwig von Beethoven
Christopher Goldston

time, and he believes the world would be a better place if nobody got jealous to the point where it's dangerous. He most admires his grandpa, and musically, he loves George Winston. His musical goal is to play *Variations on the Canon*. His favorite piano piece so far is *Stormy Voyage*, and he likes that piano takes his worries off things if he's stressed or something. Matthew was Student of the Month in November.

March of the Gnomes
Racing Trains
Space Walk



Ozzie Clemons, 9 – piano

Ozzie is in 4th grade at Chandler School where he really likes social studies. He's played piano for 4 years and likes puzzles, piano, playing electronics, and playing sports. He's best at puzzles and his electronics are the best thing in the world to him. He most admires Liz Elliot and wants to be rich and have dogs and cats when he grows up. Ozzie believes the world would be a better place if we would stop using fossil fuels and greenhouse gasses and use electricity to

Martha Mier
Betty Sutton
Ted Cooper

stop global warming. His favorite piano piece is *March of the Gnomes*, and he really likes Mozart. He wants to become really famous and rich as a musician because as a musician, you get to learn new songs and have fun by playing them. During the pandemic, he has learned the world is changing rapidly and he's learning more about climate change and how we can stop it.

Etude, Op. 73, No. 11
Nocturne in D Minor
Song of the Birds



Pallas Kim*, 14 – cello

Pallas is a freshman at CS Arts in Duarte, where he's studying music and his favorite subject is music. He's currently playing in a piano trio with Ramya and Theo through Crescendo Young Musician's Guild and is a member of Tuesday Musicale Juniors. He's best at eating and also likes D&D, tae kwon do, music, chamber music, and cello. He thinks the world would be a better place with food for everyone because food is the best thing in the world. He someday wants to be a college graduate, and he

David Popper
Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky
Pablo Casals

most admires his sister, Salla. He's learned from the pandemic that he's more introverted than he thought. So far, he's really enjoyed learning *The Boy Paganini* and he thinks music is pleasant to listen to and challenging to learn. He likes the music of Chopin, Tchaikovsky, and Shostakovich, and his goal is to play one of the famous concertos. He's been playing cello for 4 years and was Student of the Month in July.

Country Dance
Fantasie-Caprice in D Major
Sarabande in G Minor



A 7th grader at McKinley and an avid math fan, Ramya has played the violin for 4

Ramya Bangaru*, 13 – violin

years. She also studies Carnatic violin and singing, and likes annoying her brother, succulent gardening, and fundraising for City of Hope. She plays violin in a piano trio with Pallas and Theo through Crescendo Young Musician's Guild and is a member of Tuesday Musicale Juniors. She's best at annoying her brother, who is both the best thing in the world and the person she admires the most. She wants to be an anesthesiologist and a musician and singer someday. The world would be a better place if she

Carl Maria von Weber
Charles Auguste de Beriot
Carl Bohm

learned to sight-read any piece of music. From the pandemic, she has learned that she is not very good at cooperating with other people online, but she's learned to control herself and speak kindly to others. Her favorite pieces so far are the Bach *Concerto in D Minor for Two Violins* and the Bohm *Sarabande in G Minor*. Her favorite musicians are Twoset Violin and her goal is to someday play one of the Ysaye Sonatas for Solo Violin. Ramya is Student of the Month this month.

Kick-Start
Twinkle Mississippi
Wishing-Well



Taylor Perez, 9 – viola

Taylor just began studying viola at Hugo Reid, where she's in 4th grade, this fall! She loves softball, soccer, traveling, video games, drawing, and playing viola. Math is her favorite subject at school and she's best at making her own lemonade. She's learned from the pandemic that things don't always go your way and you just have to roll with it. The best thing in the world is cats and someday, she'd like to be an animal rescuer and an actor. She most admires her

Edward Huws-Jones
Traditional, Arr. by Elizabeth Elliot
Edward Huws-Jones

mom and thinks the world would be a better place if more people would listen to the rules. She thinks music makes the world livelier, she'd like to be a singer, and her favorite viola piece so far is *Wishing-Well*. This is Taylor's first recital!

Theo Sitzman*, 13 – piano

Sonata in C Major, K. 545 I. Allegro
The Entertainer
Keyboard Sonata in C Major



Theo has played piano since he was 5 and is in 7th grade at Blair, where he currently most enjoys asynchronous

time. When not in school, he likes video games, piano, Terraria, dogs, roller coasters, the history of old game consoles, boy scouts, swimming, and cooking. He often plays in a piano duo with Gus (they are on a pandemic-imposed break), and in a piano trio with Ramya and Pallas through Crescendo Young Musician's Guild. He's also a member of Tuesday Musicales Juniors and plays piano for the Blair Jazz Ensemble. The world would be a better place if each large state had at least 5 theme parks, each medium state had 2 or 3, and each

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart
Scott Joplin
Domenico Scarlatti

small state had a couple. The best thing in the world to Theo, is his dogs, Mitzi and Luke, and he has learned from the pandemic that staying at home from school for a year straight isn't as cool as it sounds. His favorite piano piece so far is Joplin's Maple Leaf Rag, he loves playing by ear and wants to be able to hear any piece he likes and translate it to the piano. He likes the music of David Wise. Theo was Student of the Month in August and holds the record for the highest points total ever for 1 week at 107!

