

## Student Competitions

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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 students per teacher in the Middle School Competition.

Due to the evolving situation surrounding the recent Corona virus outbreak, we will NOT be conducting this year's Student Competitions at M. Steinert & Sons but instead will do it **online by video submission**. We do this out of an abundance of caution for everyone involved as we do not wish to cancel this event. Please download **new requirements for the Mildred Freiberg Competition (grades 6-8), Ruth Davidson Competition (grades 9-10) and Alice Hamlet Competition (grades 11-12)** for participation in the competition.

**The competitions will NOT 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 18, 2020, 9:30 am – 12:00 pm at the First Parish of Watertown, 35 Church Street, Watertown**. Awards will be presented at that time. (Award money will be forfeited if the student winner cannot perform at this recital.)

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.

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## Mildred Freiberg Middle School Competition

Congratulations go to the following winners of the Mildred Freiberg Competition held on April 5, 2020. The competition was adjudicated by Evan Hirsch, Lois Shapiro and Esther Ning Yau.

1st Prize: Roxane Park, student of Mila Filatova

2nd Prize: Ben Wolfson, student of Natalia Harlap

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

Honorable Mention: Richard Liu, student of Valerie Henkin

Honorable Mention: Ella Li, student of Veda Kogan

Honorable Mention: Anna Yang, student of Nilly Epstein Shilo

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## Ruth Davidson Competition

Congratulations go to the following winners of the Ruth Davidson Competition held on April 19, 2020. The competition was adjudicated by Leslie Amper, David Deveau and Alex Poliykov.

First Place: Elizabeth Zhang, student of Natalia Harlap

Second Place: Michael Karshis, student of Tanya Schwartzman

Third Place: Eric Zhang, student of Helena Vesterman

Honorable Mention: Gaeun Lee, student of Niva Fried

Honorable Mention: Justin Wang, student of Helena Vesterman

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## Alice Hamlet Competition

Congratulations go to the following winners of the Alice Hamlet Competition held on April 19, 2020. The competition was adjudicated by Leslie Amper, David Deveau and Alex Poliykov.

First Place: Danika Dai, student of Nilly Epstein Shilo

Second Place: Charmaine Liu, student of Natalia

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Third Place: Emma Lllidge, student of Niva Fried

Honorable Mention: Alyssa Guo, student of Faina Kofman

Honorable Mention: Meghan Tan, student of Natalia Harlap

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## A. Ramón Rivera Contemporary Music Awards

\$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: Justin Wang, student of Helena Vesterman

Alice Hamlet: Jessie Liu, student of Faina Kofman

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## 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.

Ruth Davidson Competition: Elizabeth Zhang, student of Natalia Harlap

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