

Violin Studio of Elbert Tsai

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Dear Students and Parents, summer is here! I'd like to take this opportunity to note a few achievements in the studio and also send off two younger students who will be moving away this summer. **Naomi** and **Tina** are both 13 years old and have been in the studio for three and five years, respectively. We certainly wish them well as they continue their life journeys on the East Coast.



Naomi de la Motte is a 13-year-old violinist from San Francisco, CA. She was accepted to the pre-college program at the Juilliard School of Music and will be moving to Manhattan this summer. She also won 2nd place in the ENKOR competition with her piano trio.

Naomi's other interests include arranging and composing music, baking, and crocheting.

Tina Phan is from Los Gatos, CA. She has just been promoted from eighth grade as the 2021-22 Union Middle School ASB Class President as well as Editor-in-Chief of her school's first student-run magazine. She will be continuing her education at



Phillips Academy Andover, where she is set to attend as an incoming freshman this Autumn. This past year, Ms. Phan won second place in the Santa

Cruz Youth Chamber Music Competition, and was selected to perform at the Junior Bach Festival. Other interests include reading & writing, traveling, learning new languages (she currently speaks three fluently and is in the process of learning a fourth), and discussing fashion with friends.

Riona Zhu is 13 years old and is finishing the 7th grade at Ben Franklin Middle school in Daly City. At age 10, she was admitted as the youngest member of the Peninsula Youth Senior Orchestra. She has been accepted to the prestigious Heifetz



International Music Institute and Center Stage Strings at the University of Michigan. In May, she won the grand prize at the Silicon Valley Music Competition, and will perform with the Silicon Valley Symphony during the 2022-2023 season. She loves reading, playing chess, going to concerts, and playing other instruments including the guitar, flute, and piano.

Summer festivals 2022:

Ryan Wu - Center Stage Strings

Samantha Cheunkarndee - Heifetz Institute and Center Stage Strings

Dillon Huang - Summer Violin Institute at Northwestern University and Center Stage Strings

Sarah Son - Music@Menlo

Yuli Choi - Music@Menlo

Sydney Li-Jenkins - SPA Sphinx Performance Academy at the Juilliard School

Joshua Cisneros - Boston University Tanglewood Institute, Violin Workshop and Young Artists Orchestra