

## General information and rules

The Fifth International Chopin Youth Competition will take place Saturday and Sunday, November 17 and 18, 2007 at the Cullen Hall, University of St. Thomas. It is open to pre-college pianists.

Owing to the popularity of our previous competitions, it will now be necessary for competitors to enter a Preliminary round prior to the main event by submitting a videotape or DVD of the complete performance. The student's name should appear on the outside of the tape or DVD, but no titles or names should appear on the recording. Individual pieces may be recorded separately but no editing of individual pieces is allowed.

All applications, recordings and fees must be received in our office by October 27, 2007 (please note: this is not a postmark date). A \$50 fee must accompany each application, and should take the form of two checks: a non-refundable fee of \$20 for the Preliminary Round and an additional \$30 fee for the Semi-final round.

Successful candidates will be promptly informed of their acceptance to the Semi-final round by letter or email. The results will also be posted on our Website. We will return the \$30 check along with a letter to all those not accepted to the Semi-final round.

Make extra copies of the form for each participating student. Information on application forms must be typed or printed in block letters.

The competitors will be judged by a panel of outstanding musicians. Written comments from the judges will be available following the competition.

Gold medalists of previous competitions may not compete in the same age category. They may compete in another age category if of the appropriate age.

## Repertoire Requirements

Contestants are required to perform a selection of one longer or several shorter compositions of Fryderyk Chopin of their choice up to the time limit in their respective age categories and, in addition, one Nocturne chosen from the list on the application form.

There are three different age categories and time limits:

- Elementary: K1 - 5 (DOB on or after 9/1/96)  
6-minute limit plus one of the chosen Nocturnes
- Junior: Grade 6 - 8 (DOB between 9/1/93 and 8/31/96)  
8-minute limit plus one of the chosen Nocturnes
- Senior: Grade 9 -12 (DOB between 9/1/89 and 8/31/93)  
10-minute limit plus one of the chosen Nocturnes

Note that the required Nocturne does NOT count towards the time limit.

If several smaller works are performed, they should be contrasting in either style or tempo. If a contestant wishes to perform one larger composition (such as a Ballade or Scherzo), which exceeds the time limit, he/she is allowed to play it along with the required Nocturne. These rules apply to all age groups.

All works must be performed by memory. No changes or substitutions will be accepted. Please note only original versions will be accepted – no transcriptions, no arrangements!

## Awards

- Gold, Silver and Bronze Medals in each category (Monetary Prizes for Gold Medalists)
- Honorable Mentions as deserved
- Special Prize for the best Nocturne in each category
- Special Prize for the best Polonaise
- Special Prize for the best Mazurka
- Special Prize for the best among the youngest performers
- Jan Ekier Prize for the best performance of the most difficult work



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## Application Form

Please note: Deadline for submitting applications with videos for preliminary round is Saturday, October 27, 2007.  
Checks are payable to the *Chopin Society of Houston* and mailed to 1938 Baker Trail, Houston, TX 77094

Participant's First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Participant's Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy) \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher's E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher's Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Please check one of the following categories:

**Elementary**

**Junior**

**Senior**

Select one Nocturne:

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E minor, Op. Posth.

B-flat minor, Op. 9, No. 1

C-sharp minor, Op. 27, No. 1

C minor, Op. Posth.

F Major, Op. 15, No. 1

G Major, Op. 37, No. 2

C-sharp minor, Op. Posth.

D-flat Major, Op. 27, No. 2

C minor, Op. 48, No. 1

B Major, Op. 32, No. 1

E-flat Major, Op. 55, No. 2

F minor, Op. 55, No. 1

E Major, Op. 62, No. 2

Repertoire of your choice:

Title \_\_\_\_\_ Key \_\_\_\_\_ Op. \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ Duration in Minutes \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_ Key \_\_\_\_\_ Op. \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ Duration in Minutes \_\_\_\_\_

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Chopin Society of Houston reserves the right to record all performances during the event for use at its own discretion. By signing the application form the participant renounces all rights and fees.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_