



ARTIST SERIES
CONCERTS
OF SARASOTA

2017 PIANO COMPETITION

\$20,000 in awards and prizes to four finalists

April 29, 2017

For pianists ages 18-25

Application deadline
February 15, 2017

Details and application at
www.artistseriesconcerts.org
info@artistseriesconcerts.org

DISTINGUISHED FINALS JUDGES INCLUDE

Julian Martin – One of the country's foremost pianist/pedagogues for four decades
Han Tong-II – Internationally recognized musician, adjudicator, and dedicated teacher
Nelita True – One of the world's most sought after and beloved pianist-teachers

A program of Artist Series Concerts of Sarasota, Florida

Artist Series Concerts of Sarasota National Competition for PIANO – April 29th 2017

Pianists between the ages of 18 and 25 are invited to participate in a National Competition for Piano.

Preliminary judging of the DVD's takes place in February to select eight (8) semi-finalists who will be notified by email on or before February 28th.

The eight semi-finalists are invited to compete on April 29th, 2017 in Sarasota, Florida. The final round is held that evening in a public performance before a distinguished panel of nationally recognized artists and music educators.

AWARDS

1st place: \$8,000

2nd place: \$5,000

3rd place: \$4,000

4rd place: \$3,000

The winners are announced at the conclusion of the evening competition.

The first place winner will be invited to perform for Artist Series Concerts of Sarasota.

REQUIRED APPLICATION REPERTOIRE

- 1) Bach: Prelude and Fugue
- 2) A movement of a Sonata (Haydn, Mozart, Beethoven)
- 3) A Romantic work
- 4) An American work.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Please label the DVD with your name and provide a separate listing of your repertoire.

The names of contestants will be anonymous during the judging process.

Applications which are incomplete and/or not postmarked by February 15, 2017 will not be accepted.

Artist Series Concerts of Sarasota maintains the highest standards and ethics in the operation of the Competition and the selection of highly qualified judges. Great efforts are made to insure that procedures and decisions are administered fairly.

The decisions of the judges are final.

Contestants will receive written comments from the judges only in the semi-final rounds.

\$21,600 in Awards

PRELIMINARY ROUND

Applicants submit a DVD with the required documents, form and fee. All materials must be submitted and postmarked by February 15, 2017. Receipt of the application materials will be acknowledged by email from ASCOS. The DVDs will be screened by a panel of judges who will not be apprised of the names of applicants during the selection process. Eight (8) semi-finalists will be chosen to participate in the competition on April 29, 2017 in Sarasota, Florida. All applicants will be notified of their status by February 28th.

SEMI-FINAL ROUND April 29th, 2017

Semi-finalists will have rehearsal time on stage and in a rehearsal room preceding the competition. The pianists will perform a maximum of 25 minutes. A panel of three judges will select four finalists who will proceed to the Final Round. All repertoire must be memorized. Bring one copy of the scores (no photocopies, please) to the competition director for the semi and final rounds.

FINAL ROUND April 29th, 2017

The finalists will perform before a panel of three judges in a public concert in the evening. Each finalist will perform for not more than 25 minutes.

FOUR AWARDS will be given following the deliberation of the judges.

Semi-finalists not advancing to the finals round will be given \$400 each.

COMMON QUESTIONS ABOUT THE COMPETITION

Q. How do I know if my application has been received?

A. Receipt of the application materials will be acknowledged by e mail from ASCOS.

Q. If my application is not received by the deadline date, am I disqualified?

A. The postmark decides. If you sent the materials on time, and did not receive an e mail acknowledgement from ASCOS, please notify the competition director: Lee Dougherty Ross (jerrylee@artistseriesconcerts.org).

Q. May I perform repertoire for the competition other than that performed on my DVD ?

A. Yes, so long as you inform the director two weeks in advance of the competition and abide by the requirements for your category.



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APPLICATION

National Competition for Piano – April 29, 2017 – Sarasota , Florida

Please complete the entire application form below and submit it by mail with the following information to:

Artist Series Concerts of Sarasota, 1226 N. Tamiami Trail, Suite 300, Sarasota, FL 34236

1. A DVD performance that includes the required repertoire (*see page 2*)
2. A current resume, listing educational background and performing experience
3. Proof of age (photocopy of driver's license or birth certificate)
Age requirement: 18-25 years old on April 29, 2017
4. A \$50.00 application fee made payable to Artist Series Concerts of Sarasota
5. If I am chosen as a semi-finalist, I would like to stay with a host family Yes () No ()
6. *A photocopy of all visa and residency documents

All materials must be postmarked by February 15, 2017

Name _____ Age _____ E-mail _____
 Address _____
 City/State/Zip _____
 Primary phone _____ Alternate phone _____
 Current school if presently enrolled _____
 Name of current piano teacher _____
 How did you learn about the ASC competition? _____

Three professional musicians (including your present teacher) who can serve as references.

Name	Occupation/Title	Email	Phone
1. _____	_____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____	_____

REPERTOIRE ON THE DVD

Composer	Title	Timing
1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____
5. _____	_____	_____

*To ensure that Artist Series Concerts of Sarasota will legally be able to compensate its international competition participants/winners, it is required that the organization be provided with either a U.S. Social Security Number or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) in order to receive payment. Failure to comply with the regulations could result in severe penalties for the organization as well as serious implications for a visitor's future ability to enter the U.S.

If you are not a U.S. citizen, please consult a qualified tax/immigration professional before applying.

Please fill out the form and send it with all of the required materials to:
 Lee Dougherty Ross, Competition Director: 1226 N. Tamiami Trail, Suite 300, Sarasota, FL 34236