

Wesley Yiming Liu

**2nd Place Winner of the 2022
National Federation of Music Clubs'
Claire Ulrich Whitehurst Piano Solo Award**

Born in New York City in 2005, sixteen-years-old Wesley Liu has been playing the piano for ten years. He currently studies under Beatrice Long in Short Hills, New Jersey. As a piano soloist, Wesley received recognition from various state, national, and international piano competitions.

Since starting high school, Wesley has placed in competitions such as the VIVO International Music Competition (First), the International Musicians' Performing Arts Cultural Troupe (Gold), the Crescendo International Music Competitions (First), the Music Educators Association of New Jersey (First), the Cecilian Music Club (Gold), the New Jersey Federation of Music Clubs (First), the New Jersey Music Teachers Association Young Musicians Competition (Honorable Mention). As winners, he has performed at venues including Weill Recital Hall of Carnegie Hall, New Jersey Performing Arts Center, Baruch Performing Arts Center, Rutgers Nicholas Music Center, Paramus Steinway Piano Gallery, the Mason Gross Performing Arts Center, Christ and St. Stephen's Church at New York, Madison Library New Jersey.

Wesley was selected to perform in 3-day Masterclasses at Princeton International Art Festival in 2021. In 2020, Wesley was invited to perform at the Young Artist Concert hosted by Suburban Music Study Club. In 2019, he was chosen by Crescendo International Music Competition for its International Student Exchange Program and performed in Japan.

As a volunteer for the non-profit organization Keys 2 Success, Wesley helped raise \$6,000 as the Co-President of the Fundraising Committee in 2021 for disadvantaged children in Newark, New Jersey to access free music lessons.