



**Davidson Fellow
Pallavi Mahidhara**

(\$25,000 Scholarship Recipient)



Personal Info

Pallavi Mahidhara

Age: 15

Bethesda, Md.

School, College and Career Plans

Pallavi will enter her junior year at Walt Whitman High School in August 2003 and will graduate in June 2005. She hopes to study at the Juilliard School of Music in New York or the Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia. Pallavi plans to pursue a career as a concert pianist and teacher.

Davidson Fellows Submission (*Music*)

Pallavi's life is demonstrated through "My Musical Journey with the Piano," a number of various Classical, Romantic and 20th century compositions with the National Symphony Orchestra and the Chicago Symphony Orchestra in such world-renowned venues as the Kennedy Center and the Hollywood Bowl. Pallavi continues to expand her musical education while sharing her talent, skills and passion by teaching music on a volunteer basis.

Biography

Inspired by *Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood*, Pallavi began formal piano lessons when she was five. She currently studies at the Levine School of Music in Washington, D.C. and has performed with the National Symphony Orchestra, Chicago Symphony Orchestra, Bangor Symphony Orchestra and Spain's Asturias National Orchestra.

Pallavi made her orchestral debut at the age of ten, performing with the Disney's Young Musicians Symphony Orchestra at the Ravinia Festival in Chicago. She has performances planned with the China National Symphony Orchestra and Canada's Banff Orchestra.

In 2000, Pallavi was featured on "*Piano Grand*," a celebration of the piano's 300th birthday produced by the Smithsonian Institute. She has appeared on the nationally broadcast radio program "*From the Top*," and the television series "*Musical Encounters*."

In her spare time, Pallavi enjoys playing chamber music, reading Harry Potter novels, watching classic movies and traveling.

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Honors/Awards

- 2003 Davidson Fellow
- 2003 Kingsville International Young Performers Competition, Grand Prize
- 2002 Julia Crane International Young Artists Competition, First Place
- 2002 Fiscoff National Chamber Music Competition, Silver Medal
- 2001 National Winner, Baldwin Competition, sponsored by the Music Teachers' National Association
- 2001 Beethoven Piano Competition, Second Place

Community Activities

Pallavi teaches piano to teenage students in Bethesda, and plays in area churches, elder hostels and nursing homes. She also participates in local community outreach programs.

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