



59th Annual Chandler Starr Miller Scholarship Competition 2019-2020 Rules

The Mendelssohn Performing Arts Center, through its Chandler Starr Miller Scholarship Competition, endeavors to foster a love of music and the joy of active participation in the performing arts. The many benefits of participation in music include memory and concentration skills, poise, self-discipline and the familiarity with great music and musicians, which enhances the quality of life at all ages.

*~ Eleanor Stanlis, former chair
1922-2000*

Competition Fees and Dates

The **Scholarship Competition** will be held on **Saturday, April 18, 2020. MPAC Campus.**

The presentation of all awards and the **WINNERS' RECITAL** will be held on **Sunday, April 19, 2020, at 2:00 p.m.** at **Mendelssohn Performing Arts Center's Mendelssohn Hall**, 406 North Main Street in Rockford. Eligible first-place winners will be asked to perform one of their competition pieces. The **WINNERS' RECITAL** is open to the public. **Winners' Recital admission is FREE.**

Competition Participation Fees:

Student Fee: \$35.00 per **each** musical division entered. Entry fees are not refundable unless a withdrawal is requested in writing prior to the stated entry deadline.

Teacher Fee: None

PAYMENT: Online payment at time of registration. If paying by check make checks payable to **Mendelssohn Performing Arts Center** and mail or drop off with all required materials to: **Mendelssohn Performing Arts Center, 406 North Main St., Rockford, IL 61103.**

DEADLINES: **Entries for all divisions must be received in person at Mendelssohn Performing Arts Center no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 3, 2020, OR online no later than 11:59 p.m. Sunday, April 5, 2020.**

ABSOLUTELY NO EXCEPTIONS OR EXTENSIONS WILL BE ALLOWED FOR THE ENTRY DEADLINES.

Eligibility

Junior Division ~ Ages 11 – 13

Senior Division ~ Ages 14 – 18

1. Entrants (including foreign exchange students) and/or their teachers/music directors must reside in one of the following Illinois counties: Winnebago, Boone, Ogle, DeKalb, Stephenson, Jo Daviess, McHenry, Kane, Lee, Bureau, or Whiteside, or the following Wisconsin counties: Grant, Green, Lafayette, Rock, or Walworth.
2. All divisions will be open to students taking private music lessons, students in school music ensembles, and/or students in established music ensembles taught by professional musicians.
3. Entry forms must be signed by the student's teacher/music director, and the student's parent/guardian.
4. Students will only be officially entered into the competition once all entry forms have been completed and submitted, and all student fees have been paid. Only entry forms and fee payments received by Mendelssohn Performing Arts Center by the stated deadline will be accepted.
5. Only students age 11-13 as of December 16, 2019 are eligible for the Junior Division. Only students age 14-18 as of December 16, 2019 are eligible for the Senior Division.
6. Past First-Place Winners may participate in the same category and division in which they won previously, provided they are eligible. These past winners will receive the experience of mastering and performing the required literature along with the judge's evaluation. They will not be eligible for cash awards nor honorable mention.
7. A minimum of five applicants in any one category is required for competition to be held for that category.
8. **Any questions regarding eligibility should be directed to Sharon Whitlock, 2020 Chair, Chandler Scholarship Competition at sharon.whitlock@sbcglobal.net.**

Rules

1. All repertoire must be approved by the Competition committee. No changes in repertoire are allowed.
2. **Any questions regarding repertoire should be directed to Sharon Whitlock, 2020 Chair, Chandler Scholarship Competition at sharon.whitlock@sbcglobal.net.**
3. Repertoire submitted by a student for previous Mendelssohn PAC Competitions will not be acceptable for subsequent Mendelssohn PAC Competitions by that same student.
4. PLEASE NOTE: It is the responsibility of the applicants, parents/guardians, and their teachers/music directors to make sure that all forms are completed and submitted, and all student entry fees are paid by the stated deadlines. Neither MPAC nor the CSM competition chair is responsible for notifying applicants, parents/guardians, and/or their teachers/music directors of incomplete/missing forms and/or entry fees.
5. All competitors must provide their own accompanists, if needed. Judges have stressed that the skill level of accompanists can hinder or enhance the performance. Don't wait to find an accompanist; start now.
6. It is acceptable for students competing in the competition to act as piano accompanist for other competitors.

