

# **News from the Studio of Peter Rudzik**

## **February 11, 2023**

It has been exactly three years since I wrote the last studio news. The pandemic caused most events to shut down but some continued, mostly online. Students still took exams, played in competitions, made recordings, received scholarships and awards. I can only hope I included most of the things that happened during that time. If I omitted something, please let me know.

### **2020 Steinway Piano Competition:**

Bill Zheng received the best contemporary and overall silver award. Aaron Wang received the best classical and overall gold award.

In 2021 Sarah He received the silver award.

### **Royal Conservatory of Music Gold Medals for the highest examination mark in the province:**

Alexia Lee for ARCT (2020)

Samantha Lan for Grade 8 (2021)

Aaron Wang for ARCT (2021)

### **Alberta Registered Music Teachers awards:**

Alethea Leung - Piano Junior II - Bronze (2021)

Samantha Lan - Piano Intermediate - Silver (2021)

Aaron Wang - Piano Advanced - Gold

plus Peter Turner Memorial Scholarship (2021)

Sarah He - Piano Advanced - Gold (2022)

Reyna Cai - Piano Intermediate - Bronze (2023)

Valeria Zhao - Piano Intermediate - Silver (2023)

Noah Chen - Piano Advanced - Gold

plus Peter Walker Memorial Scholarship (2023)

In 2020 **Calgary Contemporary Showcase** organized by the Alliance for Canadian New Music Projects, Samantha Lan and Edwin Liang were chosen as gala performers. In 2021 Crystal Chen was a recipient of ARMTA's scholarship for the best performance of a Canadian piece.

In July, 2022 Savannah Niu was chosen to represent Alberta in the **New Canada West Performing Arts Festival**. It took place at the University of Saskatchewan in Saskatoon.

### **2021 Northern Lights International Piano Festival:**

Sarah He - Silver Award

Samantha Lan - Bronze Award

Aaron Wang - Bronze Award

Sarah He received numerous gold awards from **London Young Musician** (UK) and a Gold Medal in the junior category from **North American Virtuoso International Music Competition** 2022 (USA).

### **Students who took RCM exams since the last recital:**

Grade 1 - Arash Pilipowicz,

Grade 2 - Arash Pilipowicz, Lily Pilipowicz, Mayheng Zhao

Grade 3 - Reyna Cai, Ashlyn Leung

Grade 4 - Ryan Huang, Alethea Leung, Arash Pilipowicz, Eric Shao, Flora Zhou

Grade 5 - Ashton Williams

Grade 6 - Samantha Lan, Edwin Liang, Zelin Sun, Hank Xie, Valeria Zhao,

Grade 7 - Reyna Cai, April Cao, Bridgette Chen, Sophia Lee, Luka Samoleski, Arianna Williams,

Grade 8 - April Cao, Ephraim Chen, Isabella Huang, Samantha Lan, Jasmine Lee, Sophia Lee, Vivian Mah, Luka Samoleski, Serena Shi, Arianna Williams, Ethan Xie, Hank Xie, Celia Xing, Valeria Zhao

Grade 9 - Vicky Chen, Sarah He, Samantha Lan, Amanda Li, Savannah Niu, Vivian Qin

Grade 10 - Noah Chen, Sarah He, Samantha Lan, Lisa Du Plessis, Amanda Li, Riane Long, Vivian Qin, Ellen Ren, Arianna Williams, Ethan Xie, Bill Zheng

ARCT - Alexia Lee, Aaron Wang