it's a pachyderm piano playoff!

Surprise: Camp mascot is an accomplished pianist

By Daniel Jones

Campers, it seems your camp mascot Chang — is an amazing pianist! This was discovered shortly after culture class, during which he watched one of his elephant friends bang on a piano unceremoniously. Chang seemed rather indignant at this disrespect of the instrument, so he asked his friend to get off the piano.

Chang then proceeded to play the whole of Handel’s “Hallelujah Chorus”! Shortly thereafter, he started into a concerto. The full extent of Chang’s talent is unknown, but he will be performing here in the chapel Friday night!

Culture class teacher Deborah Showalter explained that the elephant who inspired Chang to such heights is named Peter. “Peter lives in Thailand at a sanctuary for retired elephants,” she said. The man in the picture above is Paul Barton. Deborah said he loves elephants and has lived in Thailand for many years, near the elephant refuge. “He stops in and plays music for them,” she said. “And this time, Peter joined in.”

This event of course added fuel to the fire of an old musical rivalry. You can read about it in the sidebar below, which we’re going to call a below-bar.

When musicians and composers pass on into history, they still like to keep tabs on what their “competition” is doing, even if their competitors lived before or after them. For example, Handel’s a little bit touchy about all the acclaim Beethoven’s gotten, even though Beethoven was born some eleven years after Handel died. And Beethoven’s the same way.

We were able to talk with them about the whole Peter vs. Chang play-off, and of course, they were biased. Handel said Chang was obviously the winner, because he played the “Hallelujah Chorus.” Beethoven wasn’t so sure. He sided with the elephant who was still in Thailand, playing on the green piano. “He played with such passion! How could I not prefer him?” said Ludwig. He also pointed out that elephants in Thailand are known to respect his memory (see picture on the right). “Oh, you just can’t Handel my awesome awesomeness, Ludwig!” responded old Georg.
Nurse Kara has a birthday today! Be sure to wish her well.

**Wednesday’s Menu**

**Breakfast:** Baked French toast, bacon, cereal, milk, juice.

**Lunch:** Sticky rice, chicken & veggie stir fry, pineapple.

**Supper (bag supper):** Ham/turkey/ PB&J sandwiches, cheese balls, apples, granola bars, Capri Sun.

Menus are subject to change.

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**Get Wet! Great Race! Party!**

- **7:30** Wake Up
- **8:00** Breakfast
- **9:00** Choir
- **9:30** Chapel
- **10:00** Session XI: Yellow, Orange, Red–Class Green, Blue, Black–Get Wet
- **11:00** Session XII: Y.O.R.–Get Wet G.B.B.–Class
- **12:00** Lunch
- **1:15** CLAP Classes–Recorder, band, strings
- **2:00** Great Race
- **3:30** Choir–Library
- **4:00** The Big Show
- **4:45** Dinner–Pack-a-Picnic
- **6:15** CLAP Classes
- **6:45** Session XIII: Y.O.R.–Class G.B.B.–Choose-a-Spot
- **7:45** Session XIV: Y.O.R.–Running Games G.B.B.–Class-Library
- **8:15** Y.O.R.–Campfire
- **9:30** G.B.B.–Quiet Time Y.O.R.–Quiet Time
- **10:00** Y.O.R.–Lights Out G.B.B.–Quiet Time
- **10:30** G.B.B.–Lights Out

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**Tuesday Room Awards**

- **Best of Bach won best hall overall. Well done, Bach guys!**
- **Best room awards go to:**
  - **Best of Bach**
    - **First Place:** Room 2
      - Ben Ramsey, Ethan Metzger, Cameron Nisly
    - **Runner-Up:** Room 5
      - Elijah Murray, Ezra Miller, Ethan Hostetler
  - **Beethoven’s Fifth**
    - **First Place:** Room 2
      - Christian Miller, Jansen Martin, Josiah Yoder
  - **Handel’s Messiah**
    - **First Place:** Room 11
      - Miriam Stoltzfus, Elizabeth Pennell, Anna Miller
    - **Runner-Up:** Room 5
      - Marielle Esh, Eliza Mast, Allison Swartzentruber
  - **Mozart’s Eine Kleine Nachtmusik**
    - **First Place:** Room 2
      - Renae Byler, Katherine Pennell, Jalis Schrock, Bethany Zerkle
  - **Strauss’s Blue Danube Waltz**
    - **First place:** Room 4
      - Jeni Zook, Kristin Herr, Kayli Keim, Kelsey Miller
  - **Coolest Counselor Room Award**
    - **Handel:** Room 8
      - Melanie Byler, Hannah Shugert, Sarah Peterson

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**Preview of tomorrow’s exposé** (big word for shocking story): Rumours persist that the Crew (the scary, scary Crew) are up to no good. Find out more tomorrow!