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**Meet Ekaterina Mechetina at the Main Library January 10, 10:00-11:30 a.m.
Gold Medallist Winner of the 2004 World Piano Competition**

- ✓ Listen to her perform
- ✓ FOX-19 Anchor Jack Atherton to MC
- ✓ Q & A with audience
- ✓ Other Youth Performers also take the stage



Russian pianist Ekaterina Mechetina, Gold Medallist Winner in the 2004 World Piano Competition, will perform at the Main Library, 800 Vine Street, on Monday, January 10 beginning at 10:00 a.m. The program is part of the Charles H. Dater Bach-Beethoven-Brahms Outreach Program.

FOX-19 anchor Jack Atherton will MC the event and welcome the audience and students who will participate in a question-and-answer session. Youth performers ages 5-17 who signed up in advance will also take the stage and perform pieces from memory.

World Piano Competition winners entertain, educate, and interact with the student audience. This past summer Clara Shin, who was the silver medallist in the same competition, was also a guest at the Library. For more information about this **free** program contact Becky Cohn, (513) 369-6945, or email at becky.cohn@cincinnati.org.

About the Bach-Beethoven-Brahms Club (BBB) Educational Outreach Program More than 1,200 Tri-State students representing 50 schools from the Cincinnati, Northern Kentucky and Hamilton County area have attended the educational outreach programs featuring the gold, silver, and bronze winners representing Greece, Ukraine, and Vietnam. Tri-State school music groups and piano students joined the international artists in solo and ensemble performances.

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Ekaterina Mechetina, Gold Medalist, 26, was born in Moscow into a musicians' family and started playing the piano at age four. From 1985 until 1996 she studied at the Central Secondary Specialized Music School at the Moscow State Conservatory under teacher T. Koloss, and from 1996 until 2001 she was a student at the Moscow State Conservatory in the class of V. Ovchinnikov. Since 2001, Ekaterina is a postgraduate student at the same conservatory in the class of Prof. Sergey Dorensky. Ekaterina started her performing activity very early. Since 1986 she performed solo recitals and with chamber and symphony orchestras in various cities of Russia and the USA, Mexico, Brazil, Netherlands, Austria, Italy, France, Germany, Finland, Bulgaria, Poland, Kuwait, and Taiwan. She has won numerous awards and honors, and since 2003 has been the grant holder of the M. Rostropovich Charity Fund.

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