**Select Student’s Piano Competition By Video recorded Auditions.**

**Deadline for Submission of Recordings: February 1, 2025**

**Videos will be placed online and open to the public by February 9, 2025.**

The New Haven Chapter CSMTA is organizing a Select Students Open Competition (by video recorded auditions.) The ONLY option to submit your videos to the competition is to use online file storage like Meet Google Drive – One place for all your files (especially if you already have a Google/Gmail account), [www.dropbox.com/](http://www.dropbox.com/)‎ (these two are free), add your file to the storage, and share this file link.

**Students entered should be of honors caliber.**

• Age 10- 13 performances may be a maximum of 5 minutes.

• Age 14- 18 performances may be a maximum of 7 minutes. Only one selection or sonata movement may be presented, eliminating repeats, especially in sonatinas and sonatas.

As in any competition, judging is subjective, and the judges’ decisions are final.

The videos will be placed online and open to the public. The top 15+ files will be considered “winners.” Winners will not be categorized by 1st, 2nd, 3rd place, etc. The CSMTA reserves the right to publish winners’ and teachers’ names in the newspaper.

Video recording should be done throughout the year rather than only once, under pressure, in the weeks preceding the competition. Teachers should listen to the recording before it is submitted to check for sound quality and tempo appropriateness. We hope both you and your pupils benefit from the process of recording the performances. A poor recording can hinder the committee’s ability to evaluate the performance fairly. The teacher **should listen to the recording before it is submitted**.

**ELIGIBILITY:**

* Students entered should be of honors caliber. No elementary and early intermediate level pieces.
* Entrants must have studied with their teacher for at least three months before the competition.
* For Teachers who are **non-members of the CSMTA, the New Haven Chapter** applicationfee is$30.00.
* Students must be aged 10-18.
* The contestant’s face and hands must always be seen.

**REGISTRATION FORMS**:

* All entries must be received by February 1, 2025 (no exceptions).
* Registration form must be filled out and signed by the parent, signed by the teacher, and submitted by the teacher.
* The $15.00 fee ($30 fee for **non-members of the CSMTA, New Haven Chapter) must accompany the registration form and** check payable to CSMTA, New Haven Chapter.

**PIANO REQUIREMENTS:**

* All music must be performed from memory in its original composition, not arrangements/simplifications. Students entered should be of honors caliber. No elementary and early intermediate level pieces.
* Time performances with a stopwatch.  Files submitted with inaccurate timing or no timing may be disqualified.
* The contestant’s face and hands must always be seen. Students must announce the title of the piece and composer before playing.

**Dress Code:**

* Students should be dressed in "Concert Attire" - not necessarily formal, but "concert appropriate.” Shoes are required. **No shorts or sneakers; shoes are required. Participants should wear dress slacks, a dress or skirt, a buttoned or collared shirt, or a blouse.**

**GUIDELINES**:

* Music must be performed in its original composition; arrangements not accepted.
* Music must be memorized.
* Time performances with a stopwatch.  Recordings submitted with inaccurate timing or no timing may be disqualified.
* To participate, these file links must be received by February 1, 2025.

**JUDGES AND EVALUATIONS**:

* Judges are experts in this field of music.
* All comments or questions should be passed to the monitor.
* Decisions of the judges will be final.

**SUGGESTIONS or COMPLAINTS:**

* Please write all suggestions and complaints addressed to the current New Haven Chapter President. All letters will be forwarded to the chairman of the annual competition.

***2025 Application Form:***

Make copies of this application form, if you need to, for each student:

Send this **form** and the **$15.00** fee **($30** **non-member of the CSMTA, New Haven Chapter)**

to Asmik Fomin, P.O. Box 7101, Prospect, CT 06712, by February 1, 2025. Teachers should collect their students' fees and mail ONE check (payable to CSMTA, New Haven Chapter") (non-refundable).

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Google Drive  (especially if you already have a Google/Gmail account), [www.dropbox.com/](http://www.dropbox.com/)‎ (these two are free of charge), add your file to the storage and share this file link. Videos must be in a downloadable format.

Send the Recordings links info by email to [info@prospectpiano.com](mailto:info@prospectpiano.com).

**PLEASE PRINT ALL THE INFORMATION!**

**Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Phone \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Age \_\_\_Grade**

**Address\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Composition \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Composer\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Time\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Parent Signature\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Teacher Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_              Teacher Phone and email**

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(Parents: By typing your name above, you grant CT State Music Teachers Association permission to use your video for public view). If you have any questions or concerns, please contact [info@propsectpiano.com](mailto:info@propsectpiano.com).