7. Only competitor, accompanist, page-turner (if needed), and judges are allowed in room during performance.
8. Students must bring to the Competition one original of and copies of each composition to be performed for the judges as follows: Junior and Senior Divisions – one (1) original and one (1) photocopy. Original music will be returned. Please wait for judges to finish their notes and return your music. Photocopies will not be returned. **NOTE:** If you do not have your photocopies with you at the competition, you will be disqualified from competing. Copy machines at the competition venues will **NOT** be available for student or teacher/music director use.
9. On all music, measures must be numbered. Also, bar numbers and all notes must be clearly legible on all copies.
10. Due to time limitations, Judges have the option of stopping the students prior to completion of their piece(s).
11. All prizes will be awarded at the Judges' discretion. There will be no ties awarded. If the Judges determine that the quality of performance is not up to their standards, certain prizes may not be awarded.
12. Teachers/music directors will receive copies of the Judges' written critiques and their students' certificates of participation within thirty (30) days of the competition.
13. A short warm up will be scheduled for every student but due to time constraints it is best to warmup beforehand as well. Students have the option of playing a few scales or chord progressions before beginning their pieces, not to exceed one minute. These scales/chord progressions will not be part of the judging.
14. ALL student participants are encouraged to attend the Winner's Recital on Sunday, April 19, 2020 at 2:00 pm at Mendelssohn Performing Arts Center's Mendelssohn Hall Auditorium at 406 N. Main St. in Rockford. All winners will be recognized. All first-place winners, as well as the Coppoletti award winner, will be expected to perform one of their 2020 Competition selections at the recital. All awards will be presented at this time.
15. The Winners' Recital is considered part of the Competition. All competitors should plan to attend the Winners' Recital, have an accompanist ready if necessary, plan ample time to warm up, and be prepared to announce their name, the title and composer of their piece in a loud, clear voice, in case of a first-place win.

Junior Division ~ Ages 11 - 13

Categories: Piano, Strings

Repertoire Requirements ~ Junior Piano, Junior Strings:

1. Two (2) contrasting pieces or movements from multi-movement forms, one of which must come from the Baroque or Classical (including Beethoven) period, and the second of which must come from a different period. It is permissible to perform one piece from the Baroque period and one piece from the Classical period. Only one movement of any given piece will be allowed.
2. Piano concertos will not be allowed.
3. No pop tunes, feature film theme songs, Disney songs or Broadway show songs.
4. No out-of-print music is allowed.
5. No prepared piano or electronic devices are allowed.
6. No duets or ensembles will be allowed.
7. **All** selections are to be memorized.
8. For longer repertoire with repeats, the repeats are optional.

Time limitations: Each participant will be allotted a maximum of ten (10) minutes of the 15-minute time period to perform. In cases where length of pieces exceeds the time limit, judges will select portions to be heard.

Senior Division ~ Ages 14 - 18

Categories: Piano, Strings, Voice

Repertoire Requirements ~ Senior Piano

1. Two (2) contrasting pieces or movements from multi-movement forms. These must include: 1) a Baroque or Classical (including Beethoven) composition plus 2) a composition from a different period. Only one movement from a piece will be allowed.
2. Piano concertos and transcriptions of opera themes or arias will not be allowed.
3. No pop tunes, feature film theme songs, Disney songs or Broadway show songs.
4. No prepared piano or electronic devices are allowed.
5. No duets or ensembles will be allowed.
6. No out-of-print music is allowed.
7. **All** selections are to be memorized.
8. For longer repertoire with repeats, the repeats are optional.

Time limitations: Each participant will be allotted fifteen (15) minutes of the 20-minute time period to perform. In cases where length of pieces exceeds the time limit, judges will select portions to be heard.

Repertoire Requirements ~ Senior Strings

1. Two (2) contrasting selections, differing in both tempo and technique, drawn from two (2) different categories of the three listed below:
 - Renaissance OR Baroque OR Classical (Dowland, Handel, Bach, Mozart, Sor, etc.)
 - Romantic OR Impressionist (Mendelssohn, Brahms, Vieuxtemps, Debussy, etc.)
 - Composers born after 1880 (Prokofiev, Bartok, Hindemith, Brouwer, etc.)
2. Each student must perform each piece starting at the beginning, or at the start of the movement listed on the application.
3. No pop tunes, feature film theme songs, Disney songs or Broadway show songs.
4. No out-of-print music is allowed.
5. **All selections are to be memorized.**
6. For longer repertoire with repeats, the repeats are optional.

Time limitations: Each participant will be allotted fifteen (15) minutes of the 20-minute time period to perform. In cases where length of pieces exceeds the time limit, judges will select portions to be heard.

Repertoire Requirements ~ Senior Voice

1. Either two (2) Art Songs in contrasting styles, or two (2) contrasting selections drawn from the three categories listed below (one of the two selections must be an Art Song):
 - Art Song
 - Aria
 - Musical theatre (choices: George Gershwin, Cole Porter, Rodgers and Hammerstein/Hart, Gilbert and Sullivan, Victor Herbert, or Rudolf Friml), in a non-belting style
2. All repertoire must be sung in the original language in which it was written.
3. No pop tunes, feature film theme songs or Disney songs.
4. No out-of-print music is allowed.
5. Ability in a foreign language will be recognized.
6. **All** selections are to be memorized.
7. **Live Accompaniment only. No tracks, tapes, or CDs.**

Time limitations: Each participant will be allotted ten (10) minutes of the 15-minute time period to perform. In cases where length of pieces exceeds the time limit, judges will select portions to be heard.

