

The New York State Music Teachers Association, Inc., affiliated with MTNA, announces the

16th Annual Empire State Competition



Friday October 9, 2015
The College of Saint Rose
Albany, New York

Junior High School Competitions
High School Competitions
Collegiate Competitions

Eligibility

Any New York State junior high student (Grades 7-9), NYS high school student (Grades 10-12), or NYS college student (not yet 27 years old as of October 1, 2015) is eligible. Entrant must be a New York State resident or a resident student attending a school in New York State. Teacher membership in NYSMTA is not required. **2015 Empire State Competition entrants are NOT eligible to compete in the concurrent 2015 MTNA competitions.**

Fees (non-refundable)

Students of NYSMTA members: Junior High School – \$20.00; High School – \$25.00; Collegiate – \$30.00
 Students of non-NYSMTA members: Junior H. S. - \$40.00; High School – \$50.00; Collegiate – \$60.00

Adjudication

Judges may elect to declare no winner if competition performance standards are not met. Judges' decisions are final. Due to time constraints, entrants in any category may be stopped by the adjudicators during the performance of any work.

Postmark deadline: SEPTEMBER 4, 2015.

Repertoire changes (in writing) deadline: SEPTEMBER 11, 2015.

Make checks payable to "NYSMTA". Complete application (keep a copy for your records) and send original, with check, to:

JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL COMPETITIONS

Heather Wheeler, 10 Waverly St. Potsdam, NY 13676. 315-265-2530. wheehlehl@potdam.edu

HIGH SCHOOL COMPETITIONS

Jane Chang, 16613 Jewel Ave, Fresh Meadows, NY 11365. 607-342-8457. setsuen.chang@gmail.com

COLLEGIATE COMPETITIONS

Wenqing Bouche Pillon, 3165 Culver Road, Rochester, New York 14622. 917-903-2697
pianomagique@gmail.com

Prizes in Each Category:**Collegiate prizes:**

\$500 Past-Presidents Prize in Voice
 \$500 Hadassah Sahr Prize in Piano
 \$500 Past-Presidents Instrumental Prize

Junior High School prizes:

\$200 Past-Presidents Prize in Piano
 \$200 Past-Presidents Instrumental Prize

High School prizes:

\$350 Past-Presidents Prize in Voice
 \$350 Past-Presidents Instrumental Prize
 \$350 Past-Presidents Prize in Piano

Winners are invited to participate in a Winners Recital, to take place immediately following the conclusion of the final competitions.

EMPIRE STATE COMPETITION REPERTOIRE REQUIREMENTS

For specific repertoire questions, please contact the appropriate Empire Competition Coordinator. One composition or movement in each category fulfills the requirement. Several short selections by the same composer may also be grouped together to form a category. **Concertos are not allowed in the piano category. Repertoire for prepared piano or repertoire requiring additional equipment will not be accepted. Memorization is required for all works in the Piano Category. Memorization is not required for the Instrumental Category except for works that are originally for solo and orchestra.** Scores composed by the performers must be submitted by the application deadline. (No handwritten scores accepted.) Competitors will be notified within one week of the application deadline regarding acceptability. Any score not deemed acceptable may be substituted with a more suitable work. No scores will be returned.

Piano or Instrumental Category—Collegiate

Totaling a minimum of 20 minutes, audition time is 20 minutes.

The selected repertoire must be representative of sustained, lyrical playing as well as technical agility. Choose repertoire from 3 of the 5 following categories, *with category 5 being required.*

- 1) Baroque
- 2) Classical
- 3) Romantic
- 4) Impressionist/20th century up to and including 1950.
- 5) **REQUIRED: Contemporary (After 1950 to the present)**

Piano or Instrumental Category—High School

Totaling a minimum of 15 minutes, audition time is 15 minutes.

The selected repertoire must be representative of sustained, lyrical playing as well as technical agility. Choose repertoire from 3 of the 5 following categories, **One repertoire selection *must* be chosen from category 4 or 5.**

- 1) Baroque
- 2) Classical
- 3) Romantic
- 4) Impressionist/20th century.
- 5) Contemporary (After 1950 to the present)

Piano or Instrumental Category—Junior High School

Totaling a minimum of 10 minutes, audition time is 10 minutes.

