

**Chi (Barry) Zhang**, age 13, was born in China and came to the United States when he was three years old. Barry began his piano studies with Troy Slocum at the age of five. In 2007, he moved to Manhattan, Kansas and has studied there with Dr. Sławomir P. Dobrzański and Nancy Blockcolsky. He is currently a student of Dr. Jack Winerock at the University of Kansas.

Barry has received numerous honors and awards at local, state and regional piano festivals and competitions. In 2007, he won second place at the Manhattan (Kansas) Town Center Spring Music Festival, followed by first place in 2008. In 2007, he was the winner of the Kansas Music Teachers Association State Honors Auditions, receiving second place in 2009 and 2010. In 2011, he was the alternate winner in the MTNA Junior Piano Competition at the state level for Kansas. Barry won the Manhattan Area Music Teachers Association Concerto Competition in 2010 and 2011. He was the winner of the AAA Division of the MidAmerica Music Association Piano Competition in 2011 and received superior awards in the piano solo and concerto divisions in 2010, 2011 and 2012. Also in 2012, he won second place in the MAMA Junior Virtuoso Division Piano Competition. Barry was the winner of the KMTA Mozart Concerto Competition in 2012 and performed the concerto with the Overland Park Orchestra (under the direction of James Funkhouser) at the 2012 KMTA State Conference. Barry received a scholarship to participate in the International Institute for Young Musicians in Lawrence, Kansas in July of 2012 and was chosen for the honors recital. In February of 2013, Barry won second place in the Ovation Young Artist Piano Competition in Overland Park and received the Special Award for Excellence in Technique.

Barry has performed in the KMTA Honors recital at the KMEA In-Service Workshop and in a master class with Fred Karpoff. He performed at the KMTA Ambassador Concert in Baldwin, Kansas in June of 2012. He performed for the Historic Preservation Corporation and Community Arts Council in Council Grove with four professors from Kansas State University in 2011. Barry presented his first solo concert in Manhattan, Kansas at the age of 11 and, along with Sławomir Dobrzański, was the co-author of a CD of works by Maria Szymanowska in 2012.