

Guest Performers

Kirsti Pajunen is a college sophomore majoring in mechanical engineering at MSOE. She has played the cello since age 9. She was a member of the Milwaukee Youth Symphony Orchestra for seven years and was co-assistant principal in Senior Symphony during her senior year of high school. Her teachers have included Cel Fitzgerald, Carol Waldvogel, and Adrien Zitoun of the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra. She also likes playing the piano. She has been a member of the University Community Orchestra, MSOE Orchestra, South Shore Youth Opera Ensemble for five years and free-lances with other string players, churches and choirs in the Milwaukee area. Her awards have included three Gold cups from the National Federation of Music Clubs, the MYSO Ptoker Award, MYSO and MSO concerto competition honorable mentions, performed in the Stars of Tomorrow MSO concert in 2010 at the Pabst Theatre, National Honor Society, and MSOE Presidential and Academic scholarships and grants

Francis T. Wasielewski began piano studies at age 6 with Adelaide Banaszynski and was with her for 15 years. Upon graduation from Marquette University with a degree in mathematics, he spent a year at the Indiana University School of Music where he studied piano with Joseph Battista. Fran next attended the University of Wisconsin Law School. Upon graduation, he spent 15 years in practice before being appointed to the Milwaukee County Circuit Court. He retired from the Court in August, 2011. During his 44 year legal career, Fran has continued playing primarily for friends and for his own enjoyment. Over the years, he has appeared at a number of Milwaukee venues including Villa Terrace, the Polish Center of Wisconsin, Polish Fest and the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist.
