



We Are The World 2021 2nd International Virtual Talent Show

Dear participants, parents and guardians,

Thank you for participating in the 2nd International Virtual Talent Show Competition, We Are The World 2021. After nearly two months of the judging process, the talent show competition finally came to an end in early October.

This year, the talent show committee received a total of 41 videos from 47 participants aged from 4 to 17. The video entries mainly included instrumental music, singing, dancing, poetry reading and drama. Six judges, recommended from local schools, dancing studios and piano studios were invited to the judging process. The judging process was the same as last year. Each video entry has been reviewed by three judges using the judge's rubric posted on the shureneducation.org. The final score of each participant was the average of all scores that the participant received. Just as the judges said: "The performances were so brilliant this year! It was extremely difficult to select the winners!" In order to ensure the fairness and consistency of judging process, after the eight video entries passed the preliminary competition, all judges cast their votes for the final top six winners. The winners of the 2nd virtual talent show were finally decided after voting! Congratulations to all the winners!



Honorable Mention From 7th to 16th)

- * Ruiqi Yu. Age 13. Guzheng
- * Chloe Du. Age 12. Singing
- * Katie Hu. Age 13. Violin
- * Erya Chai . Age 9 and Anya Chai. Age 6. Telling A Story
- * Andrew Xia. Age 8. Piano
- * Walter Brobson. Age 10. Singing with Own Piano Accompaniment
- * Jacob Xiong. Age 9. Drama
- * Makayla Dutka-Anderson. Age 16. Singing with Own Ukulele Accompaniment. Music



Composition

- * Janice Hu. Age 9. Singing
- * Jeremy Shu. Age 6. Poetry Reading



The Top Six

1. Charles Zhao. Age 11, Piano

2. Cassi Chen, Age 17, Guzheng

3. Matt Xu, Age 17, Violin

4. Aria Liu, Age 7, Telling A Story

5. Daphne Wen, Age 13, Violin

6. Sophie Huang, Age12, Singing

Third Place: \$30 Aria Liu Daphne Wen

Sophie Huang

Second Place: \$50

Cassi Chen Matt Xu

First Place: \$100 Charles Zhao

Congratulations to all winners! The HM winners will receive a 10% discount voucher for one session of a course at the Potomac Chinese School. A check will be mailed to the top six winners from Shu Ren Education Corp.

As mentioned in the welcome letter, the top 15-20 videos will be edited for a compilation video of virtual talent show 2021. The video will be released to the U.S social media for a charitable fundraising around the new year of 2022. All donations will be sent to the American Red Cross for COVID-19 research. The top 10 winners are eligible to join the Shu Ren Education Performing Arts Team for a live talent show in 2022. In addition, the American Chinese School at the Rockville campus will offer the top 10 winners who join the live talent show a 10% discount voucher for one session of course in fall 2022. Please look out for the notice regarding the live talent show and the charitable events in 2022.





On behalf of the talent show committee; I would like to express our deepest appreciation to all judges who participated in the charitable event. Many thanks to the judges: Mrs. Lei Gu, Mrs. Yulan Yin, Mrs. Sue Pan, Mr. Gary Shaw and Mr. Lue Yan. Thank you all for your dedication and expertise when it came to the judging process! I also would like to extend my appreciation to the individuals from local organizations and institutions. Many thanks to Mrs. Nan Zhang, Mrs. Qian Yin, Mr. Ye Wang from Potomac Chinese School, Mrs. Namei Huang and Mrs. Qing Xu from American Chinese School, Ms. Dianna Matthews, Mrs. Lena Choudhary, Mrs. Sabrina Bielefeldt, Mrs. Kathleen Snyder from Montgomery College Department of Nursing. Mr. Jeffery Hung, Mr. Zheng Tao and Jing Bai from Christain Chinese Church of Germantown. Mr. David Shao from National Health Institute, Mr. Wanli Liu and Mrs. Coco Huang and Finale Zhao from Shu Ren Education Corporation. Your collaboration and effort are much appreciated. A special thanks to Mrs. Kathy Gold, National Piano Guild Audition judge, who has been continuing supporting and assisting this event from the very beginning to the very end.

Once again, thanks to all the participants, parents and teachers who participated in the We Are The World 2021, virtual talent show! Thank you all for your remarkable contributions for making this virtual event a huge success. Talent is just the beginning! Hard working and perseverance lead the way to success! Please enjoy the virtual talent show photo gallery at Montgomery County Volunteer Center website. We look forward to seeing you again next year!

Best Regards

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- Shu Ren Education Corporation
- Potomac Chinese School

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- The Board of Directors of Potomac Chinese School
- American Chinese School Rockville Campus
- Talent Show Committee
- Community Engagement Committee, <u>Department of Nursing</u> at Montgomery College (MC)