Lydia Speer, age 8, was recently selected for the eighth annual *Kidz On Stage 2013* at the Capitol Arts Center in Bowling Green, Kentucky. Lydia has been playing the violin for four years and has been a member of the WKU Pre-College Strings Program since 2008.

Lydia submitted a 90-second video for the competition, featuring a condensed version of Concerto No. 2 in G Major by F. Seitz. The video is available for viewing on YouTube by searching for LGS Talent Show Submission 2013.

The *Kidz On Stage* show will be at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, February 23, at the Capitol Arts Center. Proceeds will benefit the Family Enrichment Center and its mission to empower families and prevent child abuse. Last year, James Han, also from the WKU Pre-College Strings Program, was selected for the event. The participants in the show are treated to a limo ride and a walk on the red carpet. Please come out and show your support for Lydia, the other show participants, and the Family Enrichment Center.

The WKU Pre-College Strings Program welcomes the following students to our program:

- **Emma Cox**
- **Olivia Gaskill**
- **Cira Granese**
- **Alyssa Keoshian**
- **Destinee Lowe**
- **Chloe Pitcock**
- **Marlena Stokes**
- **Paul Rigsby Tinch**
- **Taylor Wilson**

Lydia Speer, student of Dr. Ching-Yi Lin
Best in State

Congratulations to the following Pre-College Strings students who made the All-State Orchestra this year! They will attend the annual All-State Orchestra program, which is taking place in Louisville, Kentucky, from Wednesday, February 6, to Saturday, February 9. The students will stay at the Galt House and attend between one and three rehearsals a day. David E. Becker will conduct the Commonwealth Orchestra and Larry J. Livingston will conduct the Symphony Orchestra. The performance will be on Saturday, February 9, at 1:00 p.m.

Congratulations also goes to their orchestra teachers, Amberly Bush, Patrick O’Rourke, Matthew Crocker and private lesson teachers, Sarah Berry, Ching-Yi Lin and Hisham Groover.

Morgan Thomas,
Barren County High School

Carly Shoulders,
Bowling Green High School

Anthony Steiner,
Bowling Green High School

Rachael Wulff,
Bowling Green High School

Josh Propst,
Greenwood High School

From the Director

Dear Friends,

Welcome back! We have exciting events planned for this spring semester, including Sarah Berry’s first annual Cellobration, our first annual Practice-a-thon practice competition, solo recitals, and our year-end spring group recital! We look forward to hearing our students play in these exciting performances!

Beginning this semester, I will give a masterclass on most Wednesdays from 5 p.m. – 6 p.m. in FAC 319 or FAC Recital Hall. The masterclass is open to any student in the program who is ready to perform a polished piece. The sign up sheet is posted on my studio door, FAC 325. Your private lesson teacher will let you know when your child is ready to perform. I encourage all students to come play for me!

Wishing everyone a wonderful spring semester!

Dr. Ching-Yi Lin
Director

In the Spotlight

On January 12, Liyah Ricketts, daughter of Jon and Rina Ricketts, performed her first solo recital, playing folk songs and classical excerpts from Suzuki Violin Book 1. Liyah is eight years old and joined the program in the Fall of 2011. Under the excellent tutelage of Andy Braddock, she has blossomed as a performer and we are so proud of the progress she’s made!

Visit our website at wku.edu/strings and our Facebook page at facebook.com/wkustrings.

Email program director, Dr. Ching-Yi Lin, at strings@wku.edu or call (270) 745-5939.
Amelia Nauman is a fifth grader at Jody Richards Elementary School and a student in the WKU Pre-College Strings Program studying under Dr. Ching-Yi Lin. Amelia was recently inducted into her school’s Junior Beta Club. One of the responsibilities of a Junior Beta Club member is to complete 15 community service hours per school year.

When Amelia told Dr. Lin about the community service she needed to complete, Dr. Lin whipped out her calendar and announced, “December 15! That is a Saturday that I’m free in December. Call the nursing homes in town and see who would like to have a violin performance on that date. Invite some of your friends to go play a concert for them.”

So that is what Amelia did. On December 15, 2012, the residents and staff of The Bowling Green Retirement Village enjoyed a performance by Amelia and nine of her friends from the WKU Pre-College Strings Program. Dr. Lin and WKU Pre-College Strings Program faculty member Mr. Jim Kim were also in attendance to tune the kids’ instruments and play accompaniment on the piano. Each child performed a solo and then the group played some Christmas songs. The residents were thrilled, and when the concert was over, the audience applauded and were very complimentary. The concert lasted about an hour, and many of the residents commented they would have liked for the performance to last even longer!

Playing a concert at a nursing home is an extremely rewarding thing to do, and when you can do it along with friends it’s even more fun. What a great way to earn community service hours for your school’s Junior Beta Club.

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Play Date for the Community

Submitted by Marsha Nauman, mother of Amelia Nauman

PRACTICE-A-THON

The WKU Pre-College Strings Program is hosting a 4-week long Practice-a-thon. From February 4 to March 3, 2013. The competition is open to all students in the program.

Pick up a practice log from your child’s group or private lesson teacher.

Remember:
“You don’t have to practice everyday – only on the days you eat.”
— Shinichi Suzuki
The WKU Department of Music Presents

The 1st Annual Cellobration

Music by J.S. Bach

Featuring the cello studio of SARAH BERRY

Sunday, March 3
Concert at 2:30 pm
L&N Train Depot
BOWLING GREEN, KY

Free and Open to Students, Faculty, Staff and the General Public
FRANZ SCHUBERT'S CHAMBER MUSIC
Performed by faculty members of Louisiana State University, Western Kentucky University,
University of Tennessee-Knoxville, and University of Louisville
Wednesday, February 20, 2013
7:30pm in FAC Recital Hall

Lin He, Violin
Ching-Yi Lin, Violin
Hillary Herndon, Viola
Paul York, Cello
Sidney King, Double Bass
Kevin Class, Piano

LIN HE VIOLIN MASTERCLASS
Tuesday, February 19
4:30pm, FAC Recital Hall

Free and Open to Students, Faculty, Staff and the General Public