

**Major:** Computer Science

**Minor:** Music (Piano)

**Primary Faculty:** Pei-Fin Liu

**After Duke:** After Duke, I'm headed to New York to work full time in a mid-sized tech company. I plan on continuing to play and hopefully will be able to find a venue to perform at.



# ANDREW GAO

**SENIOR RECITAL:** I am giving a senior recital in Baldwin on April 2nd. I will be playing a wide variety of pieces, including but not limited to Beethoven's Pastorale Sonata, Brahms' Intermezzo Op.118 No.2, and Widmung by Schumann (transcribed by Liszt). The program will last about an hour long, and before each piece I plan to give a short background of it and its context.

**BIDDLE HIGHLIGHTS:** Some of my most memorable moments in Biddle include performing at multiple piano areas, performing in Pei-Fin Liu's studio recital my sophomore year, and playing chamber music with my friends on stage.

**FUTURE MUSIC STUDENTS:** I would tell a prospective music minor or major to absolutely go for it if music is something you truly enjoy. I didn't decide to be a music minor until the start of my junior year, but I am so glad I made the decision to—some of the classes were difficult, but I learned so much in my music history courses and electives and I found the experience to be invaluable.

**THANK YOU** to the music department for a great four years, and the biggest thank you to my teacher Pei-Fin for being not only an amazing teacher but an awesome life coach and friend.