

2017 PADEREWSKI YOUTH PIANO COMPETITION

*The Paderewski Festival in Paso Robles announces its
Eleventh Annual Youth Piano Competition*

COMPETITION AUDITIONS:

Saturday, Oct. 21, 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

Park Ballroom, 1232 Park Street, Paso Robles, CA

WINNERS' RECITAL:

Saturday, Nov. 4, 2 p.m. – rehearsal, 4 p.m. – concert

Paso Robles Inn Ballroom, 1103 Spring St., Paso Robles, CA

The contest is open to piano students competing in two groups: **Juniors** (ages 10-14) and **Seniors** (ages 15-18). All contestants must currently study with an established piano teacher and reside within the following counties: **Fresno, Monterey, Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo**. Residents of other California counties and professional pianists may not apply.

All participants in the **2017 auditions will receive a certificate. Prizes ranging from \$200-\$750 will be awarded to the best performers in each category, and they will be invited to perform during the 2017 Paderewski Festival in Paso Robles.** The Competition Jury will be headed by pianist and composer, Marek Zebrowski, Director of the Polish Music Center at USC and Artistic Director of the Paderewski Festival in Paso Robles. Awards will be made at the discretion of the Jury, whose verdict shall be final. The Jury reserves the right to withhold a prize or prizes in each age group and its decisions will not be subject to appeal.

The 2017 Youth Competition Winners' Concert will be held in the Paso Robles Inn Ballroom on Saturday, November 4, 2017. Marek Zebrowski will provide the performers with personal coaching prior to the performance. **Selected winners may also be chosen for the 2019 Paderewski Festival-sponsored Exchange Program in Poland that includes piano workshops, master classes, and concerts at Paderewski's estate of Kaźna Dolna, at the historic Jagiellonian University in Kraków, and at other venues in late June and early July 2019.**

The following documents must be submitted electronically (one e-mail only with Word and JPG attachments) by midnight Friday, September 29, 2017:

- ☐ 1. Completed application form
- ☐ 2. Personal Statement
- ☐ 3. Short biographical note, listing teachers, schools, years of study, awards, etc.
- ☐ 4. High resolution (300 dpi) portrait photo (submitted electronically)
- ☐ 5. The applicant's audition program and repertoire list for October 21
 - ☐ **Juniors:** two works differing in level of difficulty, style and period
 - ☐ **Seniors:** three works differing in level of difficulty, style and period, *including one composition by Paderewski*

NOTE: All repertoire must be performed from memory

□6. **A \$50 application fee can be paid thru Eventbrite and is due by Sept. 29.**
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2017-paderewski-youth-competition-tickets-33466286564>

Completed applications with attachments should be submitted via email to:
youth@paderewskifest.com. **Incomplete or late applications will be disqualified.**

2017 PADEREWSKI YOUTH PIANO COMPETITION APPLICATION FORM

NAME:

NAME OF PARENT/GUARDIAN:

ADDRESS:

PHONE:

E-MAIL:

DATE OF BIRTH:

AGE:

SCHOOL GRADE LEVEL:

PIANO TEACHER:

PIANO TEACHER'S PHONE & E-MAIL ADDRESS:

(We will only contact your piano teacher to provide audition feedback)

AUDITION REPERTOIRE: Juniors: 2 selections | **Seniors:** 3 selections, *including one work by Paderewski*

Composer and complete title

1.

2.

3.

EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE

Institution (include dates of attendance)

1.

2.

3.

In addition to the completed application form above, all applicants must submit the following documents via e-mail to (youth@paderewskifest.com):

A. SHORT BIOGRAPHICAL STATEMENT (one Word document, approx. 250 words, submitted by e-mail). Please tell us about yourself. Include teachers, schools, years of study, public performances, awards, etc. What field of study do you intend to pursue and why? Are there any experiences, skills or qualifications that you feel should be considered with your application? Describe your aspirations, goals, and important influences in your life. Briefly list your other school activities, community service, hobbies, special talents, etc.

B. REPERTOIRE LIST (include music prepared and performed during the last 2 years)

C. RECENT PHOTOGRAPH (digital format required, minimum resolution 300 dpi)

Questions:

Contact Mechelle Medhurst at youth@paderewskifest.com or call 805-235-1530

**APPLICATIONS ARE DUE September 29, 2017
LATE SUBMISSIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED**