Davidson Institute
for Talent Development

Davidson Fellow
Illya Filshtinskiy
($10,000 Scholarship Recipient)

Personal Info
Illya Filshtinskiy
Age: 17
Westerville, OH

School, College and Career Plans
Illya is a recent graduate of Westerville South High School and a member of the National Honor Society. In addition to private piano studies, Illya has taken 12 masters classes from accomplished pianists. He will attend The Juilliard School beginning this fall and will study classical piano in order to build a career as a professional musician.

Davidson Fellows Submission *(Music)*
In his music portfolio titled "A Step Toward My Dream," Illya Filshtinskiy demonstrates his growth as a musician and pianist. He prepared a program spanning musical periods and contrasting styles of music featuring Beethoven, Bach and Chopin. The pieces he performed are some of the most technically demanding and musically challenging works for the concert stage. Illya's performance brings the music to life in an expression of artistry far beyond his years.

Biography
At the age of 6, Illya began studying piano in his native Ukraine, and two years later began studying the flute. After completing Music School in the Ukraine in both piano and flute, Illya moved to America in 2000. Upon arriving in America, Illya began high school, although he knew little English. By taking additional English classes, Illya finished high school as an honor student. Outside of school, he studied piano privately. He also attended summer music festivals for three years to broaden his musical experience.

After winning the World Piano Competition, Illya was invited to perform at New York's Carnegie Hall and the United Nations headquarters. In December 2002, he performed the Schumann Piano Concerto with the Springfield (Ohio) Symphony Orchestra, having won that orchestra's Young Soloist Competition.

Illya's artistic pursuits are not limited to piano, as he is an active photographer. He has also taken up ceramics (pottery and sculpture) in the past year. He enjoys reading, chess and working in his vegetable and flower gardens.

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Honors/Awards

- 2004 Davidson Fellow
- 2003 Westerville Women's Music Club Summer Scholarship Competition, First Place
- 2003 Ohio Music Teachers Assn. Summer Music Scholarship Comp. Winner
- 2002 World Piano Competition Grand Prize, Young Artist Division, Concerto
- 2002 World Piano Competition Grand Prize, Young Artist Division, Solo
- 2002 Springfield (Ohio) Symphony Orchestra Young Soloist Competition, First Place
- 2002 Ohio Music Teachers Assn. Graves Piano Solo Competition, First Place
- 2002 Justine Hackman Memorial Young Artists Competition, First Place
- 2001 Columbus Music Teachers Assn. Achievement Awards, First Place
- 2001 Westerville Women's Music Club Summer Scholarship Competition, First Place
- 2001 Ohio Music Teachers Assn. Summer Music Scholarship Comp. Winner
- *"Sundays at Five" Concert Series* – Graves Recital Hall – May 16, 2004.
- *Ironton Artist Series* - January 24, 2004 - Ironton, Ohio.
- *Holiday Recital* - Maysville, Kentucky - December 20, 2003.
- *Solo Recital* - Maysville, Kentucky - July 27, 2003.
- *"Tea at Three" Concert Series* - Bexley (Ohio) Public Library - June 1, 2003.
- *Holy Spirit Church Concert Series* - Columbus, Ohio - May 18, 2003 and November 30, 2003.

Community Activities

In addition to formal concert performances, Illya takes pleasure in playing music for various civic, elder, religious, and charitable organizations.

In 2003, Illya was a soloist at the "Children for Children" benefit concert for the "Hope Street Kids" cancer fund.

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