

Classical Viennese Festival 2021 Participation Rules, Information, and Application

Overview

The Seattle International Piano Festival (SIPF) is proud to present the ninth annual Classical Viennese Festival (recorded video edition) for pianists and string performers. Participants of any nationality may participate. This competitive event was created to showcase classical and pre-classical sonata forms. Important for clarity and formal understanding, the sonata and related classical forms are often neglected or underrepresented in competitive events, and to provide performers with constructive feedback from performing and teaching masters. Participants will receive educational evaluations by performing for adjudicators, and a chance to receive certificates and medals during this competitive event.

This festival sets forth a number of age groups, as well as several narrowly defined performance categories so that they may be fairly judged, and generously decorated.

Festivals

The 2021 “*Classical Viennese Festival*” takes place exclusively as an online pre-recorded video event. The deadline to submit is 11:59 PM, Thursday, March 4, 2021, Pacific Standard Time (GMT-8). Auditors will be able to review participants when a complete program with video hyperlinks will be published at <https://www.seattlepianocompetition.org/nw-festivals/classical/Eligibility>

The following age divisions are defined for participants:

- age 7 and under (non-competitive)
- age 8 and under
- ages 9 to 10
- ages 11 to 12
- ages 13 to 14
- ages 15 to 16
- ages 17 to 18
- collegiate
- amateurs, ages 19 and older
- professional (those with a masters or higher degree or equivalent certification)

The following performance groups are defined for participants:

- (A) **Non-Competitive, Ages 7 or under** — Participants, age 7 and under, eligible to participate in the semi-competitive division will receive comments from adjudicators specifically tailored for how to prepare successfully for future fully-competitive events. All participants will receive gold stars. Participants may freely choose and mix from any classical area work or works up to the maximum allowed time and may be either piano or violin participants. Up to 4 minutes of music. Cost: \$65
- (B) **Sonatinas** — pre-classical to high classical sonatinas from composers such as Clementi, Kuhlau, Dussek, Köhler, Diabelli, Leopold Mozart, Beethoven, and their contemporaries. Choose any number or combination of movements within this group equal to or less than the maximum duration for assigned to the age category. Note that the “6 Viennese Sonatinas for piano KV 439b” by W.A. Mozart are acceptable only for group (F) Sonatas by W.A. Mozart for the purposes of Classical Viennese Festival category divisions. *No sonatinas of post-Classical composers (Gurlitt, Kabalevsky, Lynes, and the like) are admissible. No sonatas.* Up to 5 minutes of music. Cost: \$70
- (C) **Pre-Classical Sonatas** — single movement sonatas by Soler, Scarlatti, or Seixas, or other pre-classical composer not listed above. Participants may select sets of multiple works within this group equal to or less than the maximum duration. Up to 6 minutes of music. Cost: \$75
- (D) **Sonatas by “Sons of Bach”** — Choose any number or combination of movements within this group equal to or less than the maximum duration. Up to 6 minutes of music. Cost: \$75
- (E) **Sonatas of Other Composers** — sonatas not qualifying in other groups, such as those by Dussek, Mateo Albéniz, Diabelli, Clementi, and similar composers. Choose any number or combination of movements within this group equal to or less than the maximum duration. Up to 6 minutes of music. Cost: \$75
- (F) **Sonatas by W. A. Mozart** — Choose any number or combination of movements within the same sonata equal to or less than the maximum duration. Note: The “6 Viennese Sonatinas for piano KV 439b” are considered full sonatas for the purposes of category divisions in the Classical Viennese Festival. Up to 9 minutes of music. Cost: \$80

