



Newsletter

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Welcome to Project Melody



Hello Project Melody members, welcome!! We are so glad that you have decided to join us.

This is our Newsletter, which contains important information, updates, and announcements from the past month. Scroll to the bottom for important upcoming dates!

Words from Staff and Members:

Mentor:

Hello all staff and members! This past year, Project Melody grew so fast and made a very big impact on our community. Thank you to all the members and performers that helped make it happen! Everyone did a great job and we look forward to having another great year!

In 2023 We would encourage everyone to focus on community services, actively participating in all kinds of ACAN events, and senior home performances. We hope everyone will

- be proud of being a member
- be proud of working together
- be proud of serving our community

Adriana:

Hello everybody! Thank you so much for becoming a member of Project Melody. It has been a great year working with you guys. I am so glad that I have had the privilege to see this community grow as we have fun while serving our community. I can't wait for the upcoming year and for more opportunities to get together and spread the love of music. Happy new year and enjoy 2023!

Evelyn:

I wanted to thank everyone for joining Project Melody. We've had our challenges throughout the year, but working together as this amazing community has allowed us to grow as we spread music to people all over the city. I'm excited to help the project progress as we try to expand it to hopefully be able to perform for more demographics, as well as have more events and cool music-related endeavors in the future!

Dalton:

Hello everyone! It has been really amazing working with you all for the past year. 2022 was a tough year for Project Melody, as it was Project Melody's first year of existence, but with your help and hard work, we made it happen. I would like to thank our amazing staff and our mentors helping us with logistical issues, as well as the Austin Chinese American Network, or ACAN, for providing us with the funds necessary for the functioning of Project Melody. I would also like to thank all of YOU, the members, who spent your time practicing and preparing for concerts. I wish everyone a happy New Year and an amazing 2023!

Iris:

I am so grateful to be able to play with musicians in the community and share the music to others at the same time. Thank you for being part of the Project Melody! I've been able to make so many new friends and grow both as a person and a musician, too. I hope this new year we are able to find others who are interested in music and be able to give them a chance to show who they are through music as well as have more amazing concerts with amazing music!

Aiden:

I'm really proud and supportive that Project Melody continues to grow as a blossoming organization in our community. It's beginning to become a defining characteristic, and really something to be proud of, in our city. I hope that as time goes on, I'll be able to tell all my out of state friends about Project Melody while they jealously listen, wishing that we were to expand and create such a branch in their community.

I especially felt that sort of "friendship pride" when Dalton conducted the Project Melody orchestra.

THIS MONTH'S Announcements

General Information

If you have specific questions, please contact one of our officers:

President: Adriana Cheng

Vice President: Evelyn Liu

Secretary: Iris Chen

Treasurer: Lerchen Zhong

Event Coordinator: Alex Zhong, Annie Zhu

Discord Manager: Dalton Ma

Social Media : Aiden Wen

Webmaster: Jason Li

South Branch: Aaron Gu

Volunteer Hours (Info for New Members+New System)

We use Givepulse to certify volunteer hours from practicing for/going to concerts! To make an account on Givepulse, follow these instructions (including registering with ACAN):
<https://austinchineseamericanetwork.org/givepulse-step-by-step-guide/>

Givepulse is a tool used by ACAN (Austin Chinese-American Network) to get volunteer hours approved. You do not have to be an ACAN member to use Givepulse! Reference the following chart when entering service hours for all Project Melody events/concerts:

Music for Senior home		maximum hours
New pieces, piece - grade 4 or higher	solo	2
	ensemble	3
Old pieces, simple piece - grade 3 or lower	solo	1
	ensemble	1
Music for Big Event		maximum hours
New pieces, piece - grade 4 or higher	solo	4
	ensemble	5
Old pieces, simple piece - grade 3 or lower	solo	2
	ensemble	2

Big Events include - ACAN Chinese Culture Festival, ACAN Christmas Gala, Project Melody Fundraiser Concert, Project Melody Online Concert etc....

Keep in mind that it will likely take a few days for your service hours to get approved.

Please note down a general practice log when you submit your volunteer hours if you enter a number of hours that exceeds the values from the chart to make it easier for us to verify your practice hours.

Add Impact

Track your community engagement



Austin Chinese Cultural Festival (ACCF)

Add Timesheet

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Awards

The President's Volunteer Service Award:

Congratulations to our 5 staff members for receiving the President's Service Award!

