

Music is my favorite of the Fine Arts. I have been involved in the arts for nearly eight years. I began playing violin at seven-years-old and eventually took up piano three years later while studying with Ms. Hong Diep, who is still my teacher. Besides my private lessons, I have also been able to perform publicly on a number of occasions. I have played in recitals set up by Ms. Diep, as well as a school talent show, a school play and I even played piano in an orchestra at the Lake Avenue Conservatory in Winter 2002.

My favorite memory from playing in the orchestra is hearing all of the instruments in harmony. I know that each musician is unique but hearing all of the musicians with their instruments is more moving. Hearing the orchestra from off stage was wonderful as well. On my free time, occasionally, I would turn to the radio and listen to the some classical music or even listen to a CD.

The awards that I have gotten in my life for piano were two trophies for placing in the category of the Certificate of Merit Branch Honors. In March 2001, I got in the Certificate of Merit Branch Honors. I received it again in March 2004.

Piano music is rich in sound. I have heard many people play piano and I have enjoyed each time. Seemingly I enjoy classical music a great deal, both in playing it myself and in listening to other people play. Listening to classical music is most enjoyable to me along with my mother. My most favorite period would be the Classical Period.

My love of Asian culture and arts has influenced me to go out and learn to appreciate the arts of other cultures as well. The Arts are prominent at my high school and I have been able to enjoy the excellent theater program there as well. Since the school hosts an annual Festival of the Arts, I am going to play in the festival.