- (G) **Sonatas by F. J. Haydn** — Choose any number or combination of movements within the same sonata equal to or less than the maximum duration. Up to 9 minutes of music. Cost: \$80
- (H) **Sonatas by L. v. Beethoven** — Choose any number or combination of movements within the same sonata equal to or less than the maximum duration. Up to 9 minutes of music. Cost: \$80
- (I) **Sonatas by F. Schubert** — Choose any number or combination of movements within the same sonata equal to or less than the maximum duration. Up to 9 minutes of music. Cost: \$80
- (J) **Variations of Classical Composers** — Choose the theme and any number of consecutive variations within a single set (minimum: 3), equal to or less than the maximum duration. Up to 10 minutes of music. Cost: \$80
- (K) **Miscellaneous Works** — Choose any one or more work(s) or movements, excluding movements of sonatinas, sonatas, or variations by any classical era composer, equal to or less than the maximum duration. Inadmissible are virtuosic, dance, or character pieces representative of romantic era works, including (but not limited to) waltzes, impromptus, etudes. An example of inadmissible work considered “romantic” for all intents and purposes includes Weber’s *Invitation To the Dance* or Waltzes by Clementi. Up to 10 minutes of music. Cost: \$80
- (L) **String Participant** — Choose one or more solo works by any composer(s) defined within the parameters of “Classical” era music, equal to or less than the maximum duration. The participant need not supply a piano accompanist for their video recording. In such a case, the performer may exhibit his or her excerpts only, omitting tacit sections. String performers may choose Classical concerti repertoire in addition to sonatas or other Classical idiomatic forms of the era. Up to 9 min of music. Cost: \$80
- (M) **Keyboard Concerto** — The concerto division for pianists resumes for the 2021 edition. Choose one movement from a classical concerto. A piano accompaniment need not be supplied. In such a case, the performer may exhibit his or her excerpts only, omitting tacit sections. One movement (no time limit), or two movements of 9 min in length total or less. Cost: \$80

The festival separates all age divisions and groups into *competitive* and *noncompetitive* subdivisions. The noncompetitive subdivision has been created to encourage more participants who wish to pursue the festival for purely educational reasons, for a chance to receive feedback from adjudicators, or for those who may be participating for the first time in such an event. Noncompetitive participants may wish to use the opportunity to “wet their toes” with regard to a competitive experience, perhaps selecting a competitive option during future festivals. Noncompetitive participants will not have their video links published.

Participants must be the required age as of March 4, 2021. There is no set limit regarding the number of students that a single teacher may submit. Likewise, teachers are in no way required to provide any volunteer assistance or pay any fee in order to submit students. Participants may choose to participate in more than one group; however, a separate accompanying application form and fee is required for each instance of participation.

The organizers reserve the right to divide exceptionally large groups into smaller sub-divisions based on age or any other criteria to help make participation more equitable. The organizers also reserve the right to reject applications that are incomplete or fail to adhere to the rules, standards, or style delineation; this can occur at any point during the festival period. It is the sole responsibility of the participant to ensure completeness. No opportunity to re-submit will be offered after the deadline. All participants will receive an automated confirmation message with complete application info. The SIPF takes no responsibility for application transmission errors.

RULES

Applications

Applications are available online at <https://www.seattlepianocompetition.org/nw-festivals/application/classical-online-form/>. In order to be considered for participation, applications must be filled out correctly and completely and payment made. Please refer frequently to <https://www.seattlepianocompetition.org/nw-festivals/classical/> for any updates, errata, judges information, and results.

Applications must be submitted by 11:59 pm on Thursday, March 4, 2021. The complete program with participant links will be published on our festival page shortly after the deadline closes.

Participants should receive an electronic confirmation notice with summary of registration immediately upon submission. If no notice arrives in the email account you specify on the entry form arrives within 10

minutes, notify the festival staff by writing to info@seattlepianocompetition.org. The SIPF takes no responsibility for inaccurate, incomplete, or unsuccessful entry submissions.

The application fee is nonrefundable. In the case of entries rejected due to incomplete status or failure to adhere to rules or procedures after the entry deadline, a refund less a \$30 processing fee applies.

Video Submission

All participants must submit publicly accessible videos via YouTube link (may be attached to the application, or entered later on [this alternate video submission form](#)). The SIPF takes no responsibility for videos that have permissions set to limit viewership or are published through any other video sharing platform (vimeo, etc). Ensure that your video is viewable by a third party, even if you choose to make them unlisted. Note that all fully competitive participants will have their program and links published on our site for public viewing.

Participants are free to submit up to three separate video links when applying for the multiple works subdivision (all works are not required to be on the same video link). ***The first link must contain a brief introduction by the performer stating his or her name for verification purposes*** (a first name that matches the application entry will suffice). This introduction may be attached to the first performance, or included as a wholly separate link.

