

Adrian Liao is an 11-year-old 6th grader at Del Mar Heights School. Her love for music started at the age of three when she was amazed by the sound of piano while her brother was practicing, so much that she asked her mom to teach her how to play. At the age of six, she became a pupil of Mrs. Inessa Litvin and has been developing a deep passion for music since. She loves to express her feelings through the piano and finds great joy within. And with that, she is able to touch the heart of the audience whenever she plays in recitals, auditions or competitions. This summer, she transferred to Professor Kevin Fitzgerald at USC to broaden her knowledge of music.

Adrian's dream is to be able to continue studying music at an advanced level and perform for those who appreciate. Over the years, her love for music goes beyond the keyboard as she started playing violin last summer. Under the great inspiration and encouragement of Ms. Rebekah Yoon, Adrian felt for the beautiful sound of violin almost immediately, and has been showing the passion for it as much as she has for playing piano. She hopes someday she will be able to play with an orchestra as a pianist and a violinist.

Her recent awards include: *MTAC Sonata Contest*: 1st place (2B) in 2006, 2nd place (6B) in 2008; *Southern California Bach Festival*: winner in both 2006 and 2007; *Goodlin Scholarship Audition*: 1st (Junior Piano) in 2008; *MTAC Concerto Competition*: 2nd (Piano Div.1) in 2007, 3rd (Piano Div.1) in 2008, 1st (Piano Div.1) & HM (String Div.5) in 2009.

Besides music, Adrian enjoys doing crafts and making lovely gifts for people around her and for those she appreciates. She loves to read story books and sometimes comes up with her own to share with friends. As a younger sister, Adrian enjoys her brother's company. Together they read, create games and dream up different stories. She also likes swimming, jogging under the sun, playing handball and frisbee with friends and families.