

**Davidson Fellow  
Hilda Huang**

(\$25,000 Scholarship Recipient)



**Personal Info**

Hilda Huang  
Age: 12  
Palo Alto, California

**School, College and Career Plans**

Hilda is a rising eighth grader at Jordan Middle School. She is interested in music, chemistry, physics and technology.

**Davidson Fellows Submission** (*Music*)

In her project, "I Love Bach," Hilda is determined to raise the appreciation and understanding of the music of Johann Sebastian Bach. Performing on the piano and harpsichord, Hilda aims to bring Bach to everyone, especially young people who may be unfamiliar with his music. Hilda hopes to start a series of "I Love Bach" concerts all over the world to fulfill her mission and she has embarked a 10-year project to learn and perform all the keyboard music of Bach. Her many accomplishments include performances on NPR's "From the Top" and at Carnegie Hall.

**Biography**

Hilda feels that playing Bach's music can train young people to think analytically and at the same time, experience joy in music. She was inspired to play Bach by her favorite pianist, the late Glenn Gould. To Hilda, each Bach performance requires immense and intense concentration but is always a very rewarding experience.

As a music student devoted to the music of Bach, Hilda's goal is to share her joy for Bach's music with students her age and with generations to come. Toward that goal, she believes all young musicians should be encouraged to study Bach and experience the beauty, complexity and joy that is in the music.

In addition to her serious musical pursuits, Hilda will study trigonometry this fall and hopes to take Advanced Placement physics as well. She would like to focus on science courses when she enrolls in high school as well as after-school sports. When Hilda is not playing music she is watching cooking programs, cooking and swimming.

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**Honors/Awards**

- 2008 Davidson Fellow
- 2008 Young Artists Certificate, San Francisco Conservatory of Music, Preparatory Division
- 2008 Performed in "From the Top, Live from Carnegie Hall" TV series nationally broadcast on PBS
- 2008 Performed in Bradshaw & Buono International Piano Competition Winners' Concert in Carnegie Hall as First Prize Winner
- 2008 Performed in the All Chopin Gala Concert presented by the San Francisco Chopin Foundation
- 2008 Performed on NPR's "From the Top" radio show
- 2008 Music Teachers Association of California, First Prize
- 2008 Performed in the Young Artists Concert presented by the Steinway Society of the Bay Area
- 2007 Performed in Bradshaw & Buono International Piano Competition Winners' Concert in Carnegie Hall as First Prize Winner
- 2007 Performed in the Music@Menlo Young Performers Concerts
- 2007 Youngest pianist accepted to the International Institute for Young Musicians held at the University of Kansas
- 2006 Performed in Music@Menlo Young Performers Concerts - the youngest pianist selected from an international talent pool
- 2006 San Francisco Chopin Young Pianists Competition, First Prize
- 2004 Youngest Solo Performer at the Carmel Bach Festival
- 2004 Recorded J.S. Bach Two-part Inventions (complete)

**Community Activities**

Hilda has performed in senior centers and retirement homes in the community and benefit concerts for local chapters of San Francisco Symphony League.