Submit a recorded video between now and Thursday, March 4 at 11:59 pm. If you choose to apply before you have prepared your video links, you may later return and submit your video via this [online submission form](#). Record your selection as many times as you would like.

Recordings must conform to the following standards and procedures:

- Recordings must consist of unedited, uninterrupted video footage of the participant from a single camera angle with coverage of the performer's hands and face at all times (one track per single movement; separate tracks for multiple pieces or movements is permissible).
- Recordings must begin with the participant stating his or her name in a clear voice (first track only, or submitted on a wholly separate introduction track).
- Recordings must be cued to begin within five seconds after the performer identifies him or herself (a first name that matches the application entry will suffice).
- Recordings must feature the work with which the participant originally entered.
- Recordings must be uploaded to YouTube and set for unlisted or public access (no private listings requiring permissions).

The entry form will accept your links. Enter the performer's name exactly like you entered in the original competition entry form. The form will go offline when the deadline lapses. Please ensure you receive an automated confirmation message within minutes of your entry. Failure to receive a message indicates a transmission issue or incomplete submission. If you don't get a confirmation immediately, write to info@seattlepianocompetition.org

Repertoire

Participants are free to choose any works within the parameters defined in their chosen group. In cases of inconsistency, or uncertainty regarding a particular work, write to info@seattlepiano.competition.org with the subject title: REPERTOIRE RULING. Ruling requests must be made before the application deadline. Please allow for 3-5 days for a response.

*Participants must perform works strictly from memory. Amateur and non-competitive soloists are exempt from performing by memory, but must still provide an additional score for the adjudicator.

No change in repertoire is allowed after the application submission. Please indicate accurate timing.

Music Scores

Scores are not required for the online version of the 2021 Classical Viennese Festival.

Prizes and Results

Within each category, up to three first-, second-, and third-prize winners will be named, along with an indeterminate number of honorable mentions. Among the prizes are medals and certificates. All participants receive certificates of completion. In the noncompetitive divisions, the adjudicator reserves the right to award a star of special artist promise. The SIFP may ask winners to take part in fund-raising concert events in the future. Any invitation to perform is based on the discretion of the SIFP board, and permission of guardians of the performer as well as his/her instructor.

Each participant, his/her family, friends, and guests, and each teacher/coach must accept any juror's decision as final and unappealable. Attendees of the festival may not approach, engage with, or debate any aspect of the decision or his or her commentary with any juror, both before and after the performance event. Participants must furthermore treat the SIFP volunteers and organizers with respect, and may not debate or question results or commentary. Failure to adhere to this rule may permanently disbar the participant and/or all students of a participant's teacher from future such festivals and competitions. Contacting an adjudicator directly is strictly prohibited.

Any words of appreciation, complaints, comments, or suggestions may be submitted in written form and mailed to: SIFP, PO Box 3035, Issaquah, WA 98027-0136.

Distribution of Awards

Local area participants (within reasonable driving range of the Seattle Eastside area) may pick up their awards at a time and place to be announced after the conclusion of the adjudication process. Please allow 4 weeks time after the completion of adjudication. After awards materials and comments are ready for distribution, the organizers will contact participants on how to arrange a pick up. Please do not contact any local area music stores regarding pick-up of festival materials. Participants outside of the driving range will have materials couriered directly to his or her teacher (or directly to the participant in cases of individual participation or a participant without a current teacher). The SIFP reserves the right to assess an additional fee for international delivery. Without an additional international delivery fee, materials will not be distributed.

Application Checklist

Before filling out the application:

- Complete contact information, including emails for both participant and instructor
- Information of works to be performed, complete with opus or catalogue numbers (when available), tonalities, movement heading and tempo indications (usually in Italian), and accurate timings
- Click only once to submit
- Check that all information entered is accurate (you will receive a copy via email with this info)
- Write to info@seattlepiano.competition.org if you do not see an electronic confirmation within 10 minutes of applying, or you have found inaccuracies in the application
- Completed application by 11:59 pm, March 4, 2021, PST (GMT-8)

