

Eastman trio brings music to Pittsford schoolchildren

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■ Performers show how instruments work as part of a community outreach program.

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BRIGHTON — Corbin Magee imitated Hanna Yoo's frenetic movement across the Steinway piano keys as he moved his own fingers across his desk.

Yoo was one-third of a trio of students from the Eastman School of Music who performed at Allen Creek Elementary School yesterday. The program is part of Eastman's community outreach program, "Music for All."

Many of the fourth-grade pupils watched with entranced looks — some with hands propped under their chins — as Yoo played piano, Daniel Hung the violin and Hyun-Jin Kim the cello in performing Mendelssohn's *Trio*. Music teacher Mary Lou Papadopoulos said the pupils will reflect on and assess what they heard yesterday in future classes.

The children, many of whom take piano lessons, will also soon begin studying instrumental music, Papadopoulos said.

"They rarely have a chance to hear a (live) performance," she said. "It's a unique opportunity."

Hung, who has been playing violin since he was 6 years old, told the pupils to be proud of living in Rochester. He moved from Taiwan to study at Eastman.

Before playing the entire *Trio* piece, the Eastman trio explained how their instruments work and played sec-

The Eastman School's "Music for All" trio, which played at Allen's Creek yesterday, will perform at 8 p.m. Dec. 6 at the Eastman School, 26 Gibbs St. The performance is free. For more information, call 274-1100.

tions of the composition to illustrate melodies. They also demonstrated how playing the instrument loudly or softly conveyed the mood the composer wanted — frantic, loud playing for anger or slower, quiet sounds for a love song.

Yoo played *Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star* to show the pupils different styles.

"You can produce many different effects, like you are talking to somebody," Hung said.

Yoo agreed. "If you get mad, you push the keys harder," she said.

Kyle Roe, 9, who studies piano at Eastman, enjoyed himself.

"I liked the music they played," he said.

Jameelah Tucker, 9, has been learning piano when she visits her grandparents in New Jersey.

"It's fun," she said.

She also enjoyed how the trio blended its different sounds.

"When they all played together, you can understand what they're playing," Jameelah said.

"It's not confusing." □