

# The 25<sup>th</sup> Annual San Francisco Chopin Competition for Young Pianists

June 6, 2020

CONCERT OF THE WINNERS

June 7, 2020

## Prizes

### FIRST AGE CATEGORY

First Prize	\$60
Second Prize	\$45
Third Prize	\$35

### SECOND AGE CATEGORY

First Prize	\$250
Second Prize	\$150
Third Prize	\$75

### THIRD AGE CATEGORY

First Prize	\$500
Second Prize	\$250
Third Prize	\$150

Laureates will also receive Diplomas, and all contestants will receive Certificates of Participation.

## Application

**Application deadline:** April 20, 2020

Please mail (please no certified postal service) applications to:

Chopin Council of San Francisco  
c/o Mack McCray  
2123 — 26th Avenue  
San Francisco, CA 94116

### Application materials include:

- a completed application form
- proof of age
- a one paragraph biography sent via e-mail to Meikui@aol.com
- a check or money order for a non refundable application fee:
  - 1st category: \$60
  - 2nd category: \$70
  - 3rd category: \$80

The 25<sup>th</sup> Annual San Francisco Chopin Competition for Young Pianists is open to pianists fifteen years old or younger, residing or studying in the San Francisco Bay Area in the following counties: Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Solano and Sonoma.

The Competition will take place on June 6, 2020 at the San Francisco Conservatory of Music, 50 Oak Street, San Francisco, CA.

The Competition will be conducted in three age categories:

1. **First Age Category:** through nine years old (born after June 7, 2010 ).
2. **Second Age Category:** from ten through twelve years old (born after June 7, 2007 but on or before June 6, 2010 ).
3. **Third Age Category:** from thirteen through fifteen years old (born after June 7, 2004 but on or before June 6, 2007 ).

## Rules

- Every applicant's teacher must be a member of the Chopin Foundation of San Francisco. Membership form: [chopinsf.org/membershipform.pdf](http://chopinsf.org/membershipform.pdf)
- All compositions are original piano works by Fryderyk Chopin.
- Numbers in brackets refer to the Paderewski edition of all Chopin's works. A specific edition is not required.
- All pieces are to be played from memory. Contestants may choose the order in which the pieces are played. Please indicate it in the application form.
- A copy of the music performed (no photo copies) must be presented for the judges.
- Contestants may be asked to perform only a portion of their program.
- Suggested duration of each contestant's program: First Age Category—5 minutes; Second Age Category—10 minutes; Third Age Category: 20 minutes.
- Repetitions are not necessary and allowed only within the time limit.
- Winners should be prepared to perform at the Winners Concert on June 7 , 2020 and the Chopin Christmas Concert in December 2020.
- Any winner who doesn't perform in the Winners Concert on June 7 (without a substantial and documented reason) will be automatically disqualified from receiving that prize, and ineligible to play in the Holiday Concert in December.
- First prize winners of the previous Competitions are not eligible to participate in the same age category.
- Jury's decisions are final.

# Required Repertoire

## FIRST AGE CATEGORY (THROUGH 9):

One composition by Chopin of the contestant's choice.

## SECOND AGE CATEGORY (10-12):

1. One work from the following:
  - a. Polonaise in g minor, Op. posth. [no. 11, Allegro ma non troppo]
  - b. Polonaise in B-fl at Major, Op. posth. [no. 12, Vivo]
  - c. Polonaise in A-fl at Major, Op. posth. [no. 13]
  - d. Mazurka in g minor, Op. 67, no. 2
  - e. Mazurka in a minor, Op. 68, no. 2
  - f. Mazurka in F Major, Op. 68, no. 3
  - g. Mazurka in B-fl at Major [no. 52, 1825]
  - h. Mazurka in G Major [no. 53, 1825]
  - i. Mazurka in B-fl at Major [no. 56, 1832]
2. One work by Chopin of the contestant's choice.

## THIRD AGE CATEGORY (13-15):

1. One of the 21 Nocturnes
2. One of the 17 Waltzes or one Mazurkas [exceptions: Mazurkas in the Second Age Category are not eligible]
3. One of the 24 Etudes
4. One work by Chopin of the contestant's choice.

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### APPLICATION FORM

Last name: \_\_\_\_\_ First name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Competition repertoire [works by Chopin] with duration of each piece and performance order:

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

This signature affirms that my student is able and prepared to enter the 25th Chopin Competition, 2020.

Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher's signature: \_\_\_\_\_