

D.J. Wang

David Jacobs Wang — “**D.J.**” is a 11-year-old pianist based in Champaign, Illinois. D.J.’s recent highlights include:

Gold Medals	Seattle International Piano Competition- Bach Festival 2020
First Place	Steinway & Sons Junior Piano Competition,
First Place	Illinois State Music Teachers Association Piano Competition
First Prize	AFAF (American Fine Art Festival) International Concerto Competition
Gold Medal	17 th and 18 th AADGT (American Association for Development of the Gifted and Talented) International Young Musicians Festival
First Prize	American Protégé International Piano and String Competition

Starting official piano learning at the age of five and a half with his beloved teacher Mrs. Robin Scott (pupil of Clara Rolland) D.J. continues piano study under the wing of Professor Christos Tsitsaros from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. D.J. made his Carnegie Hall debut at the age of seven after receiving Gold Medal from the 17th AADGT (American Association for Development of the Gifted and Talented) International Young Musicians Festival. At the age of nine, D.J. was rewarded as First Place Winner in the American Fine Art Festival International Concerto Competition, and he was invited to perform the Mozart Piano Concerto No.23 in A major (K.488) with the Kostroma Symphony Orchestra conducted by Maestro Pavel Gershtein during the Summer of 2019 in Russia. In the same year, D.J. made his hometown orchestral debut with the Urbana Pops Orchestra.

D.J. returned to perform in Carnegie Hall every year since 2016 after receiving First Prizes from multiple international piano competitions for four consecutive years. In 2019, D.J. received a Special Award of Musicality in addition to several awards in the concerto, solo, and duet categories in the Chambana Music Competition. He also received top prizes from Chopin International Piano Competition in Connecticut, Chopin Youth Piano Competition in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Carmel Klavier International Piano Competition for Young Artists, and the DePaul Concerto Festival in Chicago.

D.J. has participated in master classes led by renowned musicians such as Pawel Chęcinski, Peter Takacs, Krystian Zmijewski, and Dr. Irina Plotnikova from Moscow Conservatory. D.J. is also an active member of the Pre-College Chamber Music at the University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign where he studies composition, music theory, piano ensemble, and chamber music. Outside the concert halls, D.J. enjoys bringing music to the communities near and far. You can find him at nursing homes, charity events, or street pianos in the U.S. and Europe. D.J. loves composing for piano, flute, and string instruments. His collaborative and solo composition works have been broadcasted in the UK (Wales) and in Australia. His most recent solo piano composition also virtually premiered through All Score Urbana during the pandemic in 2020.

D.J. is a Davidson Young Scholar and actively participates in several talent search programs in the nation. He has recently received two academic excellence rewards from the Northwestern University Midwest Academic Talent Search and from John Hopkins University.

D.J. is also passionate about programming, filmmaking, and hanging out with friends from his math and coding team. DJ loves playing tennis, doing fitness, and practicing Kung-Fu during the pandemic as a daily routine. Believing in the power of love, understanding, and forgiveness, D.J. hopes to bring more peace and love to people around the world.

Learn more about D.J. here:

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