

Benjamin Jiang, age 12, is a 7th grader at Elisabeth Pinkerton Middle School in Elk Grove, CA. He began studying cello at the age of 7, and currently studies with Mr. Jonathan Koh. His recent accomplishments as a cellist include winning the American String Teachers Association's Solo Competition in the Sacramento branch, the Classical Masters Music Festival (CMMF), and the MTAC's Memorial Scholarship Recital. He also took second place at the Auburn Symphony Young Artist Competition (YAC) this year. As a concerto competition winner, Benjamin performed with the Sacramento Youth Symphony in April 2019.

Benjamin also started piano at age 5. He is now studying with Dr. Natsuki Fukasawa, winning the first place in his division at the United States International Music Competition, the International Music Festival, the Japanese Piano Teachers Association of Greater Sacramento's Piano Competition, the Go for the Gold Festival, and winning second place at the United States Open Music Competition, the CMMF, and Auburn Symphony's YAC. As the concerto competition winner in Merced, Benjamin performed with the Merced Symphony in the beginning of February.