

Hello everyone!

CI Music Hour Recap 3/30/22

Last week we had the pleasure of welcoming LA based guitarist and USC medical student, Ryan Chen. Ryan grew up playing classical piano but later found his passion for the acoustic guitar. Ryan introduced us to a style of guitar playing that uses finger picking. This method creates a plucked sound, which allows for the musician to emulate a variety of musical instruments and musical genres. Ryan introduced us to some music by pioneers of this playing style including "To Be or Not to Be" and "Locomotivation" by Tommy Emmanuel, "Saturday Night Shuffle" by Merle Travis, and "Windy and Warm" by Chet Atkins.

Ryan then demonstrated how he could use his guitar to emulate the different sounds of a jazz band through a combination of fingerpicking styles. He demonstrated this using a jazz standard called "Blue "moon." He first emulated a bass by plucking the lower strings of the guitar, then create a rhythm section with a strumming pattern, and then added the melody by plucking the higher strings of the guitar. Ryan also demonstrated how he could also mimic the sound of a harp on the guitar through the use of harmonics.

We ended the session listening to a few more covers by Ryan, including "Michelle" and "Blackbird" by The Beatles and "Somewhere Over the Rainbow." Many participants shared that the rhythm and tempo of Ryan's playing was easy to follow with their CIs. The rhythm in particular helped individuals locate themselves within a familiar melody. A few participants also mentioned that watching Ryan's fingers while playing the guitar was helpful in hearing the notes more clearly.

Other Announcements

We are still in the process of creating a CI Music hour directory for anyone who is interested. This will allow you to connect with others outside of the music hour! Please fill out the following survey with any information that you are okay sharing with other members of the CI Music Hour community.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeelDtYxFWsbn4cSLfl9HTNwyFQVpa3ajwX1jtddBi_lzEnbg/viewform?usp=sf_link

For anyone interested in tuning in, Julianne will be performing in USC's Concert Choir performance this Friday, April 8th at 8pm PST. Tune into the livestream to enjoy a variety of pieces from Cuba, Taiwan, Haiti, Ukraine, and more!

https://usc.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_CWySNWP7RXyXyzSVk_2w5Q

Tomorrow's CI Music Hour 3/7/22

Join us tomorrow to learn and enjoy music from USC pianist and doctoral student Tracy Wong!

Looking forward to seeing everyone soon.....

Julianne and Chrysa

