

Samuel Xu, USA

Samuel Xu, 14, is an eighth grader at Arizona Virtual Academy. He studies piano with his father, Fei Xu. Samuel was the Arizona state winner of 2013 Music Teachers National Association Junior Piano Competition. His most recent piano prizes include First Prizes in the 2015 Arizona Young Artist Piano Competition, 2015 Steinway Avanti Star Piano Competition and 2015 Arizona Musicfest Youth Piano Competition. Besides piano, Samuel likes to draw and design computer games.

Semi Finals

J.S. Bach/Alexander Siloti Organ Prelude in G minor (1865-1750) (1863-1945)

Gaspard de la Nuit (1908) Maurice Ravel I. Ondine (1874-1937)

Etude in C minor, op.25, no.12 Frédéric Chopin (1810-1849)

Suite de Danzas de Criollas, op.15 Alberto Ginastera (1916-1983)

I. Adagietto pianissimo

II. Allegro rustic III. Allegretto cantabile

IV. Calmo poetico

V. Scherzando-Coda: Presto ed energico

Finals

Sonata in E major, Hob.XVI/31 Joseph Haydn I. Moderato (1732-1809)

II. Allegretto

III. Final-Presto

Basso Ostinato **Rodion Shchedrin**

(1932-)

Gaspard de la Nuit (1908) Maurice Ravel II. Le Gibet

(1874-1937)III. Scarbo