

About **Louisa Lu**

Louisa Lu was born in Edmonton on November 12, 1997. At the age of three, she began piano lessons with Maureen Goebel. Louisa studied violin with Anne McDougall, who is currently concert master of the Sooke Philharmonic Orchestra. Louisa is currently studying with James Keene, former concert master of the Edmonton Symphony Orchestra and has studied music theory with Dorothy Buckley and music history with Roberta Allan.

Louisa has been a piano student of Wolfram Linnebach for the past 11 years. Louisa has consistently won scholarships at the Canadian Music Competition National Finals, The Royal Conservatory of Music, Alberta Provincial Music Festival, The Edmonton Kiwanis Festival, Alberta College Fall Festival, and the Alberta Music Teacher Association. She has been a National Finalist at the CMC for 9 consecutive years. Louisa is listed as a notable alumni for the Royal Conservatory of Music.

At 16 years old, Louisa Lu is both a piano teacher and a violin teacher. Louisa has received the degree of LRCM in Piano Performance at the age of 14. Louisa remains one of the youngest pianists ever to be awarded both the ARCT (Associate of the Royal Conservatory of Toronto) and LRCM (Licentiate of the Royal Conservatory of Music) in the 127th year history of the Royal Conservatory of Music. Louisa also has been awarded The Advanced History and Theory Certificate with First Class Honors with Distinction from The Royal Conservatory of Music when she was 13. This certificate is only awarded for candidates who have completed all 10 RCM Theory and History Exams with an overall average of over 90%. She also plays French horn in her school band and is a member of the Edmonton Senior Youth Orchestra.

In 2006, 2008, and 2011, she received the highest mark in the Edmonton area for the Royal Conservatory of Music in Grade 9 piano, Grade 10 piano, and ARCT Piano Performers. She also received the highest mark for Grade 4 Counterpoint in 2009 and Grade 5 Harmony in 2010. Besides her musical achievements, Louisa is a First Class Honors student in Old Scona Academic High School. She received the highest achievement awards for Computer Science 10 and 20 within her school. Louisa is involved in a variety of other activities as well. In 2008, she won First prize for the Edmonton Journal's 100th year Kiwanis Writing Contest as well as First prize in the Alberta Blue Cross summer art contest for two consecutive years. She received in 2010, the Edmonton Youth Excellence Awards presented by the former Edmonton Mayor Stephen Mandel. In 2013, Louisa also received the Alberta Bright Kids Award with honorable mention and presented by Alberta Premier Alison Redford.

Louisa was interviewed by OMNI TV, CTV News, CBC Radio and CBC Quebec News. She was also featured on the front page as the cover page story of the Edmonton Examiner. Louisa was selected to represent the Edmonton Kiwanis Festival at the Alberta Provincial Festival finals and won first place in May 2010 in the 12 and under category. She also won first place in the 2012, 16 and under category. Louisa has performed three successful piano solo concerts at University of Alberta Convocation Hall, Tom Lee's Music Hall in Victoria, BC and Alberta College Muttart Hall. She also appeared as a guest piano soloist at the Winspear Centre, once with the Edmonton Youth Orchestra, and twice with the Edmonton Symphony Orchestra. The Edmonton Youth Orchestra where she won the Northern Alberta Concerto Competition in 2012, intermediate level. Louisa has many other activities; she enjoys dancing, reading, playing chess, and Chinese Mah-jong. She is also a die-hard fan of the Edmonton Oilers.

Louisa is the recipient of the 2011, 2012, and 2013 Gold Medal for Grade 8,9, and 10 violin in Alberta for the Royal Conservatory of Music. She will be attending The Royal Conservatory of Music Convocation and the Gold Medal Ceremony at the Jack Singer Concert Hall in Calgary on April 27, 2014.

