

NEW HORIZONS PIANO COMPETITION For High School Students

Sponsored by Cincinnati Christian University
and Premier Pianos

Competition Rules

Competition date: Saturday, November 5, 2011.

Competitors will perform on a Steinway grand provided by Premier Pianos.

Winners' Recital date: Sunday, November 13, 2011. 3:00 pm.

Winning students and their teachers will be recognized.

Location of competition and recital:

Worship and Ministry Center
Cincinnati Christian University
2700 Glenway Avenue
Cincinnati, OH 45204

Divisions and prizes: All competitors will receive a score, judges' comment sheets, and a ribbon. Judges will then select first, second, and third prize winners from each age division according to the score earned. Honorable mentions may also be awarded.

Division I (grades 11-12)

First prize \$500
Second prize \$350
Third prize \$200

Division II (grades 9-10)

First prize \$200
Second prize \$150
Third prize \$100

All six prize winners will be expected to perform both of their pieces in the winners' recital. Senior competitors are invited to audition for a scholarship to CCU. Contact the Music and Worship office for audition dates.

Registration period: September 21 through October 5, 2011

New this year: There will be a two-week registration period. The first 24 students entering Division I, and the first 36 students entering Division II will be accepted. If the limit is reached before October 5, registration will immediately close for that division, and this fact will be posted on the competition website.

(For your reference, in 2010 we had 24 students enter Division I, and 20 students enter Division II.)

Entry fee: \$30 per student. Any entry fees received after registration is closed will be returned. Once the student is accepted and scheduled, the entry fee becomes non-refundable.

Repertoire: Students must perform two contrasting pieces or movements, memorized, that adhere to the following categories:

#1—must be standard solo piano literature of the Baroque, Classical, Romantic, or Twentieth Century.

#2—may be a hymn arrangement, other piano arrangement, contemporary Christian piece, an original composition by the student or another living composer, jazz piece, or another piece chosen from the standard solo piano literature of a period different from piece #1. (Solo piano music only—no duets, concertos, or chamber music.)

Please note: Only two pieces will be accepted this year, not three.

Time Limits:

Division I (grades 11-12): The total performance time of the two pieces must be between 9-14 minutes.

Division II (grades 9-10): The total performance time of the two pieces must be between 5-9 minutes.

Those who exceed the time limit may be stopped, but this will in no way affect their score. Those who fall short of the minimum time limit will still receive a ribbon and comment sheets, but will not be considered for prizes.

Student eligibility: Competitors in Division II must be enrolled in grades 9 or 10. Competitors in Division I must be enrolled in grades 11 or 12.

Maximum age: 19. All high school students are welcome, regardless of their state of residence or their piano teacher's affiliations.

General information:

- ~The competition and winners' recital will be open to the public.
- ~Students must provide one legal, published copy of each piece they will perform for the judges. Photocopies are prohibited. Provide a legible score for unpublished, original compositions. Measures of all scores should be numbered.
- ~Judges reserve the right to not award a prize if they feel none is merited.
- ~Decisions of the judges are final.

Registration forms can be downloaded at:
www.CCUniversity.edu/music/nhpc

Contact information:

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