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"Several Amateur Pianists Stand Out in the Quarterfinals of the Cliburn"

Thursday, June 23, 2016

And one of them is my DD#1 - Sparker Hayburner1969



She was pleased with her performance in the round of 30 (down from the 68 International competitors whose recorded auditions earned an invitation to the preliminaries in Fort Worth, TX). Being featured in the web story and in the newspaper the next day was fantastic



Last night around midnight the 12 Semi-finalists were announced.
Yes, SHE'S IN!!

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Now why, you may ask was I, her mother, not in Texas to share this experience with her?

Well, she is no longer the little girl who began competing at the age of 7, very successfully.

At 46 she has a loving husband who is with her.

AND, I was in NYC singing with an International chorus at Carnegie Hall.

I found this photo online. I have no idea who took it. But there I am, second row from the back and 9th from the left. It was the experience of a lifetime.



Jeanne plays again today at 2:30. (Edit: That's 3:30 EDT)

The semi-finalists represent France, Ireland, Germany, Japan, and Canada as well as 5 from the USA.

The Cliburn Amateur Competition is for those who have studied music, but took other paths in life.

Jeannie hadn't competed since college. Her bio includes this:

"At the encouragement of her husband and now-teenage children, Ms. Craig started to play again, and when she learned about amateur competitions, she says she was inspired to "dig out my old music and see if I could still play those pieces." A self-taught webmaster, she designed and maintains websites for the Lynchburg Symphony Youth Orchestra as well as her church, where she is a part-time minister of music and liturgy. In her spare time, Mrs. Craig enjoys long-distance running, and she qualified and ran in the 2011 Boston Marathon."

Here's what she has/will play.

COMPETITION REPERTOIRE Preliminary Round BACH Prelude and Fugue in G-sharp Minor, WTC I, BWV 863 DEBUSSY Arabesque No. 1 in E Major Quarterfinal Round GRIEG "Notturmo" from Lyric Pieces, op. 54 HAYDN Sonata in E-flat Major, Hob. XVI:52: I. Allegro LISZT Concert Etude No. 3 in D-flat Major ("Un Sospiro") Semifinal Round BRAHMS Intermezzo in A Major, op. 118, no. 2 LISZT "Vallée d'Obermann" from *Années de Pèlerinage* LISZT Hungarian Rhapsody No. 11 in A Minor Final Round MENDELSSOHN Piano Concerto No. 1 in G Minor, op. 25: III. Presto

If you have hung in to the end here, thank you for reading. The story of how DH & I discovered Jeannie's talent is a story in itself. Maybe in some later blog.

One more Spark connection.

Although she hasn't been active on Spark recently, I think all that weight/strength training has served her well.

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HEALTHYANDFIT27



to you and your daughter!

1809 days ago



WATERMELLEN



How did I miss these? Going to listen on your link . . . and yes yes yes, she DOES also look fabulous!!

How utterly marvellous that musical mum was singing at the same time!! At Carnegie no less.

And how completely typical that you take more pleasure in HER success than in your own
1809 days ago



TERI-RIFIC



I would like to hear that story! Congrats on everything! It's funny how big stuff like that can clump together. We had a graduation and a birth at the same time.

1810 days ago



MARYJEANSL



I'm sorry to be late commenting. Congratulations to your daughter for making the semi-finals, and congratulations to you, singing at Carnegie Hall! Can't wait to hear how the finals went. :-)

1810 days ago



KRISSY82



I'm glad you were able to have such an incredible experience. I'm sure your daughter is just as proud of you as you are of her!

1810 days ago



BRIGHTSPARK7



I am amazed by the talent in your family. So glad that you are sharing your gifts with the world. And fitness training allows us to go the distance in style and with grace and stamina! Thank you for this blog.

1812 days ago



SYLPHINPROGRESS



I'll go out on a limb and admit that, without a word to you, without your permission, I've appointed myself an ad hoc aunt to Jeanne. You know I'm checking the Cliburn website and the Fort Worth paper daily and watching for your bulletins. She's definitely your daughter.

1812 days ago



ONEKIDSMOM



Totally in awe! Bet she has the most incredible "play list" in her head when she runs! For that

matter, I'm sure you do, too!
1812 days ago



HOLLYM48



Wow, Congrats to your daughter and to you as well for performing in the chorus at Carnegie Hall!

1812 days ago



DOVESEYES



Thrilling how wonderful !!
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SMILINGEYES2



So inspiring. Best wishes to your daughter on her endeavors. How awesome to play an instrument at this level to play in an international competition. Know she is proud of you as well.
1812 days ago



PEGGYO

Very exciting!!!



Glad you found the picture.
1812 days ago



SUBMOM2

Wow, how exciting! I hope this next round goes well.



1812 days ago



JEANKNEE

So thrilling for you both and your families! Proud times, indeed.



And, agreed! The strength/weight training has likely served her well.

1812 days ago



DEBVNE

Proud momma moments indeed! To compete and become one of the top twelve finalists?! Impressive, the stuff that dreams are made of. Annnnd you, singing in Carnegie Hall? Amazing, thrilled for you.



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LIVEDAILY

I am so thrilled for her and you!! Congratulations all around!!!



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50YEARSWIFE

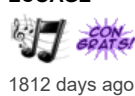
What a great honor for your daughter and you. Congrats



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ECOAGE



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WOOFERCOALBOY

Whee-eee! How wonderful, and congratulations to you both.



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PHEBESS

Congratulations to both of you!!!!



I wasn't sure if your concert was still coming up - I'm glad to hear you had a wonderful time!

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SPEDED2



to both of you. What accomplishments!!!



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CHAYOR73



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SWEDE_SU

how wonderful!! congratulations - to both of you!



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CD13354694



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MILLEDGE2

Wow! That is SOME repertoire your daughter is competing with! How wonderful! And



congratulations to you on the Carnegie experience!
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GINIEMIE

WTG to a wonderful mother and daughter. Musically talented and physically active. I'm sure you are very proud of her. I wish my daughter would return to her piano....Oh will in God's time.



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PHOENIX1949

AWESOME and **AWESOME** What an amazing mother and daughter duo.
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CD15665102

Ohmigosh, you are both so awesome! Yay!
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CD4114015

AWESOME THIS is **AWESOME** ALL of it and you have such a TALENTED family!
1813 days ago



YELLOW09RED

I'm so Happy for Jeanne. Wow
I live 8 mins from where she is playing at Bass Hall.
Congratulations!
I wish her well at todays performance.



for you being at the International chorus at Carnegie Hall.
Enjoy your time there.
Congrats to you both.
Debbie
1813 days ago



DANCINCAJUN1

Congratulations
1813 days ago



POINDEXTRA

I'm so excited for both of you. I'm an amateur pianist myself, so I really hope she wins the while shebang!
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SEAMUNKI

Nice.
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DOROTHY58X

Congrats!
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