

WEST CHESTER UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA ANNUAL PRE-COLLEGIATE PIANO COMPETITION



The School Of Music
College of Visual and Performing Arts
West Chester University of Pennsylvania
Saturday, April 10, 2010

The West Chester University Annual Piano competition, now in its 22st year, strives to provide students ages 9 – 18 with performing opportunities, and raise the standard of excellence of young pianists. This is a national competition with no geographic restrictions.

There will be two rounds of auditions. The first round will be by submission of DVD/VHS, CD or tape recording of one of the two chosen competition pieces, sent with the application, and postmarked by Friday, March 5, 2010. The second round of auditions to be held on Saturday, April 10, 2010 will be a live performance of the recorded piece and a second chosen piece, listed on the Application Form.

A Recital and Awards Presentation will be on Sunday, April 18, 2010 at 3:00 p.m., in the Gates Family Recital Hall, and will include performances by the first, second and third place winners in each age group, and must be attended by any chosen Honorable Mention winners. Absences in either category will result in cancellation of the award. The first place winner in the oldest age group will be granted a Dean's Scholarship for study in the West Chester University School of Music, and will be offered a full tuition scholarship to study with world-renowned pianist Dr. Anthony diBonaventura at the Brandywine Piano Institute, July 11 – 24, 2010 held at West Chester University's School of Music.

AWARDS

Age	1 st Prize	2 nd Prize	3 rd Prize	Honorable Mention
16 – 18	\$1,000	\$500	\$250	\$100
13 – 15	\$300	\$200	\$100	\$30
9 – 12	\$100	\$75	\$50	\$20

Up to two Honorable Mention Awards in each age group will be given at the discretion of the judges.

Competition Guidelines:

- A \$55.00 entry fee is required.
- Music must be performed from memory.
- Students selected to continue to the second round will be required to submit an additional \$20.00 by Friday, April 2, 2010 (date of postmark) in order to be eligible to compete in the second round.
- For the second round, students must supply one (only one) publisher's copy of their music for the judges. No photocopies will be allowed.
- Previous first place winners may reapply only in the next age category.

- Previous entrants may reapply, but not with the same pieces.
- Students must be within given age ranges as of April 10, 2010, and may not be in college.

Repertoire Requirements:

1. Two pieces from the standard solo literature (Baroque, Classical, Romantic, Contemporary); each from a different period, and contrasting in style. Beginner level pieces are not acceptable.
2. In the 16-18 age group there may be a third piece added to meet the minimum required time of 20 minutes.
3. Pieces requiring anything to be put inside the piano, or on the strings, are not acceptable.
4. NO arrangements.

Age	16-18	13-15	9-12
Time Requirements	Minimum 20 minutes Maximum 30 minutes	Maximum 17 minutes	Maximum 12 minutes

To Apply:

1. Complete the attached Application Form.
2. Send the form, \$55.00 entry fee, and 2 self-addressed, stamped envelopes to receive notification of second round status and receive an audition time assignment. Enclose also a DVD/VHS, CD or tape of either of the two pieces listed on the application form. Please label all submissions clearly with name of performer, composer, full title and timing of piece.
3. Completed Application Form with \$55.00 entry fee and DVD/VHS, CD or tape must be postmarked by Friday, March 5, 2010. **Please make checks payable to West Chester University.**

The First Round:

- DVD/VHS, CD or tape submissions will be heard by a panel of judges, who will make their selection of who will progress to the second round. There will be no limit to the number of second round contestants. All decisions of the first and second round judges are final.
- All applicants will be notified by March 22, 2010 whether they have been selected to proceed to the second round.

For additional information, phone Anita Greenlee at 610-738-0452 (during office hours) or 610-692-3052, or email agreenlee@wcupa.edu or greenleea@aol.com

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Application Form

Name of Student _____

Address _____

Home Phone () _____ Email address _____

Age (as of April 10, 2010) _____ Grade in school _____ Years of Piano Study _____

Name of Piano Instructor _____

Address _____

Home Phone () _____ Work Phone () _____

Name of Music School if applicable: _____

Repertoire:	Complete Title	Composer	Duration
1.	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____

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Students are advised that the judges may stop anyone who exceeds the maximum playing time, and may stop any student whose skill level is sufficiently demonstrated before the conclusion of a piece.

Please enclose a DVD/VHS, CD or tape of *one* of your chosen competition pieces, along with a \$55.00 entry fee payable to West Chester University, and 2 **self-addressed, stamped envelopes** to receive notification of second round status and audition time assignment. All application materials must be postmarked no later than March 5, 2010. Send to:

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Attn: Piano Competition, Anita Greenlee
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West Chester, PA 19383-2230