

Competition Location

Desert Foothills Lutheran Church
29305 North Scottsdale Road, Scottsdale
480.585.8007

Schedule

Preliminary Competition

Saturday, March 17, 2012, 8AM-6PM
Sunday, March 18, 2012, Noon-5PM

All contestants will perform in the Preliminaries; audiotapes, video & DVDs are not accepted.

Finals Competition

Sunday, March 25, 2012 at 2PM.
The Finals Competition will be open to the public.

Of Special Interest to Contestants

- A Certificate of Participation will be presented to every musician who enters the Competition.
- Winners will receive monetary prizes awarded by *Arizona Musicfest*.
- Winners and Finalists will be offered other performance opportunities with *Arizona Musicfest*.
- Participants are eligible for the Roberta K. Pappas Memorial Scholarship college level award.

Applications

Each contestant must submit an application, along with a \$7 fee, to *Arizona Musicfest*. Ensembles will pay **one** \$7 fee for the group. **Applications will be accepted in the order received and must be postmarked by February 15, 2012. Competition is limited to 50 participants.**

Competition Rules

Contestants must be in grades 7 through 12, and studying with a private teacher and/or under the private supervision of a school music teacher. The private teacher or school music instructor **must** initial the contestant's application.

Competition categories are solo piano, organ, and orchestral instruments (Divisions I – III), and ensembles from three to nine instruments (Division IV).

Music chosen for performance should be standard literature chosen from the Baroque, Classical, Romantic or Contemporary period(s). **Note:** Jazz and ragtime are not considered standard literature, and are therefore excluded from the competition.

The judges will choose up to three finalists in each Division to compete in the Finals. Because of the limited number of finalists, contestants may compete on only one instrument in the solo Divisions (I – III) and in one ensemble in Division IV.

Competition Rules continued

The judges will award prizes in those divisions where contestants display artistic qualities of excellence. They may withhold prizes if, in their opinion, no contestant displays the requisite artistry.

Judges will be appointed by the Competition Committee. The judges' decisions with regard to the choice of finalists and prize winners are final.

Except for ensembles, competition literature must be memorized.

At the Preliminary round only, an original and two (2) copies of the piece(s) to be performed must be presented to the judges. Measures should be numbered. All music will be returned to contestants.

Contestants are expected to provide their own accompanists, if needed. Ensembles should be self-conducting.

Any dispute regarding these Rules will be decided by the Competition Chairman.

Prizes & Literature Requirements

Division One ~ Grades 7 & 8

Winner ~ \$300; Runners-up ~ \$150 each

Solo piano, organ or other orchestral instruments.

One classical selection, approximately four minutes in duration.

Division Two ~ Grades 9 & 10

Winner ~ \$350; Runners-up ~ \$175 each

Solo piano, organ or other orchestral instruments.

One classical selection, approximately five minutes in duration.

Division Three ~ Grades 11 & 12

Winner ~ \$400; Runners-up ~ \$200 each

Solo piano, organ or other orchestral instruments

Two classical selections, each approximately five minutes in length. Contrasting styles are recommended.

Division Four: Ensemble ~ Grades 7-12

Winner ~ \$450; Runners-up ~ \$250

Instrumental ensembles – trios through nonets. Two classical selections, each approximately five minutes in duration. Contrasting styles are recommended.

Arizona Musicfest brings fine classical music to the community. We present an annual festival, *Musicfest*, each winter and other concerts throughout the season. We also sponsor music education programs at local schools and provide performance opportunities for young musicians.

The *Young Musicians Competition* was established in 2002 to honor two founding members of Musicfest, Chet & Ann Goldberg.

Interested in becoming a part of Arizona Musicfest? New volunteers are always welcome. Please call us at 480 488-0806 or drop by our office at 7518 Elbow Bend Road in Carefree, or visit our website at www.azmusicfest.org



Young Musicians Competition in honor of Chet & Ann Goldberg

“To recognize and encourage the talents of the young musicians of our state.”