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## In Miami, he discovers world of artistic talent

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For a week in January, Jacek Skryzalin was immersed in not only classical piano, which he loves, but in acting, photography, writing and other arts.

"Everyone there was an artist," said Skryzalin, 17, a senior at Cherry Hill High School East. "It was just an intense appreciation of art. That feeling was amazing."

Skryzalin was one of 142 winners selected from about 8,000 applicants to spend seven days in Miami for 2008 youngARTS week. He had to

submit a video audition, which was reviewed by a panel of judges.

"I was excited to go," he said. "I didn't know what to expect. It's a huge honor."

The week was established 27 years ago by Ted Arison, the late founder of Carnival Cruise Lines, and his wife. Previous participants include recording artist Vanessa Williams, dancer and choreographer Desmond Richardson and Philadelphia Orchestra principal clarinetist Ricardo Morales.

"Being surrounded by like-minded teenagers and professional artists willing to work

hard and sacrifice for a career in the arts is inspiring and stimulating as is the chance to share their work in a collaborative environment," William H. Banchs, president of the National Foundation for Advancement in the Arts, said in a statement.

The artists are selected by panels of professionals in nine disciplines — cinematic art, dance, jazz, music, photography, theater, visual arts, voice and writing. All were flown to Miami for the all-expenses-paid week.

Skryzalin first heard of youngARTS Week last year, when he was a junior. But because only seniors can apply,

he had to wait a year.

"It's a big thing," he said. "It's a really great experience."

Most of the week was devoted to seminars and preparations for a chamber-music performance, in front of other youngARTS participants.

"Each day was a different event," said Skryzalin, who plans to study piano performance next year at college but does not yet know where he will attend. "It was nice to see so many layers of talent."

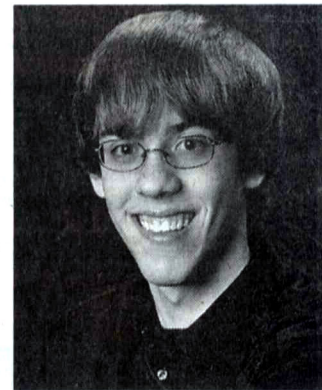


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Cherry Hill High School East senior Jacek Skryzalin was one of the 142 picked for youngARTS week from among 8,000 student applicants.

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