



Davidson Fellow

Marc Yu

(\$10,000 Scholarship Recipient)



Personal Info

Marc Yu

Age: 6

Monterey Park, California

School, College and Career Plans

A recent kindergarten graduate from Pacific Oaks Children's School, Marc will be homeschooled this fall to allow time for his music classes in piano and cello at the Colburn School of Performing Arts. Marc hopes to attend as many music camps, festivals and competitions as possible. He would like to eventually play both Carnegie and Royal Albert halls.

Davidson Fellows Submission *(Music: Classical Instrumentalist)*

The project "Performance Selections for Piano" is Marc's way of carrying on the tradition of the virtuoso. For him, this means performing music of the highest degree of technique through complete dedication. Marc has been studying piano and cello since the age of 3, and currently attends the Colburn School of Performing Arts in Los Angeles. At the age of 5, Marc passed the California Certificate of Merit piano and cello exams and was the winner at the National Piano Guild Audition two years in a row. At the 2004 Southwest Youth Music Festival, he won first place in cello and second place in piano. In 2005, he was the youngest participant in the Virginia Waring International Piano Competition master classes.

Biography

When he was 3, Marc realized he was thinking about music more than anyone else his age. Because he could concentrate and hear the logic behind the music, he excelled. After only studying the piano for two and a half years and the cello for two, he has won numerous competitions and participated in master classes and music camps.

When he is not playing music, Marc loves chess and Scrabble, reading books, studying math and enjoying art. He works to improve his piano and cello abilities every day by practicing, improvising and/or composing. His favorite activity is playing music for an audience.

The Virginia Waring International Piano Competition is a world-class event for young pianists that takes place every four years. Marc was selected to perform at the piano master class of this prestigious competition in January 2005 for Dr. Robert Roux. In July 2005, Marc made his **orchestral** debut with the Capistrano Valley Symphony, playing a piano concerto, Bach, and a cello concerto, Vivaldi.

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Honors/Awards

- 2005 Davidson Fellow
- 2005 Leni Fe Bland Foundation Competition and Scholarship Winner
- 2005 Los Angeles Violoncello Society Annual Scholarship Audition, Third Place
- 2005 Martin Luther King Tribute Concert, Featured Artist
- 2005 interviewed for “60 Minutes,” “Good Morning America” and “The Tonight Show” appearances
- 2005 *Los Angeles Times* front-page news article
- 2005 *Pasadena Star* and *Sing Tao Daily* news articles
- 2004 Southwestern Youth Music Festival, Cello, First Place
- 2004 Southwestern Youth Music Festival, Open Piano Solo, Second Place
- 2004 National Piano Guild Audition, National Winner
- 2004 Music Teachers Association of California, Certificate of Merit, for piano and cello exams with honor
- 2003 National Piano Guild Audition, National Winner
- 2003 Music Teachers Association of California, Practice for Fund Grand Prize Winner

Community Activities

Marc feels it is important that people who cannot attend concerts not be deprived of the joy of listening to music and performs regularly at rest homes and hospitals.

He also likes to play music at the school where he attended kindergarten.

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