



Student Competitions

The New England Piano Teachers' Association, wishing to encourage excellence in piano performance, offers annual prize competitions. Any teacher who has been a member in good standing since September of the current school year may enter two students in each of the high school divisions and two entrants per teacher in the Middle School Competition.

An online application for a third student may be submitted with the understanding that the third student will be placed on a wait list and accepted only if time is available in the competition. The wait list students will be accepted on a first come, first served, basis, beginning with the higher grades first. The application fee will be refunded if the student is not accepted. **Due to limited space there is no guarantee a third student will be accepted.**

All competitions will be held at M. Steinert & Sons, 28 Damrell St, South Boston, MA 02127.

All competition winners are required to perform in a recital at the Annual Meeting of NEPTA which will take place on **Monday, May 20, 2019, 9:30 am – 12:00 pm at The First Parish of Watertown, 35 Church Street, Watertown.** Awards will be presented at that time.

NEPTA also wishes to encourage the efforts of its members' students through [awards](#) in the areas of original composition and jazz improvisation.

Please note competitors and teachers may not request the time of the audition. No exceptions.

Mildred Freiberg Middle School Competition

Congratulations go to the following winners of the Mildred Freiberg Competition held on April 6, 2019 at M. Steinert and Sons in South Boston:

1st Prize: Eric Zhang, a student of Helena Vesterman

2nd Prize: Nathaniel Su, a student of Valerie Henkin

3rd Prize: Emily Zhou, a student of Niva Fried

Honorable Mention: Timothy Kulchitsky, a student of Olga Berkovich

Honorable Mention: Benjamin Shaar, a student of Nilly Epstein Shilo

Ruth Davidson Competition

Congratulations go to the following winners of the Ruth Davidson Competition held on April 13, 2019 at M. Steinert & Sons in South Boston. The competition was adjudicated by Victor Rosenbaum, Jenny Tang, and Margaret Tuttle.

First Place: Alyssa Guo, student of Faina Kofman

Second Place: Gaeun Lee, student of Niva Fried

Third Place: Michael Karshis, student of Tanya Schwartzman

Alice Hamlet Senior Scholarship Competition

Congratulations go to the following winners of the Alice Hamlet Competition held on April 13, 2019 at M. Steinert & Sons in South Boston. The competition was adjudicated by Michael Lewin, Bruce Brubaker and Gila Goldstein.

First Place: Stephen Wang, student of Mila Filatova

Second Place: Danika Dai, student of Dr. Nilly Epstein Shilo

Third Place: Kyle Chen, student of Niva Fried

A. Ramón Rivera Contemporary Music Awards

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\$100 for the best performance of the required contemporary piece in the Ruth Davidson Competition.

\$150 for the best performance of the required contemporary piece in the Alice Hamlet Competition

Ruth Davidson: Gaeun Lee, student of Niva Fried

Alice Hamlet: Raquel Fisk, student of Niva Fried

Margaret C. Bachelder Romantic Music Award

Established in memory of NEPTA past president Peg Bachelder, who passed away in 2012.

A \$500 award will be given for the best performance of a Romantic work in either the Ruth Davidson Competition or the Alice Hamlet Competition.

Stephan Wang, student of Mila Filatova

