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to the annual

**SAN FRANCISCO BRANCH
NEW YEAR'S PARTY**

featuring

YAG artist

ALEX WANG, *pianist*

(program and bio below)

Sunday January 8, 2012 3:00pm

Home of Maya Gorodetsky
1238 39th Avenue
SF CA 94122

potluck refreshments

Program:

Bach: Chromatic Fantasy and Fugue
Beethoven: Sonata in F Minor Op. 57 "Appassionata"
Rachmaninov: Sonata No. 2 (1931 version), first movement
Liszt: Concert Etude No. 2 - La leggierezza
Alex Wang: Five Preludes (2011)

Alex Wang recently graduated from Irvington High School in Fremont as the valedictorian of his class of 2011 and now studies as a freshman in Stanford University with Professor Frederick Weldy. In the past four years, under the tutelage of Professor Hans Boepple, he established himself as a Young Artist Guild member, a prestigious membership granted by the Music Teachers' Association of California.

Alex has performed in many concerts and competitions throughout the state. This year, he won the MTAC piano solo competition in Northern California in April and the MTAC convention piano solo in July. He was also the winner of the Young Pianists' Beethoven Competition in 2010, the CAPMT's Bartok and Contemporary Music State Competition in 2009, the MTAC Piano Concerto Competition in Northern California in

2008, and the Menuhin-Dowling Young Musicians competition in 2007. Meanwhile, Alex is a frequently chosen performer in the Junior Bach Festival in Berkeley; he was selected to perform in the MTAC convention panel honor master class with Dr. Angela Cheng in 2010 and in the Young Pianist's Beethoven Competition master class with Mr. Christopher O'Riley in 2009. Aside from solo piano, Alex enjoys performing chamber music.

Alex also studies music composition and film scoring with Glen Stark. In 2009 and 2010, he garnered the honor of the prestigious membership in MTAC's Young Composers' Guild as well as the Young Film Scorers' Guild. Before that, he also won awards in the MTAC Composers Today competitions and the NACUSA SF Branch Composition Competition for music composition and film scoring.

During his high school years, hoping to share his passion toward music and to promote classical music appreciation among his peers, Alex founded his school's Music Club. He also spearheaded benefit concerts for the Red Cross' Haiti earthquake relief efforts and Music for Minors, an organization promoting music education in schools. Additionally, he presided over the Math Club and Tutoring Club to organize Irvington's math competition teams and to offer peer tutoring help in his school. In his spare time, Alex enjoys reading, photography, and bicycling with friends.