

Young Music Students Honored at Carnegie Hall

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Four local students in The Carnegie Hall Royal Conservatory Achievement Program were awarded Certificates of Excellence for earning top marks on their 2011 musical assessments.

On January 14, four NYC students in The Carnegie Royal Conservatory Achievement Program, along with more than 30 of their peers from the tri-state area, performed in a public recital at [Carnegie Hall](#) before each was awarded a Certificate of Excellence in recognition of the top marks they scored during the 2011 academic year.



**Sixteen-year-old Banti Gheneti, who earned top marks on his Level 4 guitar assessment, performed in Weill Recital Hall during the Certificate of Excellence award ceremony.
Courtesy The Carnegie Hall Royal Conservatory Achievement Program.**

[The Carnegie Royal Conservatory Achievement Program](#) provides a national standard of success in music study that is designed to inspire excellence through individual assessments while supporting teachers with the necessary high-quality resources to help students succeed.

The program awards certificates based on practical assessments that include technical tests like ear training, sight-reading, and performance of repertoire pieces, which measure students' basic understanding of their instruments and their grasp on the fundamentals of music. Assessment levels, including Preparatory A and B and Levels 1 through 10, have increasingly demanding standards that students must meet.

Honorees from NYC schools included:

- Mia Curwin, 8, of [Lycée Français de New York](#); Preparatory A piano
- Phoebe Davis, 10, of [The Spence School](#); Preparatory B piano
- Banti Gheneti, 16, of [United Nations International School](#); Level 4 guitar
- Sarah Yoon, 12, of [Hunter College High School](#); Level 8 piano

A total of 40 students throughout Connecticut, New Jersey, and New York were awarded Certificates of Excellence this year.

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