FIFTH ANNUAL
NEW HORIZONS PIANO
COMPETITION
For High School Students

Sponsored by Cincinnati Christian University

Competition Rules

Competition date: Saturday, November 8, 2014.

Winner’s Recital date: Sunday, November 16, 2014. 3:00 pm.
Winning students and their teachers will be recognized.

Location of competition and recital:
Worship and Ministry Building
Cincinnati Christian University
2700 Glenway Avenue
Cincinnati, OH 45204

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

Division I (grades 11-12)
First prize $400 plus full-tuition scholarship to CCU
Second prize $300 plus full-tuition scholarship to CCU
Third prize $200 plus full-tuition scholarship to CCU
Fourth prize $100

Division II (grades 9-10)
First prize $200
Second prize $150
Third prize $100
Fourth prize $50

Overall Best Sacred Piano Solo Award $75

Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra concert tickets! On competition day, participants will be entered in a drawing for two CSO vouchers, good for a concert during the 2014-15 season.
First, second, and third prize winners in both divisions will be expected to perform both of their pieces in the winner’s recital. Fourth place winners will act as alternates in the recital.

**Scholarships:** Each and every student who registers and performs at the 2014 New Horizons Piano Competition will be awarded a scholarship to CCU.

- The top three prize winners in Division I will each be awarded a scholarship for full-tuition for the credit hours required to complete a baccalaureate program in their declared music major.
- All other students who perform in the competition will be awarded participation scholarships. These participation scholarships are cumulative and will be awarded for each year of participation in the New Horizons Piano Competition beginning with 2012:
  - Division I: up to $12,000 tuition over 4 years ($1500 per semester)
  - Division II: up to $8,000 tuition over 4 years ($1000 per semester)
  - The maximum amount that could be accumulated for participation would be $40,000 tuition over 4 years ($5000 per semester).

The combination of these scholarships with other tuition-restricted scholarships or grants may not exceed the cost of tuition. NHPC Scholarships must be used immediately upon graduation from high school. In order to be eligible, students must enroll at CCU as a full time music or worship major and remain in good standing academically. Requirements for acceptance to CCU Music and Worship degree programs include an audition before a panel of Music and Worship faculty.

**Registration deadline:** October 8, 2014

**Entry fee:** $30 per student (nonrefundable)

**Repertoire:** Students must perform two and only 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.)

**Best Sacred Piano Solo Award:** To be considered for this award, the contestant must perform one piece from the standard piano literature and one sacred piece. Eligible sacred pieces must be for solo piano and have a sacred title. The piece can be in any style, from classical to popular. At the end of the competition, the judges will compare scores earned on sacred pieces only, whether Division I or Division II, and choose the overall winner of this special award.
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 currently enrolled in grades 9 or 10. Competitors in Division I must be currently 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 winner’s 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

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