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# **Piano Piano**

Written by Davide Cali Illustrated by Eric Heliot

'Cali is nothing if not diverse in his choice of subjects to explore. He treats them with keen perception and creativity. Allied with great illustrations, his books are always memorable. **Highly recommended'** *Magpies Magazine* 

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#### **MARKETING AND PROMOTION**

- ☑ Targeting major national and state newspapers
- ☑ National promotion through school/community music programs
- ☑ Special Mention, Bologna Ragazzi Awards

In David Cali and Eric Heliot's internationally acclaimed picture book, young Marcolino doesn't want to practice the piano.

'When I was your age I played for hours,' Mum insists. Marcolino reluctantly obeys his mum, until his grandfather reveals that Mum's attitude to the piano when she was a little girl wasn't so different from Marcolino's.

Realising her error, Mum lets Marcolino chose any instrument he likes from the music shop. His choice? An enormous and delightfully loud tuba!

An entertaining and quirky work by two of Europe's most popular creators of books for younger children, 'Piano Piano' is about finding your passion. Warmly reflecting on the connections between child, parent and grandparent, 'Piano Piano' also has something to say about the importance of respecting individuality, and letting children pursue their own interests.

#### **ABOUT THE AUTHOR**

Author of *The Enemy, I Love Kissing You, A Dad Who Measures Up, Santa's Suit* and *I Like Chocolate,* **Davide Cali** is one of Europe's most innovative and acclaimed writers of illustrated books for both children and adults. He is the author of 20 illustrated books, including *I Can't Wait* (illustrated by Serge Bloch), which won France's prestigious Baobab Prize



for the most innovative book of 2005 and was Honour Book in the American Library Association's Batchelder Award.

His books have now been translated and published in 15 countries. Swiss-born Davide lives in Genoa, Italy, but writes in French.

#### **ABOUT THE ILLUSTRATOR**

Eric Heliot is one of France's most celebrated and successful book illustrators, with over 50 titles to his name. He studied at the Beaux-Arts in Rouen and Le Havre, France, before becoming a freelance illustrator of picture books and comic books. He still lives in Rouen, and likes to play the drums (which wins the friendship of his neighbours). His illustrations for *Piano Piano* received Special Mention at the 2006 Bologna Ragazzi Awards.



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