

January 2025

# WPMA Newsletter



William Pu Music Academy



## From the Academy

Happy Lunar Year!

The year is off to an exciting start with incredible performance opportunities and concerts! We encourage all students to immerse themselves in the vibrant music community around us.

WPMA is thrilled to offer special discounted tickets for WPMA Family to the Johns Creek Symphony Orchestra's concert on January 25, 2025, 7:30 PM, at Mount Pisgah Church.

Don't miss this amazing musical experience!  
Email [admin@wpmusicacademy.com](mailto:admin@wpmusicacademy.com) to secure your tickets.

## From the Administration

### Spring 2025 Registration & Invoice

Please complete the registration agreement to receive your invoice that reflects your tuition amount based on your payment method.

### Communication with Administration

We prefer to communicate via email! If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to reach out to us at [admin@wpmusicacademy.com](mailto:admin@wpmusicacademy.com).

## Student Performance

### WPMA Spotlight 2025

The WPMA Spotlight provides students with a fantastic opportunity to perform for their family and peers. If your child would like to participate in one of these events, please talk to their teacher, who will assist in preparing them for the performance.

Participation in these recitals is free, and accompanists are provided at no charge. However, parents must contact the accompanist in advance to ensure they have the music ready for the performance day or to schedule any additional rehearsals. Please note that additional rehearsals will require payment.

Thursday, February 6, 2025 6:00 PM - 7:00PM

Thursday, March 6, 2025 6:00 PM - 7:00PM

## Upcoming Events

### Piano Masterclass with David Fung

WPMA will host a piano master class with internationally acclaimed pianist David Fung, sponsored by Johns Creek Symphony Orchestra. WPMA students and parents are welcome to attend this masterclass.

Date: January 24, 2025

Time: 7:00PM - 9:00PM

Location: WPMA Building 310

### 2025 AFA Young Artist Competition

The 2025 AFA Young Artist Competition is divided into three divisions:

- Young Artist Division (10 – 23 years-old),
- Senior Division (14 – 18 years-old), and
- Junior Division (13 years-old and younger).

Visit [AtlantaFestivalAcademy.org/ya-competition](http://AtlantaFestivalAcademy.org/ya-competition) for complete prize details, eligibility requirements, rules and regulations, and to apply. Application deadline is March 1, 2025, so don't delay!

### Winners of the AFA Young Artist Competition will have the opportunity to perform at the AFA Summer Music Institute Concert!

### 2025 AFA Summer Music Institute

The Atlanta Festival Academy Summer Music Institute is thrilled to announce the 2025 Summer Music Program, a two-week immersive experience for passionate young musicians looking to grow, connect, and shine!

- Dates: July 21 to August 2, 2025
- Time: 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM (Monday – Friday)
- Location: Johns Creek United Methodist Church,
- Tuition: \$1490 (WPMA Students: \$1290)
- \$50 discount for early registration before April 30, 2025
- Ensemble Discount: \$50 off per player for ensembles of 3 or more!

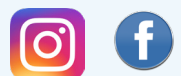
Visit [Atlantafestivalacademy.org](http://Atlantafestivalacademy.org) to register

### Georgia Federation of Music Club Festival

WPMA has become a chapter of Georgia Federation of Music Club Festival (GFMC) and will begin hosting the festival in Spring 2025. The festival will be held at the WPMA on March 22 - 23. Please communicate with your teacher if you want to participate in this event.

## WPMA Updates and News

Stay connected and updated with all our academy news and events—join us on Facebook and Instagram today!



Leave a 5-star Google review and receive a WPMA tote bag! Simply send a screenshot of your review to [admin@wpmusicacademy.com](mailto:admin@wpmusicacademy.com).

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## Winners of the Samuel Fordis Young Artists Concerto Competition 2024-2025

Two WPMA students, Hamin You and Ethan Goh, will showcase their talents as competition winners by performing violin and cello concertos with the Georgia Philharmonic Orchestra on Saturday, February 15, 2025, at 7:00 PM at the Lassiter High School Concert Hall in Marietta, GA.

### Hamin You, Violin. Sarasate Zigeunerweisen, Op.20



Hamin You, a 13-year-old from River Trail Middle School, studies violin under William Pu. He began piano at age 5 and violin at 6. Hamin has earned numerous accolades, including 1st Alternate in the 2022 GMTA Violin Competition, Conference Recitalist in 2024, and Outstanding Performer in the 2024 Instrumental Concerto category. He was also recognized as an Outstanding Performer in the piano division in 2022.

As Principal Second Violin for the GMEA All-State Orchestra in 2023 and 2024, Hamin developed a deep interest in orchestral music, leading him to join the Atlanta Symphony Youth Orchestra and the Virtuosi Orchestra of the Atlanta Festival Academy. He is currently the concertmaster of his school's chamber orchestra and recently performed a violin solo with his school chorus.

Beyond music, Hamin is active in leadership and academics. He is president of the Junior Beta Club, an editor for the school newspaper, and a medal-winning member of the Science Olympiad team.

### Ethan Goh, Cello. Tchaikovsky Pezzo Capriccioso

Ethan Goh, 15, began his musical journey with piano at age six and has been playing the cello for nearly five years. He has held prominent roles in various youth orchestras, including principal cellist of the Atlanta Symphony Youth Orchestra, assistant principal of the GMEA All-State Orchestra for two years, and a member of the Emory Youth Symphony Orchestra. Ethan's accomplishments include winning the Conference Recitalist title in the Georgia Music Teachers Association auditions for both the string concerto and 9th-grade divisions, receiving an honorable mention in the Music Teachers National Association competition, and earning first prize in the 19th Century Music division of the Charleston International Music Competition. He currently studies cello with Dr. Martin Gueorguiev.

As a chamber musician, Ethan has participated in the Atlanta Festival Academy for two years and is part of a Franklin Pond Chamber Music quartet. Additionally, he has performed in cello choirs with the William Pu Music Academy and the Johns Creek High School Orchestra.



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The banner features a silhouette of a person standing on a hill in the center. On the left, a conductor is shown in profile. On the right, a pianist is shown at a grand piano. The background is a dark, atmospheric scene with a blue glow.



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# YOUNG ARTIST COMPETITION

**TOP PRIZE: \$10,000**

**APPLY BY MARCH 1, 2025**

YOUNG ARTIST DIVISION (10-23 YRS-OLD)

SENIOR DIVISION (14 - 18 YRS-OLD)

JUNIOR DIVISION (13 YRS-OLD & YOUNGER)

STRINGS (WITHOUT BASS & HARP)    WOODWINDS    PIANO

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**JULY 25-26, 2025**

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# AFA SUMMER MUSIC INSTITUTE

OPEN TO  
AGE: 10-23



**JULY 21 - AUGUST 2 . 2025**

**9:00 AM - 4:00 PM**

FINALE CONCERT AUGUST 2 • FEATURING WINNERS OF  
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