

Malvyn Lai, 18 years old, began his piano studies at age 5 and currently studies with Prof. Ning An. At age 10, he made his orchestral debut with the Kostroma Symphony Orchestra in Russia. He has since performed with the Danube Symphony in Budapest, Hungary, Toruń Symphony Orchestra in Poland, Culver City Symphony in California, Grossmont College Symphony in San Diego, and Concert Festival Orchestra in Long Island, NY. He also received the honor of performing with the Temecula Valley Symphony three times from 2015-2017 as the winner of their Young Artist Competition.

Malvyn has won many awards and scholarships. His recent competition accomplishments include: 2021 National YoungArts Foundation Finalist and a Silver medal in Classical Music, 2021 Conrad Bruderer Award and 2022 Fenstermaker Scholar Award given by the San Diego Musical Merit Foundation with a full scholarship to the Aspen Music Festival in 2023, an acceptance to the 2022 The Morningside Music Bridge Festival with a full scholarship at New England Conservatory, Silver prize of the 5th La Palma d'oro Piano Competition in Italy (age16-36), 2023 VAPA Spotlight Artistic Achievement Award, 2023 Chet & June Schmidt Award given by H.B. Goodlin Foundation, 2021 Arthur Fraser International Piano Competition Discretionary Award, first place of 2021 Grossmont Music Scholarship Council Competition, The Dr. Milton H. Saier, Sr. Memorial Award and the first place of the 2020 La Jolla Symphony Young Artist Competition, 2020-2023 Chopin Foundation of United States Scholar, first place of the 2021 Southern California Philharmonic Young Artist Competition, first place of the 2020 Walgreens National Concerto Competition in piano, 2020 California Music Center Spotlight Merit Award, 2020 Kosciuszko Foundation Chopin Competition For Young Pianists, top winner of 2022 The Nextgen International Piano Competition, first place in the 2019 OC International Steinway & Sons Competition, first place in the 2019 Parness Young Artist Competition, second place in the 2019 Lee Piano Festival Competition, first place in the Southern California Regional CAPMT Concerto competition, first place in the Statewide Steinway & Sons Young Artist Piano Competition, and many other scholarships and competitions.

Malvyn's previous teacher was Dr. Irina Bendetsky and received master classes from Prof. Kenner, Prof. Ohlsson, Prof. Byun, Prof. Fabio Bidini, Prof. Katarzyna Popowa- Zydrón, Maestro Rafał Blechacz, Maestro Vadym Kholodenko, Prof. Verdi, Prof. Balázs Szokolay, Prof. Bernd Goetzke, Prof. Robert Shannon, Prof. Robert McDonald, Prof. Marina Lomazov, Prof. Daniel Blumenthal, Prof. Valery Kuleshov, and Prof. Carol Leone.

Besides music, Malvyn enjoys playing tennis, swimming, reading, science, and math. He was a three-time American Invitational Mathematics Examination qualifier and 2023 National Merit Scholarship Finalist.