

## Piano News

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### Yamaha Signs Youngest-Ever Piano Endorsee



Yamaha Corporation of America has announced the signing of its youngest ever new piano artist, the 11-year-old Alice Burla.

"Alice Burla has the kind of hold on an audience one rarely sees," says James Steeber, Director, Yamaha Artist Services, Inc., in New York. "She brings an improbable sense of control and technical expertise to her performances, plus she seems to adore music."

Alice appreciates the outstanding sound quality and touch of Yamaha pianos. "I always preferred Yamaha because it feels like home," says Ms. Burla. "The sound of a Yamaha piano is really pretty, bright and even. No matter where you are in the keyboard, it's always well-balanced."

A major milestone in Ms. Burla's musical life occurred in February 2006, when she, together with her teacher and mentor Ms. Yablonskaya, performed Mozart's Double Piano Concerto with the New York Sinfonietta under the baton of Ki-Sun Sung commemorating Mozart's 250th Birthday at Yamaha's New York Piano Salon.

Alice Burla will be a name to follow in the piano world, try a search on Youtube to see her performances.

Yamaha's partnership with the young prodigy underscores the company's commitment to nurturing emerging musical talent.



**Alice Performing at YASI**

### Alice Burla

Born in Canada, Ms. Burla made her New York debut at Weill Recital Hall at Carnegie Hall after winning First Place in the 8th Annual New York Music Competition and First Place in the National Finals of the esteemed Canadian Music Competition. Her parents brought her to the US to study with legendary pianist Oxana Yablonskaya. Ms. Burla, at the age of six, became one of the youngest students ever accepted to The Juilliard School Pre-College Division. At her young age, Ms. Burla has already performed to acclaim in major concert halls all over the world including in Paris, Toronto, New York, Monterrey (Mexico), Heidelberg (Germany), and Hamamatsu (Japan).