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Friends Select 4th Grader to Play at Carnegie Hall



(left to right): Ren Yagawara with music teacher Derek van der Tak

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In early December, Friends Select fourth grader Ren Yagawara competed in the Crescendo International Music Competition, an annual music competition for youth, and placed first in the junior piano division. Those who achieved first and second place from the regional auditions, are invited to perform at the Weill Recital Hall at Carnegie Hall in New York City. Yagawara will be performing this Sunday, January 22, 2012.

Friends Select lower school music teacher Derek van der Tak was very instrumental in teaching Yagawara the fundamentals and keeping him interested in piano. From Prekindergarten to age five, Yagawara has even

taking weekly lessons with van der Tak.

Additionally, Ren is currently practicing for the Greenfield Competition, one of Philadelphia's premiere music competitions. The winner will play with the Philadelphia Orchestra at the Kimmel Center.

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