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## Electronic Newsletter

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- **Li Li wins Margaret Chalmers Memorial \$3,000 Scholarship**

### From Bedic Music Studio

I am delighted to announce that one of my students, Li Li, has been successful in reaching the final and ultimately winning the \$3000 Music Teachers' Association of NSW, Margaret Chalmers Memorial Scholarship. Li entered this instrumentalist scholarship competition on the Accordion and had to perform two pieces of contrasting styles in the 2009 MTA Scholarships Showcase Concert on Sunday, 30 Aug 09 at the Coote Theatre, Scots College, Bellevue Hill. Li's category was of an extremely high standard of competition and included some brilliant instrumentalists. There was such a buzz around the theatre when Li got onto the stage with the accordion. The audience and the three distinguished judges were amazed at Li's standard of performance. Needless to say she received a rapturous round of applause. It was a wonderful afternoon of musical entertainment featuring some of the finest young musicians, including pianists, cellists, flautists and contemporary and operatic vocalists, who competed for some outstanding prize money. Li took out the largest prize by far for a solo performance. What fantastic exposure this was for the accordion.

The afternoon was judged by the Patron and internationally renowned conductor, Patrick Thomas MBE, along with the Dean of the Sydney Conservatorium, Professor Kim Walker and Head of Vocal Studies at The King's School, Mrs Karen Walmsley. The Concert also featured guest artists Diana Doherty and Warwick Adeney. Diana is the Principal Oboist with the Sydney Symphony Orchestra and has performed extensively around the world. Warwick is a concertmaster of the Queensland Symphony Orchestra and one of Australia's leading violinists.

Li is preparing to sit for her AMusA diploma on the Piano this year and has already completed her AMusA on the Accordion with Distinction. She works full time as a pharmacist and has recently completed her pharmacy exams, not to mention, she sat for the Sydney University medicine entrance exam which she is

feeling very confident about. A very multi-talented and determined young lady. We wish her every success in the future everything she does.

A couple of weekends ago I held an Impromptu Farewell Concert at the studio for one of my students who is moving to Dubai for a couple of years with his family. All accordion and piano students had an opportunity to perform and of course be inspired by Li's AMusA piano repertoire as well as the accordion pieces that she was going to perform at the 2009 MTA Scholarships Showcase Concert. As usual, this was followed by a lovely brunch and drinks. Everyone was full of praise and compliments about the quality of the performances for both Piano and Accordion, from Preliminary to Diploma level and how enjoyable the day was overall.

Hope everyone who attended the Coupe Mondiale had a memorable experience. Unfortunately, due to work and family commitments I was not able to attend. I hope that everyone had a great time and a wonderful experience that they will never forget. I can still recall the last Coupe Mondiale that I attended in New Zealand many years ago. It was truly inspiring and memorable.

Kind regards and best wishes from all of us at the Bedic Music Studio.

Zeljko Bedic



- **Lina Chegodaev graduates from the Australian Institute of Music**

On the 17<sup>th</sup> of August 2009 Lina Chegodaev performed her final, Graduation recital at the Australian Institute of Music. Lina completed her Bachelor of Music degree in Classical Performance majoring in accordion under the direction of Tania Lukic-Marx .

You can view video of Lina's Final Recital performance at :

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z\\_gYQH4BsgA](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z_gYQH4BsgA)

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DNSpdM\\_qwOc&feature=channel\\_page](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DNSpdM_qwOc&feature=channel_page)



CONGRATULATIONS LINA !

Lina will continue her studies for the Masters degree in Music at the UWS

- **FUNKORDION performed at the 2009 Coupe Mondiale**

Organized by NZ Accordion Association, International Accordion Competition COUPE MONDIALE was held from the 25<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> of August in Auckland, New Zealand. Event was superbly organized and enjoyed by all. Sydney based accordion ensemble FUNKORDION members of which are : Ivan Liashenko, Atila Fadi, Zhiyuan Ma, Tania Lukic-Marx, Richard She and Nick Shcherbakov performed during the event. Our conductor Steve Marx flew to NZ for this occasion as well.

You can view live recordings of FUNKORDION's performance at the 2009 Coupe Mondiale at:

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GZ6vX50idd8&feature=channel\\_page](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GZ6vX50idd8&feature=channel_page)

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HRIMqRodpDg&feature=channel\\_page](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HRIMqRodpDg&feature=channel_page)

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5W99xXG6e1w&feature=channel\\_page](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5W99xXG6e1w&feature=channel_page)



- **FUNKORDION to perform at the South Sydney Juniors Club**

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> of October at 8pm, FANKORDION Accordion Ensemble and Australia ROLAND DUO Ivan Liashenko and Nick Shcherbakov will perform at the South Sydney Juniors Club.

- **Kelvin Luu – young Accordion Celebrity at the Parks District Music Festival I**

Congratulations to Kelvin Luu for his excellent performance at the Parks District Music Festival which took place on 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> September at Club Marconi. Kelvin has done well promoting accordion to a large crowd of young children and parents of more than 800 students.

Kelvin has also been invited to perform at the South Western Regions Director's Choice 2009 Showcase on late October this year. The Director's Choice is a celebration of student, staff and community achievements. The South Western Sydney Region of schools incorporates 274 schools, catering for almost 130,000 students. The event will be held at the Amphitheatre Sydney Showground, Homebush.