The selected repertoire must be representative of sustained, lyrical playing as well as technical agility. Choose repertoire from 3 of the 5 following categories, **One repertoire selection *must* be chosen from category 4 or 5.**

- 1) Baroque
- 2) Classical
- 3) Romantic
- 4) Impressionist/20th century.
- 5) Contemporary (After 1950 to the present)

Voice—High School

Four (4) memorized selections in contrasting styles and languages, one of which must be in English. Audition time is 15 minutes.

Voice--Collegiate

Four (4) memorized selections in contrasting styles and languages, one of which must be in English. In addition, two (2) arias (one opera and one oratorio) must be presented. Audition time is 20 minutes.

Original scores *must* be provided for the judges. The Empire State Competition expects all entrants and accompanists to abide by the Federal Copyright Law. No photocopies will be allowed unless accompanied by a letter from the publisher. **Exceptions to this provision must be approved by the competitions coordinator no later than September 11, 2015.**

We allow transcriptions of period works to suit repertoire requirements for instrument classifications where actual ORIGINAL repertoire may not be available, as long as the transcription remains faithful to the style period of the original. The date of the original composition determines the style period requirement satisfied by the transcription.

A list of accompanists will be provided upon request if you are unable to bring your own. **Deadline for requesting the accompanist list is September 11, 2015.**

Travel and Accommodations:

Directions, parking and hotel information will be included with the competition schedule information, which will be mailed in late September. Contestants are responsible for their own travel and hotel arrangements.

POSTMARK DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 4, 2015

Changes in repertoire must be submitted in writing and will be accepted until the September 11, 2015 deadline.

Applications are also available at www.nysmta.org.

EMPIRE STATE COMPETITION APPLICATION FORM

(Please complete form and copy — send original and keep the copy for your records.)

This application may be downloaded and printed from the web at NYSMTA.org.

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

E-mail _____ Instrument _____

Junior High* _____ High School* _____ Collegiate _____ Year or Grade _____

***Teacher's signature required for HS and JH entrants:**

Teacher's Name _____ NYSMTA Member Y / N

Teacher's E-mail _____ Teacher's Phone # _____

Teacher's Address _____

Piano Or Instrumental Category

CHECK ONE

_____ Junior High (Three+ selections totaling a minimum of 10 minutes; audition time is 10 minutes.)

_____ High School (Three selections totaling a minimum of 15 minutes; audition time is 15 minutes.)

_____ Collegiate (Three selections totaling a minimum of 20 minutes; audition time is 20 minutes.)

1. Contemporary

STYLE CATEGORY COMPOSER COMPLETE TITLE, OPUS, NUMBER, KEY, MOVEMENT, etc. EXACT TIMING

2.

STYLE CATEGORY COMPOSER COMPLETE TITLE, OPUS, NUMBER, KEY, MOVEMENT, etc. EXACT TIMING

3.

STYLE CATEGORY COMPOSER COMPLETE TITLE, OPUS, NUMBER, KEY, MOVEMENT, etc. EXACT TIMING

Voice Category

CHECK ONE

_____ High School (Four selections - Audition time is 15 minutes.) Voice Type _____

_____ Collegiate (Six selections - Audition time is 20 minutes.) Voice Type _____

Art song in English:

1. _____
COMPOSER TITLE EXACT TIMING

Additional language:

2. _____
COMPOSER TITLE EXACT TIMING

Additional art songs:

3. _____
COMPOSER TITLE EXACT TIMING

4. _____
COMPOSER TITLE EXACT TIMING

Additional selections for Collegiate Level

Aria—Opera:

5. _____
COMPOSER TITLE OPERA EXACT TIMING

Aria—Oratorio:

6. _____
COMPOSER TITLE ORATORIO EXACT TIMING

Accompanist name: _____

Or, I need an accompanist (please check) _____