2022 Pittsburgh Piano Teachers Association Advanced Honors Awards Competition

PPTA members' students who are ages 16-19 as of April 15, 2022 are invited to apply to compete in the PPTA Advanced Honors Awards Competition. There is no entrance fee for the competition and teachers may enter more than one eligible student. Applications are due by April 15, 2022.

The 2022 competition will be held in person at PYCO School of Music recital hall on Saturday, April 30, 2022 in the afternoon.

Entrants perform a minimum of two contrasting pieces (of two different time periods) from standard repertoire chosen from the following lists:

- Levels 9 and 10 only from the Royal Conservatory of Music Piano Syllabus: https://www.rcmusic.com/sites/default/files/files/S41_PianoSyllabus_2016_online_f.pdf
- NFMC Very Difficult I, Very Difficult II, or Musically Advanced Class I (Lists can be found in the NFMC bulletin.)
- Performance Levels 11-12 Achievement in Music (STAR Evaluations) Syllabus PPTA AIM Syllabus Level 11 and 12 Repertoire.pdf

The breakdown of prizes to be awarded in 2022 is as follows:

1st place $2,000
2nd place $1,000
Entrants who perform a third piece by an American composer from these repertoire lists are also eligible to be considered for the American Music Prize. The American Music Prize will be an additional $500 award, and this may be awarded to the 1st or 2nd place winner as an additional piece performed along with the required two pieces.

A performance time limit of 20 minutes will be enforced. Each piece also has a time limit of 7 minutes.

Memorization of all repertoire performed is required. Applicant must provide to the chair one complete copy (in pdf form) of all repertoire to be performed.

The Honors Awards are one-time awards for all who place in the competition. Those who place first or second may not enter the competition in subsequent years. In the event that the American Prize winner does not place 1st or 2nd, they may compete again in a consecutive year.

Three outside judges (not PPTA members) will be hired to judge this competition. The judges will use blind ballot procedures similar to MTNA competition judging guidelines.

The 1st place winner will be required to perform at the May PPTA Competition Winners' Awards Recital (the third Wednesday in May) in the year that they win the prize.

All competition participants will receive certificates of participation. No honorable mentions will be awarded. All awards are made at the judges' discretion. The judges' decision is final. Parents, guardians, and teachers may not challenge the judges' decision.

Direct any inquiries to Mary Lynne Bennett, Competition Chair, bennet12@duq.edu

For rules and application click here.