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Guo to perform in junior piano recital

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"I started playing when I was five years old," said Zoey Guo '10, a double major in mathematics and music who will be giving her junior piano recital this Saturday in Rosse Hall Auditorium. "I play mostly classical music, ranging from Bach to late baroque and early 20th century composers."

Guo lived in China her entire life before coming to Kenyon.

"My high school had no official band, but I played a choral accompaniment," Guo said.

Since coming to Kenyon, she has performed with the String Chamber Ensemble, the Symphonic Wind Ensemble, the Early Music Ensemble, the Angela Waite Recital Series and the Knox County Symphony as the first place winner of its Young Musicians Competition. She also gets together with her friends Kasey Kelly '10 and Sam Goodin '10, who play cello and violin, to make music.

"I like music because it's very abstract, and therefore conveys some deep and complex emotion that cannot be described by spoken languages," Guo said.

Guo's program includes pieces by Johann Sebastian Bach, Ludwig van Beethoven, Robert Schumann and Alexander Scriabin.

"The Beethoven piece [Piano Sonata in F minor, Op. 57, "Appassionata"] is a bridge from classical to romantic," Guo said. "It's a very stormy piece-it has a lot of passion which shows Beethoven's struggle with life."

Although Guo is still a junior, she is thinking about life after Kenyon.

"I'd like to keep performing, not necessarily for a career in music, but at least for my own enjoyment," she said.

Guo's recital will be on Saturday, Nov. 15 at 8:00 p.m. in Rosse Hall Auditorium.

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