AGREEMENT, RELEASE, AND WAIVER

A. AGREEMENT

I, the PARTICIPANT or the PARENT or LEGAL GUARDIAN of the AGE 17 OR YOUNGER PARTICIPANT (hereinafter collectively referred to as "PARTICIPANT"), hereby comply fully and in good faith with all regulations, rules, and procedures as outlined in the 2021 Classical Viennese Festival General Rules. I understand that the Seattle International Piano Festival (hereinafter referred to as "SIPF") reserves the right to prohibit from future activities any PARTICIPANT and/or the teacher or coach of the PARTICIPANT for failure to adhere to said rules. The participant agrees to treat the organizers, volunteers, and adjudicators of the 2021 Classical Viennese Festival with respect, and promises not to harass or malign any such individuals connect with or about the event's activities. Furthermore, the participant hereby affirms to the fact that all information entered in conjunction with the participant's application is true and accurate. The participant also promises to adhere to a rules and guidelines set forth in pages 1 through 5 of the "*Classical Viennese Festival Rules, Information, and Application*" document.

B. RELEASE

I, the PARTICIPANT, hereby waive, release, and grant to and for the benefit of the SIPF and/or its assignees, any and all rights that I may have to any recordings, videography, and/or photographs made by or for the SIPF of any performance or event organized or sponsored by it. I understand and agree that by virtue of this waiver, release, and grant of rights, the SIPF will have the right to make full and unrestricted use of such recordings, videography, and/or photographs, including without limitation, in advertisements, commercial ventures, and promotions and for the sale or lease of same, without any fee or other compensation owed to the participant.

C. WAIVER

I, the PARTICIPANT, fully and in good faith intending to be bound thereby, do hereby promise not to initiate any claim, lawsuit, or other legal action, pertaining to any action or omission by the SIPF relating directly or indirectly to the music competition as to which application is herewith being made. This promise is made as a condition of the application, and in consideration for the SIPF's processing and evaluation of the application. This promise constitutes an acceptance and agreement by the PARTICIPANT that, for example, decisions by competition judges are final and unappealable, and the physical spaces of the competition/festival venues are reasonably safe and appropriate for their intended purposes. (However, this promise is not in any respect limited to the above two examples.) I intend that this promise be fully binding upon the PARTICIPANT, as well as upon heirs, successors, and assignees of the PARTICIPANT. This promise applies to the application process, the competition, and all events under the purview of the 2021 Seattle International Piano Festival and its associated activities and/or events.

D. APPLICATION FORM SIGNATURES

The participant promises to adhere to a rules and guidelines set forth in pages 1 through 4 of the "*Classical Viennese Festival Rules, Information, and Application*" document. By clicking the "I agree to the terms and conditions below" selection on the electronic application for the 2021 Classical Viennese Festival, the participant fully affirms his or her legal ability and willingness to enter into this agreement, and that the above statements in this agreement are true, and legally binding upon the participant. Clicking to agree constitutes a legally binding e-signature, and carries the same legal weight as a signed signature. Furthermore, you are agreeing to the following:

- 1) This Agreement supersedes any prior written or oral Agreement, contains the entire Agreement, and there are no other promises or conditions in any other Agreement whether oral or written;
- 2) This Agreement may be modified or amended by the SIPF;
- 3) In the event that the SIPF requires the services of an attorney in connection with enforcement of this Agreement, or in the event that litigation is commenced, the prevailing party shall be entitled to reasonable attorney's fees;
- 4) If any provisions of this Agreement are held to be invalid or unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall continue to be valid and enforceable. If a court finds that any provision of this Agreement is invalid or unenforceable, but that by limiting such provision it would become valid and enforceable, then such provision shall be deemed to be written, construed, and enforced as so limited;
- 5) Failure of the SIPF to enforce any provision of this Agreement shall not be construed as a waiver or limitation of the SIPF's rights to subsequently enforce this Agreement;
- 6) This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the state of Washington and venue shall lie in King County; and
- 7) This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, all of which shall be deemed to be an original and constitute a single Agreement. An electronic transmission bearing any person's acceptance of the terms and conditions shall have the same force and effect as the original of this Agreement bearing such person's signature. By clicking the "I agree to the terms and conditions below" selection on the electronic application for the 2021 Classical Viennese Festival, the participant fully affirms that the above statements in this agreement are true, and legally binding upon the participant.