Thom Calderon – cello

Suite No. 2 in D Minor, BWV 1008 1. Prelude



Thom has now played the cello for 8-1/2 years and has decided he wants to be a fine cellist when he grows up! He works as a film editor and has two grown children. He likes politics, cycling, movies & television, cello, and music in general, which was his favorite subject in school. He's best at being a dad and a husband. He believes the world would be a better place with more

Johann Sebastian Bach

compassion, and he thinks babies are the best thing in the world. He thinks music heals and expands the soul like medicine. He likes Bach, Mozart, The Beatles, and Elvis Costello, and his favorite piece so far is the 2nd movement of Vivaldi's *Concerto for Two Cellos in G Minor*. From the pandemic, he has learned the value of patience.

Uma Chakraborty*, 10 – piano

Don't Wanna Leave You Blues

Tell Me, Fair Ladies from *The Marriage of Figaro*

Trisha Chakraborty, clarinet

Toccata Vivo

Martha Mier
Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Dennis Alexander



Uma has been a pianist for 5 years and is in 4th grade at Monterey Hills, where her favorite subject is math. She wants to someday be a paleontologist and mother of two, and in the meantime, she is best at hugging. She likes piano, painting, swimming, baking, and food plating. She believes the world would be a better place with no guns, and the best things in the world to her are her family and friends. She most admires her dad and from the

pandemic, she's learned that she works better when she's outside, and she can also bike 13 miles if she wants to. Her favorite piece is Bach's *Minuet in G*, and she likes Mozart and BTS. Her favorite thing about music is composing it, and she wants to grow up to write great pieces that kids like her can play. Uma was Student of the Month for the first time in September.

Students of the Month

Gus Brandow-12, piano – January 2020
Catalina Sellier-9, piano – February 2020
Ellie Phillips-8, cello – March 2020
Nobody – April 2020
Nobody – May 2020
Kuba Clemons-12, piano – June 2020

Pallas Kim-14, cello – July 2020
Theo Sitzman-12 – August 2020
Uma Chakraborty-9, piano – September 2020
Kate Ma-11, piano – October 2020
Matthew Ma-13, piano – November 2020
Ramya Bangaru-13, violin – December 2020

* Student of the Month in the past year. Students are chosen as Student of the Month for their diligent practicing, love of music, devotion to success in their studies and support of their families. They are awarded a framed certificate, 10 extra stickers and a page on the website for one month. Students must have been studying with Liz for six months before they are eligible for Student of the Month and can earn this honor once each year.

The Points Challenges

Points challenges are conducted in the Fall, Spring and Summer, with brief breaks in between. Students receive points each week according to how well they complete their assignments and for extra credit, like listening to music, attending concerts and researching composers. If all of their assignment is completed satisfactorily and on time, they are awarded a 5-point bonus. At the end of each challenge, certificates are presented to the students with the top 5 average scores. The current average (as of December 10) for the studio is 22.014 with averages ranging between 15.364 and 32.417. Our current challenge ends December 17th. The Spring Challenge will begin in February.

Liz Elliot – cello, viola, violin, piano



Liz Elliot grew up in Minneapolis and graduated from Augsburg College. She has studied all of the instruments she teaches privately with very fine teachers! She plays cello in *Lydia Duo* and the *Duende Piano Trio*, Tuesday Musicales of Pasadena, and freelances. She also plays first violin in Crown City Symphony. Coaches chamber music, and is a regular at the So Cal Chamber Music Workshop each summer.

She's been the soloist with Crown City Symphony (Rococo Variations) and the Northeast

Orchestra (Kabalevsky Concerto) and played with the BBC Symphony, Aqualung, Michelle Bloom, Alan Bernhoft, Tamara Silvera, Brook McCarter, Prince, and on the soundtrack for *With Great Power* (the Stan Lee story). She also worked for Fein Stringed Instruments and Robert Cauer Violins. She's taught strings and piano privately for more than 28 years and has written and arranged 16 books on string technique and beginning string playing, 13 of which are for sale on her website.

Liz likes acting, writing, directing, dogs, theater, movies, television, comedy, hiking, swimming, and traveling. The best thing in the world to her is her dog, Felix. She is best at acting. She thinks the world would be a better place without prejudice. When she grows up, she wants to be an actress. She most admires Michelle and Barack Obama and Stacey Abrams, her favorite piece so far is Brahms

Sonata for Cello and Piano Op. 99, her favorite thing about music is playing chamber music and her goal is to play better in tune!

From the pandemic, Liz has learned a lot, but mostly that she loves podcasts and the show *Schitt's Creek*! And she can't wait to teach her students in person again, because zoom is just not the same!

Liz is actively looking for more students and teaching, playing and coaching opportunities. She teaches at her home in Pasadena and at students' homes in the Pasadena area (when it is safe to do so), and online! She coaches chamber music, orchestral sectionals on all strings, does arranging, and freelances on cello and occasionally violin and viola. She can also do school demos on all strings! Please send them to her website and give them her contact info!

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