Gold

Evelyn Liu, Iris Chen

Silver

Adriana Cheng, Lerchen Zhong

Bronze

Jason Li

总统服务奖

THE PRESIDENT'S VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD



As a service to its members,
ACAN administers PVSA to award
kids through adults for their
contribution to the community.



SEPT 1, 2021-AUG 31, 2022

51

AWARD WINNERS

7,903

SERVICE HOURS

35 teens, 16 young adults

Youngest is 13, oldest is 18

33 gold, 8 silver and 10 bronze

least is 50, most is 389

Teens average 123 hours

Young adults average 223 hours

GOLD



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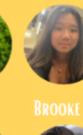
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FEIRAN W



LERCHEN Z



SERENA L



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YAN R

BRONZE



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EMMA D



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JAMES H



JASON L



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email us at youth@acantx.org

Applications for the 2023 Presidential Service Award and the ACAN Star Leadership Award will open on June 1, 2023, using the same application form. Service hours of persons

applying for the selection of awards can be counted from June 1, 2022 to May 31, 2023. Please be sure to certify all service hours from concerts with GivePulse for all volunteer hours beginning June 1, 2022.

You can apply for this award as long as you are an ACAN member and have the required amount of service hours for the award you're applying for. Here's more information on it if you're interested:

<https://austinchineseamericanetwork.org/presidents-volunteer-service-award-pvsa/>

ACAN Star Leadership Award:

In total 24 individuals and 3 groups applied for the ACAN Star Leadership Award this year. After reviewing, the judging committee composed of ACAN directors and volunteers selected one individual Gold Award, three Silver Awards, three Bronze Awards, and six

Encouragement Awards according to the standards of contribution to the community, creativity, and leadership, as well as a team gold award and a silver award.

ACAN STAR LEADERSHIP AWARD 2022

Gold-\$1000	Gloria Wu	Team Gold-\$1000	
Silver-\$600	Jessica Li Tori Xiao Andrew Yu	Team Silver-\$600	
Bronze-\$300	Benjamin Li Rihanna Lyu Sophia Tang		
Honorable Mention-\$50	Adriana Cheng Evelyn Liu	Alissa Shen Joshua Wu	Angelina Xiao Angela Yue

Thank you!
For your passion and incredible contribution to the community!



Congratulations to Project Melody who won the silver team award. We will receive \$600!

These individuals and teams will receive rewards of different amounts, and at the ACCF 2023 held on February 11, they will participate in the award ceremony and receive prizes and bonuses with the winners of the President's Service Award.

We warmly congratulate these winners here. In line with the purpose of serving the community and promoting

culture, ACAN/Project Melody encourages young people to participate in, initiate and organize various volunteer activities to make contributions to the community. ACAN will open applications for the Presidential Service Award (PVSA) and the ACAN Star Leadership Award (ASLA) in **June 2023**. Teenagers are asked to keep using the GivePulse platform and keep a record of their participation in volunteer activities.

Past Events

Thank you for all the performances who participated and brought wonderful music to our community! Please check out our Youtube channel and instagram for more details.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCVxn59RmtXPuggd8uzMC8lA>

https://www.instagram.com/project_melody_music/

9/25 -- Renaissance-Austin - Senior Living & Care Community

11/21 -- Longhorn Village Senior Living

11/27 -- Longhorn Village Senior Living

12/22 -- Clairmont Retirement Community

12/24 -- Christmas Online Concert

Announcements

Since Dalton is moving out of Austin, he can no longer be our orchestra director, but he will still stay with us in our discord server and become the discord manager. We wish him the best for his studies and music career, and we can't thank him enough for everything he has done for Project Melody.

We have recently established a South Austin branch which started 1/1/2023. Please contact Adriana/Evelyn for more information.

Thank you so much!!!

Important Dates 2023

1/16 -- The Enclave Senior Living

2/11 -- ACAN Chinese Culture Festival (ACCF)

2/20 -- Longhorn Village Senior Living

3/4 -- Global Festival at Griffin high school

3/19 -- Isle at Cedar Ridge

4/21 -- Senior home TBD

6/1 -- ACAN PSVA/ACAN Star Leadership Award Application start Date

8/14 -- ACAN/Project Melody music festival (TBD)



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