2020 Scholarship Competition Awards

All first place awardees will be called prior to 8pm the night of the competition. All other awardees will be listed on the MPAC website by the same time.

The following may be given in the **JUNIOR PIANO DIVISION:**

1. One (1) \$100 Chandler Starr Miller Award to the single TOP pianist
2. One (1) \$75 L.A. Frisbie Miller Award
3. One (1) \$25 Jane Lyons Memorial Award
4. Honorable Mention

The following may be given in the **JUNIOR STRINGS DIVISION:**

1. One (1) \$100 Chandler Starr Miller Award to the single TOP string player
2. One (1) \$75 L.A. Frisbie Miller Award
3. One (1) \$25 Jane Lyons Memorial Award
4. Honorable Mention

The following may be given in the **SENIOR PIANO DIVISION:**

1. One (1) \$250 Chandler Starr Miller Award to the single TOP pianist
2. One (1) \$150 L.A. Frisbie Miller Award
3. One (1) \$100 Irene Glasford Award
4. Honorable Mention

The following may be given in the **SENIOR STRINGS DIVISION:**

1. One (1) \$250 Chandler Starr Miller Award to the single TOP string player
2. One (1) \$150 Jane Lyons Memorial Award
3. One (1) \$100 L.A. Frisbie Miller Award
4. Honorable Mention

The following may be given in **SENIOR VOICE DIVISION:**

1. One (1) \$250 Stella Rankin Memorial Award to the single TOP vocalist
2. One (1) \$150 Jane Lyons Memorial Award
3. One (1) \$100 Jane Lyons Memorial Award
4. Honorable Mention

One (1) \$500 Jean Coppoletti “Joy and Inspiration” Award

Jean Coppoletti “Joy & Inspiration” Singing Fund

According to the family of Jean Coppoletti, “. . .at the age of 3, while lying awake in bed, Jean felt a pair of hands wrap around her neck. She was not afraid. She somehow understood these were the hands of God, touching her throat, informing her she would use her voice as His instrument. She would sing. And sing she did – effortlessly, like breathing in and breathing out. When she sang, her joy was palpable, and listeners felt the power of a woman in possession of a special gift. Jean chose to use her voice as God intended - to calm, to comfort, to inspire and to ‘move’ people.”

An anonymous patron paid for Jean’s voice lessons in high school and junior college. The Jean Coppoletti “Joy & Inspiration” Singing Fund was established to provide an annual award to a singer under the age of 21 whose voice captures the qualities Jean possessed . . .

- the gift of joy in singing
- the gift of inspiration – the ability to touch people with one’s voice

The award may be used for voice lessons, vocal training, and college tuition involved in the study of voice, and will be included in the annual Chandler Starr Miller Scholarship Competition in the Senior Voice Division.

The Jean Coppoletti “Joy & Inspiration” Singing Fund was established by Jean’s family and friends as a fond remembrance of a loving sister, mother, grandmother, aunt and friend. Jean was a professional singer, trained in opera. Born in Rockford, she attended Auburn High School and Rock Valley College. She moved to Florida in her 20’s, and sang with many vocal groups throughout Florida during her career, including the Nova Singers, and the Noel Vocal Quartet, which performed on Princess Cruise Lines and at various events. She inspired congregations as soprano soloist for The Pink Church (First Presbyterian Church) in Pompano Beach, Florida, and, most recently, for St. Gregory’s Episcopal Church in Boca Raton.

Chandler Starr Miller Competitions Winners' Recital

The Winners' Recital is a vital part of the Chandler Starr Miller Competition. It has been a long-standing tradition that all 1st place Chandler Competition winners perform at the Winners' Recital.

ALL competitors should assume that they could win their division, and therefore ALL competitors should set aside the time and date to attend the Winners' Recital. This means that ALL competitors should inform their accompanists of the possibility of performing at the Winners' Recital, and if that accompanist is not available, have an alternative accompanist on call. All 1st place winners should arrive early at the Winners' Recital for warm-up, and be prepared to announce their name and the title and composer of their piece in a loud, clear voice.

We strongly encourage all competitors to attend the Winners' Recital even if they do not win any of the prizes. The Winners' Recital gives young musicians an opportunity to network with other musicians of all ages. It also aids and inspires young musicians and their teachers as they start preparing for the next Chandler Competition and other upcoming music events.

Finally, the Winners' Recital is an event often attended by financial sponsors of the Chandler Starr Miller Scholarship Competition. An enthusiastic audience of young musicians, parents, teachers, friends, and other members of the community encourages community members and organizations to continue supporting youth music events such as the Chandler Starr Miller Scholarship Competition.