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I am very honored to be awarded the 2014 Trinity College Exhibition Award! It's a huge surprise!

I have always loved singing and acting. When I lived in Taiwan as a young child, I used to stand on my grandpa's bed and asked all my relatives to watch me perform. When I was in 5th grade, I joined a children's choir and got to travel around the world on concert tour! In high school, I was involved in plays and drama. I loved it all!

I kept up singing after I came to the U.S. to study art. I sang mostly pop songs, and I have won a few singing competitions.

In 2006 I was introduced to opera by my voice teacher Ms. Stephanie Chan. Opera opened a new door for me. It has been a fun journey learning the different styles and periods of opera. Not only have I been learning all the different techniques, I have also been learning different ways to connect with the audience.

When Trinity College started holding examinations in the San Francisco Bay Area in 2014, Ms. Chan encouraged me to sign up. She helped me select the songs that suited my voice and strength. For the preparation of the examination, in addition to singing the songs in different languages, I also studied the background of each song and the composers. As I do not speak Italian, German, or French (the examination requires presentation in at least three different languages!), to learn the correct pronunciation and the meaning of the lyrics was also quite difficult. But the challenge proved to be fun and rewarding. Taking the exam was a very good way to make me learn and improve!

I am so grateful to Ms. Stephanie Chan for opening new musical doors for me. I plan to continue my musical journey under her guidance for years to come.