



**Davidson Fellow Laureate
Karsten Gimre**

(\$50,000 Scholarship Recipient)



Personal Info

Karsten Gimre

Age: 12

Banks, Oregon

School, College and Career Plans

Karsten is a full-time sophomore at Pacific University where he is majoring in math and physics, with a minor in economics and maintaining summa cum laude status. His current musical instruction includes several teachers in Portland, Seattle, and in New York at the Manhattan School of Music.

Davidson Fellows Submission (*Music: Classical Instrumentalist*)

In his music portfolio titled "Conversation Without Words," Karsten creates a musical conversation during his piano performances, conveying a deeper meaning of universal themes common to all human beings. At the age of 6, Karsten earned first place in the International Young Artists Concert at the Kennedy Center and at 7 won the Russian-American Young Virtuosos Competition at Carnegie Hall. With mastery of a voluminous repertoire, Karsten has performed with the Portland Chamber Orchestra, Oregon Symphony and at the Miami International Piano Festival.

Biography

At 11 months old he started to read and at four years of age he started to play the piano. Within a month, Karsten had played his first Haydn Concerto, and can now memorize a 70-page concerto in about an hour. In addition to his musical pursuits, Karsten has a strong interest in math and a penchant for acting. Currently, his mathematical interests include linear algebra, ordinary differential equations and the Riemann zeta function. He has played lead and supporting roles in several plays, commercials, and films and will be seen in the independent movie production "Thumbsucker," due to be released sometime this fall.

Karsten has performed at Carnegie Hall, the Kennedy Center, and the Oregon Symphony. Being named a Gina Bachauer finalist led to his performance at the Miami International Piano Festival in May and the subsequent invitation to perform in Lecce, Italy next year. Portions of this program will be aired for a PBS documentary titled "Masters and Prodigies of Tomorrow," which will air sometime in the fall of 2006.

During the summer, Karsten will be learning card, rope and coin tricks and working to organize his baseball card and coin collections. He also likes to play baseball, bike, hike and pitch balls for his dog to chase.

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Honors/Awards

- 2005 Davidson Fellow Laureate
- 2004 Gina Bachauer International Competition, Winner
- 2001 Russian-American Virtuoso, Winner
- 2001 Pinault International Biennial, Winner
- 2000 International Young Artists, First Place
- 2000, 1999, 1998 Baroque and Classical Competitions, First Place

Community Activities

Through piano performances, Karsten has helped to raise money for the Liberty Performing Arts Center in Astoria, Oregon.

He has also been invited to perform with the Russian Chamber Orchestra on their next tour of the Pacific Northwest. The purpose of their tour will be to raise money for the children of victims of the Chernobyl nuclear disaster.

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