

The 17th Annual San Francisco Chopin Competition for Young Pianists

June 09, 2012

CONCERT OF THE WINNERS

June 10, 2012

Prizes

FIRST AGE CATEGORY

First Prize	\$50
Second Prize	\$35
Third Prize	\$25

SECOND AGE CATEGORY

First Prize	\$250
Second Prize	\$150
Third Prize	\$ 75

THIRD AGE CATEGORY

First Prize	\$500
Second Prize	\$250
Third Prize	\$150

Laureates will also receive Diplomas, and all contestants will receive Certificatees of Participation.

Application

Application deadline: April 20, 2012

Please mail (please no certified postal service) applications to:

Chopin Council of San Francisco
c/o Mack McCray
2123 — 26th Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94116

Application materials include:

- a completed application form
- proof of age
- a check or money order for a non-refundable application fee of \$40 for all applicants
- a one paragraph biography sent via e-mail to Meikui@aol.com

The 17th Annual San Francisco Chopin Competition for Young Pianists is open to pianists fifteen years old or younger, residing or studying in the San Francisco Bay Area in the following counties: Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Solano and Sonoma.

The Competition will take place on June 09, 2012 at the San Francisco Conservatory of Music, 50 Oak Street, San Francisco, CA.

The Competition will be conducted in three age categories:

1. **First Age Category:** through nine years old (born after June 09, 2002).
2. **Second Age Category:** from ten through twelve years old (born after June 09, 1999 but on or before June 09, 2002).
3. **Third Age Category:** from thirteen through fifteen years old (born after June 09, 1996 but on or before June 09, 1999).

Rules

- All compositions are original piano works by Fryderyk Chopin.
- Numbers in brackets refer to the Paderewski edition of all Chopin's works. A specific edition is not required.
- All pieces are to be played from memory. Contestants may choose the order in which the pieces are played. Please indicate it in the application form.
- A copy of the music performed (no photo copies) must be presented for the judges.
- Contestants may be asked to perform only a portion of their program.
- Suggested duration of each contestant's program: First Age Category—5 minutes, Second Age Category—10 minutes, Third Age Category—20 minutes
- Repetitions are not necessary and allowed only within the time limit.
- Winners should be prepared to perform at the Winners Concert on June 10, 2012 and the Chopin Christmas Concert in December 2012.
- First prize winners of the previous Competitions are not eligible to participate in the same age category.
- Jury's decisions are final.

Required Repertoire

FIRST AGE CATEGORY (through 9):

One composition by Chopin of the contestant's choice.

SECOND AGE CATEGORY (10-12):

1. One work from the following:
 - a. Polonaise in g minor, Op. posth. [no. 11, Allegro ma non troppo]
 - b. Polonaise in B-flat Major, Op. posth. [no. 12, Vivo]
 - c. Polonaise in A-flat Major, Op. posth. [no. 13]
 - d. Mazurka in g minor, Op. 67, no. 2
 - e. Mazurka in a minor, Op. 68, no. 2
 - f. Mazurka in F Major, Op. 68, no. 3
 - g. Mazurka in B-flat Major [no. 52, 1825]
 - h. Mazurka in G Major [no. 53, 1825]
 - i. Mazurka in B-flat Major [no. 56, 1832]
2. One work by Chopin of the contestant's choice.

THIRD AGE CATEGORY (13-15):

1. One of the 21 Nocturnes
2. One of the 17 Waltzes or one Mazurkas [exceptions: Mazurkas in the Second Age Category are not eligible]
3. One of the 24 Etudes
4. One work by Chopin of the contestant's choice.

The 17th Annual San Francisco Chopin Piano Competition for Young Pianists, June 09, 2012 APPLICATION FORM

Last name: _____ First name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Date of birth: _____

Competition repertoire [works by Chopin] with duration of each piece and performance order:

Date: _____

This signature affirms that my student is able and prepared to enter the 17th Chopin Competition, 2012.

Teacher: _____

Teacher's signature: _____